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TWU BLACK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO MARK HISTORIC EVENT

The Texas Woman's University Black Alumni Association is celebrating the 50th anniversary of integration at TWU with a weekend event at the university Sept. 17-18.

Activities include panel discussions on TWU's integration with several of the university's first African-American students and their families, a luncheon and a gala dinner. TWU Regent and Distinguished Alumnus Lola Chriss will serve as the guest speaker at the gala dinner Sept. 17.

The cost for all activities is \$100, and the cost to attend the gala dinner only is \$50. The registration deadline is Sept. 8. For details or to register, call (940) 898-2586 or visit www.twu.edu/alumni.

In 1961, the TWU Board of Regents voted to change the admissions policy to allow black women to apply to the university. In September 1961, Alsenia Dowells became the first African-American woman to enroll at TWU, and by the next year six more African-American students were accepted to the university. In 1966, TWU had its first African-American graduates.

Established in 2010, The TWU Black Alumni Association seeks to create a sense of community among TWU black alumni, to explore the rich history of TWU black graduates, to mentor current students toward graduation and to establish a scholarship endowment.

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COORDINATING BOARD AWARDS TWU GRANT FOR G-FORCE PROGRAM

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has awarded Texas Woman's University a \$300,000 grant for the university's student mentor G-Force program, which is designed to increase enrollment among first-generation college students in Texas.

G-Force members mentor high school students, participate in college enrollment workshops and help to staff TWU-sponsored Go Centers in area high schools. A Go

Center is a physical space in a high school that offers students admission and financial aid application assistance and other information to encourage greater participation in higher education by potential first-generation college students.

“The TWU G-Force program has been a great success in exposing more potential first-generation students to the college experience,” said Dr. Richard Nicholas, TWU vice president for student life. “I am proud that the Coordinating Board is recognizing the achievements of our G-Force program and is rewarding the students with these funds.”

The two-year grant will allow G-Force members who qualify for state work-study — where students are paid for their on-campus or select off-campus jobs with state funds as part of their financial aid — to be hired as TWU student workers and be paid for their mentorship, presenting workshops and Go Center staffing hours. The students, who will work an average of 15 to 20 hours a week, will receive these work-study wages in addition to stipends from TWU, which range from \$500 to \$1,500 per semester.

More information on TWU’s G-Force and Go Centers is available www.twu.edu/intercultural-services/g-force.asp.

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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.

The university will close Monday, Sept. 5 for the **Labor Day** holiday. The next TWU Update will publish Tuesday, Sept. 6.

The TWU Faculty Senate will sponsor **staff appreciation luncheons** on each campus Wednesday, Aug. 24. Members of the Faculty Senate will be on hand to serve lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in HDB 207 (Denton), Room 3620 (Dallas IHSC) and the Legacy Room (eighth floor, Houston IHSC).

Nominations for the TWU Distinguished Alumni Award are due by Wednesday, Sept. 14. Anyone may nominate a graduate for this honor. This award recognizes distinction in career, leadership and service. Nomination information and forms are found online at <http://www.twu.edu/fsa/distinguished-alumni-award-text.asp>. Honorees will be announced in November and the awards presented on April 20, 2012 at the traditional luncheon. For additional information contact Anne Scott, Director of Alumni Relations at AScott2@twu.edu or X2586.

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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.)

Sharon Saullo (Arts & Sciences) is retiring after 20 years with TWU. A reception in her honor will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24 in ACT 225.

Colleen Ferguson (Lifelong Learning) is retiring after 23 years of service to the university. A reception in her honor will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26 on ACT2.

A retirement reception for Dr. **Judith Bean** (undergraduate studies) is retiring after 16 years of service to TWU. A reception in her honor will take place from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30 on ACT2.

Joseph Pinson (music therapy) recently received the ASCAP-PLUS Award, an annual cash award from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. This award is made to composers whose works do not receive significant airplay but which are deemed an important part of the ASCAP catalog.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: AUGUST 22-SEPTEMBER 4, 2011

Mon., Aug. 22

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Tues., Aug. 23

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Wed., Aug. 24

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Thur., Aug. 25

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Fifth Annual Online Educator Symposium, 9 a.m. <http://www.twu.edu/de/special-events.asp>

Fri., Aug. 26

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sat., Aug. 27

- Library closed; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-midnight.
- Soccer vs. Alumni (scrimmage), 5 p.m., TWU Soccer Field. TWU students, faculty and staff admitted free with valid TWU ID. 81-2385.

Sun., Aug. 28

- Library closed; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-6 p.m.

Mon., Aug. 29

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

Tues, Aug. 30

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

Wed, Aug. 31

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

Thurs., Sept. 1

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

Friday, Sept. 2

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

Saturday, Sept. 3

- Library 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 4

- Library closed; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open noon-midnight.

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