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TWU AWARDED \$900,000 IN FEDERAL GRANTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Texas Woman's University will use \$900,000 in federal grant money to help economically disadvantaged students pursue degrees in nursing and occupational therapy.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has awarded TWU the funds through the Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students Program, with \$664,350 to provide scholarships to undergraduate nursing students and \$235,650 for students in occupational therapy.

The funding was awarded through the Public Health Services Act and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

"These scholarships will provide access to TWU's outstanding nursing and occupational therapy programs for students from diverse backgrounds who will serve the citizens of Texas as nurses and occupational therapists," said Dr. Richard Nicholas, TWU vice president for student life.

For more information regarding the scholarships, contact the TWU Student Life Office at 81-3615.

The Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS) Program was established through the Disadvantaged Minority Health Improvement Act of 1990 to increase diversity in the health professions and nursing workforce to ensure culturally effective care and reduce health disparities. The program provides grants to eligible health professions and nursing schools for use in awarding scholarships to students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

The HRSA is the primary federal agency for improving access to health care services for people who are uninsured, isolated or medically vulnerable. For more information, visit www.hrsa.gov.

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TWU LIBRARY SCIENCE PROGRAMS' ACCREDITATION REAFFIRMED

The master of arts in library science and master of library science programs at Texas Woman's University have earned continued accreditation from the American Library Association through the spring of 2017.

The ALA Committee on Accreditation removed the programs from the conditional accreditation status it previously had received due to concern regarding adequate evidence of planning. The decision to grant continued accreditation without conditions was based on the program presentation by TWU library science faculty, the External Review Panel Report and the committee meeting attended by Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng, director of the TWU School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS), and Dr. Jennifer Martin, dean of the TWU Graduate School.

"Our faculty worked hard to put together a superb program presentation for the accreditation review, and provided ample evidence of the school's accomplishments and progress on strategic planning," Dr. Jeng said. "The collective faculty efforts and the university's unwavering support for SLIS are keys to our success."

According to the ALA, accreditation assures that higher education institutions and their programs meet appropriate standards of quality and integrity. For more information, visit www.ala.org/accreditation.

For more information on the TWU School of Library and Information Studies, visit www.twu.edu/library-studies.

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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 or by e-mail to info@twu.edu. The deadline to receive information is the first and third Tuesday of each month 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.

TWU faculty and staff are eligible for a discount to the **2010 Texas Conference for Women**, scheduled Nov. 10 in Houston. To receive the special rate of \$100 per person, register at <https://www.event-registration.biz/txwc/introduction.asp> and enter TXTSU2 in the "Promotional Code" box. Information about the conference is linked to the TWU homepage at www.twu.edu under "Upcoming Events."

University Housing and Intercultural Services are **seeking faculty/staff mentors** for the **Sophomore Year Community**, a Living Learning Community designed to provide

second-year TWU students with faculty/staff support outside the classroom as they focus on career exploration, personal growth, leadership development and more. For more information, contact Meredith Denton at 81-3584 or mdenton@twu.edu or Michelle Buggs at 81-3688 or mbuggs@twu.edu.

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.)

A reception for **Nancy Murphy-Chadwick**, who is retiring after 30 years of service as director of University Housing, will take place from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 21 in SU 207.

Dr. **Connie Briggs** (reading) has been named the United States Representative to the International Reading Recovery Trainers' Organization (IRRTO). She represented the 22 university training centers at the International Reading Recovery Trainer meeting July 8-10 in London, England. She and other TWU colleagues also presented sessions at the 2010 International Reading Recovery Institute, held July 8-9 in London. Dr. **Briggs** presented on "What's Fluency got to do with it?" and "Exploring International Intricacies of Text Level Assessments with Dr. **Anne Simpson**. Dr. **Yvonne Rodriguez** also presented "Matching Text to Readers" and "Fostering Independence Through Reflective Teaching."

Dr. **Susan Adams** (family sciences) became president of the Texas Counseling Association (TCA) effective July 1. She will serve in this position until June 30, 2011. TCA has more than 6,100 members and is the largest counseling state organization in the country.

Trisha Nunn (dental hygiene) was an invited participant to the 2010 ADEA Invitational Allied Dental Education Summit held June 10-11 in Broomfield, Colo. Summit goals were to identify competencies related to addressing the oral health care needs of underserved populations and to make recommendations to refine and strengthen the draft document "ADEA Guiding Principles on the Education of New Oral Health Professionals."

Trisha Nunn (dental hygiene) attended the 43rd Annual National ADEA Allied Dental Program Directors' Conference, June 12-15 in Broomfield, Colo., at which she provided two presentations. The first presentation was to report on the work of the ADEA CADPD Task Force on Collaboration, Innovation, and Differentiation (CID), of which she is chair. The second presentation was on mentoring allied dental program directors.

Dr. **Mahesh Raisinghani** (School of Management) has completed the Master Reviewer Training in July 2010 from the Quality Matters program designed for Inter-Institutional

Quality Assurance in Online Learning. This advanced workshop for experienced QM peer reviewers provides more detailed practice on the interpretation of standards and other topics relevant to course reviews. Master Reviewer certification is a requirement for team chairs on all official course reviews, both QM-managed and subscriber-managed. Pre-requisites include successful completion of the Applying the QM Rubric and the Peer Reviewer Certification, having taught online in the last 18 months and having served on two QM-based course review teams.

Dr. **Mark Kessler** (history and government) delivered an invited talk, “Just Words?: The Constitution in Struggles for Social Justice,” April 8 at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: JULY 19-AUGUST 1, 2010

Mon., July 19

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

Tues., July 20

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- ASSET (Association of Service and Support Employees of Texas Woman’s University) July Meeting, noon-1 p.m., Stoddard Hall 402. Newly elected officers will be installed. Bring your own lunch; dessert and drinks are provided.

Wed., July 21

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

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Thur., July 22

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

Fri., July 23

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- TWU Drama presents “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie,” 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., Redbud Theater Complex. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and children. For reservations, visit www.twu.edu/drama or call the TWU Box Office at 81-2020.

Sat., July 24

- Library 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- TWU Drama presents “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie,” 2 and 7 p.m., Redbud Theater Complex. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and children. For reservations, visit www.twu.edu/drama or call the TWU Box Office at 81-2020.

Sun., July 25

- Library open 2-10 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.

Mon., July 26

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

Tues, July 27

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

Wed, July 28

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

Thurs., July 29

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

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Friday, July 30

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Saturday, July 31

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Guitarist and composer Miguel Romero of the Perpignan (France) Conservatory of Music joins TWU adjunct faculty member Carlo Pezzimenti in concert. Guitarist Brian Rowe and clarinetist Garry Evans also perform, 7:30 p.m., Redbud Theater. Free. Reservations recommended, 81-2500.

Sunday, August 1

- Library open 2-10 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.

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