Dear Friend:

I am pleased to present the inaugural edition of “The Leadership Column,” a bi-annual publication created to inform, connect, and engage friends of the Gary Cook School of Leadership. This newsletter will be beneficial whether you are a prospect, current student, alumni, or one of our many constituents. It is our privilege to briefly share the great things God is orchestrating in and through the Cook School of Leadership within these pages.

We are excited to announce the completion of Jim and Sally Nation Hall, the new home for the School of Leadership. It is such a joy to have all of our programs in this masterful center for leadership studies.

Additionally, we are pleased to highlight a few of the many individuals providing leadership in the Cook School of Leadership. I am hopeful that whether you are a student, graduate, prospect, or friend, you will seek ways to join God’s work in the Cook School of Leadership.

I am honored beyond expression to remain fervently committed to pleasing God through Christian higher education at Dallas Baptist University.

-Dr. Adam Wright, vice president and dean of the Gary Cook School of Leadership

A LOOK INTO NATION HALL

As the home for the Gary Cook School of Leadership, Nation Hall houses the Ph.D. and Ed.D. doctoral programs, as well as the M.A. in Leadership, M.A. in International Studies, M.Ed. in Higher Education programs, in addition to the Institute for Global Engagement. Along with our leadership programs, the newly appointed Chancellor of DBU, Dr. Gary Cook, will office in Nation Hall, as will Vice President and Dean of the School of Leadership, Dr. Adam Wright. On the third floor of this remarkable build-
BRENT THOMASON, PH.D.
ACTING DIR., MAIS PROGRAM

The Gary Cook School of Leadership is excited to announce its most recent degree addition, the Master of Arts in International Studies. Dr. Brent Thomason has been named the acting director of this groundbreaking program that will provide opportunities for students to lead with distinction and diplomacy in an ever-globalizing world, as well as serve their communities in culturally sensitive ways.

This 36-hour, non-thesis program is designed to equip leaders for service in a broad array of multicultural contexts, including for-profit business, non-profit/non-governmental organizations, diplomacy, and government. It provides a broad-based view of how the interplay between diverse cultures affects commerce, diplomatic relations, society, government, religion, foreign affairs, the arts, and other facets of society in today's global environment.

Two convenient course options are available for pursuit of the M.A. in International Studies degree: in-person courses during evenings and weekends, or online. A vital component of the Master of Arts in International Studies degree is the personal experiences students make through overseas travel, both on a 10-day international study experience and an international internship. Through the travel study and international internship programs, students acquire the soft skills necessary to engage current issues in today's global environment.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Brent Thomason at 214-333-5236 or brentt@dbu.edu.

Washington D.C. Trip Highlight

Each Spring Break, the Cook School of Leadership takes a transformative, travel-study experience to Washington, D.C. The trip includes undergraduate students as well as M.A. in Leadership students.

The trip is led by Dr. Adam Wright, Vice President and Dean of the Cook School of Leadership, and David Cook, Associate Dean and Director of the M.A. in Leadership program.

The experience includes meeting with prominent leaders such as Jim Kuhn, former executive assistant to President Reagan; Emily Davis, deputy communications for American Action Network; and Randall Everett, president of the Wilberforce Initiative.

Students visit places such as the U.S. Capitol, National Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, Monticello, and many more historic locations.

The course offers an in-depth investigation on the topic of leadership and power, specifically through an examination of the lives of our Founding Fathers. Students become familiar with the historic and philosophical underpinnings of the leadership styles of these historic individuals and have the opportunity to reflect on the impact they had on the United States.

Sarah Dulin, a student on the trip in 2015 stated, “Anyone who desires to develop his or her leadership skills while having an absolute blast in our nation's Capitol should, without a doubt, consider taking this course.”

If you or someone you know is interested in taking this incredible course, please contact David Cook at davidc@dbu.edu or 214-333-5117.
Meet the Ph.D. Program Director

Dr. Jack Goodyear’s first full-time position with Dallas Baptist University began in January 2008 as a professor of political science. Three years later, he became the Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Rising to the occasion, Dr. Goodyear was named the Director of the Ph.D. in Leadership Studies in October 2014. He observes that, “During the short time I have been associated with the program, I have been floored by the excellence of all those associated with it—from those defending dissertations, to those succeeding in comprehensive exams, to those in their first year in the program. It has been truly astonishing to witness firsthand the exceptional caliber of our Ph.D. students.”

“The uniqueness of our Ph.D. program is the interdisciplinary nature of it. My Ph.D. is interdisciplinary as well, so that has helped me understand some of the characteristics of the program.” Dr. Goodyear received his Ph.D. in Religion, Politics, and Society from Baylor University, where he also completed his undergraduate work. He obtained a Master of Divinity in Biblical Languages from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

As endurance is one of the most necessary characteristics to complete doctoral work, Dr. Goodyear extends the following advice: “Family issues, financial issues, life issues—these have a way of choking progress. I always drew strength from listening to or reading the experiences of others in similar situations. One historical figure I greatly admire, Balthasar Hubmaier, struggled to finish his studies — and how worse off the world might have been had he not! At many times, he could have been completely derailed from continuing, but he persisted. Today, he is remembered as one of the lead theologians of the Anabaptist movement. But it wasn’t all roses for him before, during, or after his studies. Ultimately, he had to draw on his faith in God to guide him and help him overcome various obstacles.”

Committed to not only serving the CSL and its students, Dr. Goodyear serves his local community as a board member of the Arlington Public Library Foundation and a deacon at FBC Arlington. He and his wife direct the Fourth Grade Sunday School Department at FBCA. Jessica, his wife of more than 15 years, works as a labor and delivery nurse, and together they have three children, Grant, Claire, and Tessa.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- March 25-27
- April 4-15
- April 5
- May 4
- May 12-13
- May 20-21
- June 1
- June 10-18
- June 22-July 3
- June 23-July 15

Good Friday and Easter Weekend
Advanced Registration for Summer Terms
Early Application Deadline for August 2016 Graduation
Last Day of Spring Classes
Commencement
The Christian Leadership Summit
Ed.D. Program Application Deadline
Dallas Institute
Oxford Institute
Advance Registration for Fall Terms

A LOOK INTO NATION HALL

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ing is the breathtaking Dome Room, which serves as a gathering place for seminars, symposiums, dissertation defenses, and numerous other events. The building also features many state-of-the-art classrooms, study rooms, libraries, and offices.

Since Nation Hall has been completed, we have hosted several momentous events, including the Nation Hall Dedication, Fall Preview and Leadership Symposium, the Global Health Forum, and many other exciting events. With each of these unique events, leaders from across diverse fields of study gathered to learn together in this special building and worship the Lord through scholarship.

During this exciting time in our history, we are constantly reminded of the Lord’s faithfulness and provision. It is our hope, whether you are a current student, graduate, or prospect, that you will be inspired to join us in the mighty work Christ is doing through the CSL and DBU. The future appears ever brighter because of the promises of our great God and the progress He is unfolding directly before our eyes. I hope you will join us on this incredible journey of producing Christian servant leaders, scholars, and global thinkers to influence tomorrow with the hope, love, and truth of the Gospel.
Join the DBU Gary Cook School of Leadership, Institute for Global Engagement, and Denison Forum on Truth and Culture for the Leadership Lecture Series featuring Irish singer/songwriters and recording artists, Keith and Kristyn Getty.

Best known for the hymns “In Christ Alone,” “Speak, O Lord,” “Solid Ground,” and “The Power of the Cross,” Keith and Kristyn Getty are among the preeminent modern hymn composers of this generation. The couple’s music has been shared at the GMA Dove Awards, Franklin Graham Festivals, the Third Lausanne Conference on World Evangelization, and with television performances for Public Television and BBC.

For more information, contact Alyssa Furr at 214.333.5408 or alyssa@dbu.edu.

Save the Date:
THE LEADERSHIP LECTURE SERIES
Keith and Kristyn Getty

OCTOBER 17, 2016 • PATTY AND BO PILGRIM CHAPEL

Building the Leadership Library

As you may know, it was Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello which inspired the design for our new building. Coincidentally, it was Jefferson that once said, “I cannot live without my books.” A vision the Cook School of Leadership has shared for Nation Hall is the establishment of a Leadership Library. This also resonates in the hearts of many students and faculty members throughout Dallas Baptist University and has led to our desire to establish such a library in this amazing building.

Our hope is for this library to contain every required text from each of our academic programs in the Cook School of Leadership, in addition to other significant works. These texts will be readily available as reference materials when students or guests are on campus for various seminars, courses, and meetings. To accomplish this goal, we asked for partners to prayerfully consider donating to this library. Gifts of $50 or more will be recognized with an acknowledgement label placed on the inside cover of a book. Additionally, gifts of $1,000 or more will be recognized on a plaque among other donors for this project. Each book serves as a beautiful reminder of the support and commitment contributed in our mission to produce Christian servant leaders, scholars, and global thinkers. As with all endeavors on this campus, the leadership library would not have been possible without the support of generous donors.

If you would like to partner with us on this project, you may give online at www.dbu.edu/advancement or contact Alyssa Furr at alyssa@dbu.edu.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
MAY 20-21, 2016

You are cordially invited to attend the third annual Christian Leadership Summit.

The Summit will kick off on Friday evening with a special dinner and program featuring guest speaker, Thelma Wells. On Saturday, a series of breakout sessions will be held for CSL students, prospects, and those interested in the study of Christian leadership.

Our hope is that you may use this time to network and fellowship with other leaders across vocational contexts. The Summit will take place at Dallas Baptist University in Jim and Sally Nation Hall.

Mark your calendars for this stimulating time of fellowship and study. More information will be provided soon at dbu.com/leadership.