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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Nominations are being accepted through Oct. 1 for the Distinguished Alumni award.

Nominees must have earned at least one degree from TWU; exhibit loyalty to Texas Woman's University; be generally acknowledged as outstanding in a particular vocation or avocation; enjoy high esteem from colleagues and peers; and be able to receive the award in person. Award recipients will be honored on April 12, 2003 during homecoming.

For more information or nomination forms, contact the Former Students Association (FSA) at 8-1-2586 or by e-mail at alumni@twu.edu.

The Distinguished Alumni award is conferred annually by the FSA and TWU.

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TWU TO HOST READING RECOVERY INSTITUTE

Reading is fundamental. With that fact in mind, more than 3,000 educators from across the country will convene in Dallas this fall for the Reading Recovery/Early Literacy Institute, hosted by TWU.

The institute will take place Oct. 16-18 at the Adam's Mark Hotel and is designed for teachers, administrators, school support personnel, parents and all persons interested in early literacy and intervention programs. Information about the institute is available by contacting the Office of Lifelong Learning at 8-1-3408 or by visiting www.twu.edu/lifelong.

"One of the key factors to a child's success in school is his or her ability to read," said Dr. Billie Askew, director of TWU's Reading Recovery program. TWU is one of 23 Reading Recovery university training centers in the United States and one of only two universities in the world providing training for Descubriendo La Lectura, the Spanish language version of Reading Recovery.

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"The cost of below average reading skills to the child's education is incalculable. Poor reading skills hinder a student's learning," Dr. Askew said.

Reading Recovery has a successful track record of helping poor readers and has been used in Texas schools since 1988. Nearly 300 Texas school districts use the program.

During the 12- to-20-week program, first graders who have difficulty reading and writing meet individually with a specially trained teacher for 30 minutes a day to improve their skills.

"Most of the students who complete a full Reading Recovery program can learn in a regular classroom setting and won't need additional remedial services," Dr. Askew said.

Seventy-five percent of Reading Recovery students are considered average readers by the time they complete a full program, according to the most recent tracking data. "That is quite an accomplishment considering that only a few months earlier these students were at the bottom of their class when it came to reading skills," Dr. Askew noted.

The tracking data also shows that as these students advance through the school system their reading skills continue to improve. By fourth grade, 80 to 85 percent of students who took Reading Recovery as a first grader are passing the reading section of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test. More than 90 percent are passing the writing section of the TAAS.

"The program's success is partly due to teamwork. When the Reading Recovery teacher and the classroom teacher work together, the child succeeds," Dr. Askew said.

Teamwork also is responsible for establishing Reading Recovery programs in individual school districts. Elementary school teachers known as "teacher leaders" spend a year at one of the training universities learning how to implement the program

The setting is far from just learning theory. Teacher leaders actually teach Reading Recovery during that year — while being observed by trainers and other team leaders. They discuss what works and what doesn't work.

Once teacher leaders complete their training, they then return to their school districts to instruct other teachers on how to use Reading Recovery with students. Currently, there are more than 100 teacher leaders in Texas.

Verizon is providing support for this year's institute.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to the Office of Marketing and Communication through campus mail, by fax to 8-1-3463 or by e-mail to info@twu.edu. The deadline to receive information is every other Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following week. Student information for the "People" section is not published unless it is submitted by or in conjunction with a faculty member and that faculty member's related activities.

Dr. **Pamela Youngblood** (music) will perform a faculty flute recital at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24 in the Margo Jones Performance Hall, located at Oakland and Sawyer streets on TWU's Denton campus. Admission is free. Youngblood will be assisted by pianist Rose Marie Chisholm. The performance will feature unusual music pieces from international 20th century flute composers including Lili Boulanger, Walter Giesecking, Eldin Burton, Georges Hüe and Radamés Gnattalli. For more information, call 8-1-2500.

The Department of Career Services will host it's fall semester Career Day on Thursday, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Hubbard Hall. A variety of employers will be represented and will be available to provide students with valuable information regarding careers and employment opportunities. A list of participating employers is available at www.twu.edu/o-cs. Students participating should bring an ample number of resumes for distribution. For more information, call 8-1-2950.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Please submit "People" items (faculty and staff only) to the office of marketing and communication by campus mail or by e-mail to info@twu.edu. Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).

Memorials for Dr. **Doris J. Nichols**, who passed away July 25 at Denton Good Samaritan Village and was an associate professor of English at TWU from 1967 to 1981, can be made to the Endowed Scholarship of the Department of English, Speech and Foreign Language, P.O. Box 425829, Denton, TX 76204

Dr. **John Calabrese** (art) is having a solo exhibition of his pencil drawings at the Campus Center Building of Murray State College in Tishomingo, OK. The show runs through Sept. 27, with a closing reception at the Campus Center Building on Sept. 27 from 7-9 p.m. For more information, call 8-1-2530.

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Ellina Grigorieva (math and computer science) has returned from the International Conference on Dynamical Methods for Differential Equations, held in Valladolid, Spain. More than 100 leading mathematicians from across the globe presented their research. Her talk was titled "Attainable Sets for Nonlinear Dynamical System of the Process of Production, Storage, and Sales of a Consumer Good."

Dr. **Roberta Nutt** (psychology) was honored by the Academy of Family Psychology with an award at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association in Chicago in August for "excellence and dedication to the field of family psychology for her Herculean efforts in making it possible for family psychology specialization to be recognized." She also made two presentations at the convention: "Gender Issues and Actions II" and "Advancing Feminist Practice and Training in the Decade of Behavior — Developing New Guidelines for Counseling and Psychotherapy with Women."

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GRANTS ANNOUNCED

Dr. Sondra Ferstl (research and grants) announces the following TWU faculty have received grants:

- Dr. **Judith Bean** (academic affairs) has been awarded \$226,105 from the U.S. Department of Education from Oct. 1, 2002 to Sept. 30, 2003 for a project titled "TWU McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program." The program's goals are to improve the academic preparedness of low-income, first generation TWU students and underrepresented TWU students so they become competitive for admission into graduate schools, and to increase the number of those students who make a successful transition from undergraduate to graduate studies leading to a doctoral degree.
- Dr. **Judith McFarlane** (nursing-Houston) has been awarded \$77,914 on a subcontract from the University of Texas-Houston Medical School on a grant from the National Institutes of Health from Sept. 1, 2002 to Aug. 31, 2003 for a project titled "Treatment Outcomes for Abused Women in Public Clinics." The project will be used to design, implement and test the efficacy of nurse case management and group education for African-American, Hispanic, Caucasian and Asian abused women attending inner city primary care clinics.

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- Dr. **Elizabeth Protas** (physical therapy-Houston) has been awarded \$11,226 on a subcontract from the VA Center of Excellence-Houston on a grant from VA Washington from Oct. 1, 2002 to Dec. 31, 2002 for a project titled "Supported Treadmill Ambulation Training after Spinal Cord Injury." The purpose of the project is to test a new approach to gait training with patients who have had a spinal cord injury and who are undergoing rehabilitation training for walking.
- Dr. **Charles Riggs** (fashion and textiles) has been awarded \$6,500 from the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation from Sept. 1, 2002 to Aug. 31, 2003 for a project titled "Laundry Testing for Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation." TWU will provide qualified personnel, supplies, materials and equipment required to provide laundry-testing services to MHMR sites located throughout the state.

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: Sept. 16-29, 2002

Sept. 16-19	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Thur., Sept. 19	-Pioneer Volleyball vs. Dallas Baptist, 7 p.m., away
Fri., Sept. 20	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. -Pioneer Soccer vs. McMurry, 4 p.m., away
Sat., Sept. 21	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. -Pioneer Volleyball, Midwestern State Tournament, away
Sun., Sept. 22	-Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m. -Pioneer Soccer vs. St. Mary's, 3 p.m., home
Sept. 23-26	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Tue., Sept. 24	-Pioneer Volleyball vs. Tarleton State, 7 p.m., away
Thur., Sept. 26	-Pioneer Soccer vs. Dallas Baptist, 4 p.m., home

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- Fri., Sept. 27 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-Pioneer Volleyball vs. Cameron, 7 p.m., away
- Sat., Sept. 28 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center
open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
-Pioneer Volleyball vs. Central Oklahoma, 5 p.m., away
-Pioneer Soccer vs. Kansas Wesleyan, 5 p.m., away
- Sun., Sept. 29 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Wellness Center
open 1-6 p.m.

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