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MENDEZ-GRANT APPOINTED TWU VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT LIFE

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant has been named the new vice president for student life at Texas Woman's University following a national search for the position. She has served as the university's interim vice president for student life since May.

"I have found Dr. Mendez-Grant to be a strong advocate for our students and a champion of the university and its mission," said TWU Chancellor Dr. Carine M. Feyten. "I speak for the entire university Cabinet when I say we have been impressed with her judgment, leadership and vision. We look forward to continuing our work together for the ongoing success of the university."

Dr. Mendez-Grant has more than 20 years of student affairs leadership experience, most of which has been at TWU. Prior to her service as interim vice president, she served as TWU's associate vice president for student life for 13 years and director of the Center for Student Development and Student Orientation for seven years.

"I am honored to have this opportunity to continue to work with many talented and creative students, faculty and staff in my new role at TWU," Dr. Mendez-Grant said. "I look forward to serving the university and being part of its mission of excellence in education."

Dr. Mendez-Grant's many accomplishments at TWU include:

- Securing external funding as either grants or contracts totaling more than \$3.5 million;
- Assisting directors and students in lobbying for an increased medical service fee and a new fitness and recreation fee through the Texas Legislature;
- Developing, with the director of Intercultural Services, a plan to address the Texas Closing the Gaps program, including the creation of 16 Go Centers that provide college access outreach for high school students in Denton, Collin, Cooke, Tarrant and Dallas counties; and
- Developing the TWU National Student Awards initiative, which has led to students receiving Fulbright Fellowships and Scholarships, Jacob J. Kivits Fellowships and Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships for study abroad.

Dr. Mendez-Grant received her bachelor's degree in business/marketing, her master's degree in college and university counseling and her doctorate in higher education, all from the University of North Texas.

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TWU, UNT COME TOGETHER AS DENTON'S 'HOME TEAMS'

Texas Woman's University and the University of North Texas are cheering each other on as part of the "Denton's Home Teams" collaboration between the two universities.

Through the partnership, TWU students, faculty and staff may purchase specially priced tickets to UNT's home football games. UNT students, faculty and staff will be invited to attend TWU home gymnastics meets during the spring semester. The football tickets sold through the TWU Student Union Office are for game dates that do not conflict with TWU volleyball or soccer games.

"Our students are excited about attending UNT football games because it adds to the college experience," said Chalese Connors, TWU director of athletics. "In the spring, our TWU gymnastics meets will offer a completely different sports atmosphere for our UNT neighbors. We live in a unique community here in Denton where we can enjoy both NCAA Division I and Division II athletics."

TWU will host a tailgate party at UNT's Oct. 18 game against Southern Miss, which kicks off at 6 p.m. at Apogee Stadium in Denton. The first 100 students who purchase a specially priced football ticket will receive a free "Denton's Home Teams" T-shirt at the TWU tent before the game. The T-shirt, which features a design incorporating TWU's maroon and white and UNT's green and white school colors, also will be sold for \$15. For more information on purchasing the shirts, contact TWU Athletics at (940) 898-2378.

Many Denton community and business leaders have purchased the "Denton's Home Teams" T-shirts to show their support for both universities.

"Having two universities in the same town provides unique entertainment and athletic choices for each school's supporters," said Rick Villarreal, UNT athletics director. "The fact that we have football and TWU has gymnastics affords all of the students, faculty, staff and the Denton community the opportunity to support both institutions on a united front. I am excited about how big I believe this partnership can be."

The athletics collaboration is part of a larger formal partnership agreement between the two universities. Through this partnership, officials at both universities identify joint opportunities for students in academics and student services.

TWU and UNT began discussions about the athletics collaboration last year.

“The athletics collaboration gives students at both universities the opportunity to experience a sport they do not have at their respective university – football for TWU and gymnastics for UNT,” said Dr. Don Edwards, special assistant to the provost and chair of the mathematics and computer science department at TWU.

“The goal of the partnership is to provide a broader and deeper educational experience to students of both campuses,” said Dr. Jim Poirot, a UNT Regents Professor and special assistant to the provost.

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TWU ADDS NEW HIGH-SPEED RESEARCH NETWORK

Texas Woman’s University recently turned on its new high-speed research network, marking a major milestone in multi-year networking project that encompasses multiple institutions.

The fiber connection, which follows U.S. Highway 380 toward the city of McKinney, then travels to Dallas, offers TWU the ability to establish even faster connection speeds to other research institutions and to the Internet via the Dallas Infomart.

Dr. Rob Placido, associate provost for technology and chief information officer for TWU, points to the Internet’s increased significance in education, both in research and in running a university. Lost productivity due to Internet disconnections can be costly, he said.

“Because of TWU’s location in Denton, the campus has been subject to Internet outages that are beyond our control and can take much time to resolve,” Dr. Placido said. “This connectivity will protect TWU’s Denton campus from Internet outages caused by physical problems such as fiber cuts due to construction on the I-35 corridor.”

TWU shares the connection with the University of North Texas, the Denton Independent School District, the University of Texas at Dallas and Southern Methodist University. The institutions worked together through the Texas Lonestar Education and Research Network (LEARN) to establish the network, which will grow and expand for future needs.

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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 is celebrating October as **Global Awareness Month** with exhibits, lectures and discussions, dance and music performances and more. For more information and a detailed schedule of activities, visit www.twu.edu/global

The **deadline** for TWU’s **SECC Basket Building Contest** is Monday, Oct. 20. All baskets will be auctioned off at the SECC Chili & Pie Cook-Off and Auction scheduled Oct. 23 in Hubbard Hall. For more information on the campaign and events, visit www.twu.edu/secc

TWU’s annual **Boo at the U** carnival is scheduled from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23. Anyone who wishes to donate candy is asked to drop it off at the Student Union office, SU 209, or arrange to have it picked up. Volunteers for the event also are needed. For more information, call 81-3641.

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.)

The TWU Community offers its condolences to the family and friends of Dr. **Alice Milner**, former chair of the TWU Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences, who passed away Oct. 8, 2014. She began teaching at TWU in 1967. Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 at DeBerry Funeral Home, 2025 W. University, Denton, Texas 76201. Memorials may be made to Dr. Milner’s home church, Metropolitan Community Church of Greater Dallas, 1840 Hutton Dr. #100, Carrollton, Texas 76005.

Dr. **Ellina Grigorieva** (mathematics) has had a paper titled “Optimal Production-Sales Strategies for a Company at Changing Market Price” accepted for publication in the *Revista de Matemática: Teoría y Aplicaciones*.

Dr. **Susan Chaney** and Dr. **Susan Sheriff** (both nursing, Dallas) presented “Gender Differences in Smoking Behavior and Cessation” Sept. 6 at the Texas Nurse Practitioners 26th Annual Conference in San Antonio.

Dr. **Ronald Davis** (kinesiology) presented to the Hospital for Special Care Research and Education Center’s conference on Integrating Athletes with Disabilities into Sports, held Sept. 20 in New Britain, Connecticut.

Dr. **Katie Crosslin** and Dr. **Mandy Golman** (both health studies) had a research article, “Maybe you don't want to face it” – College Students’ Perspectives on Cyberbullying,

accepted for publication in *Computers & Human Behavior*. This is one of several ongoing studies to learn more about how college students are adversely impacted through the misuse of technology.

Dr. **Ronald Palomares** (psychology and philosophy) was quoted in “Secrets of the Strong-Minded,” an article that appeared in Mosaic Science in September. He was interviewed by United Kingdom reporter Emma Young regarding resilience and mindfulness programs for school-age children. The article may be found at <http://mosaicscience.com/story/secrets-strong-minded>

Dr. **Phyllis Bridges** (English) was the invited speaker for the Denton County and Wise County chapters of the DAR on Sept. 20, in Decatur. Dr. **Bridges** spoke on Electra Waggoner Biggs, heir to the Waggoner ranch and a sculptor of international recognition. TWU awarded an honorary doctorate to Electra Waggoner Biggs for her distinguished career in art and agriculture.

Vik Arunkumar and **Anna Dewell-Eddings** (both housing) presented a session titled “Live Here Another Year: Marketing Strategies for Retention” at the Association of College and University Housing Officers – International (ACUHO-I) Business Operations Conference, held Oct. 8 in Kansas City, Missouri.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: OCTOBER 13-26, 2014

Mon., Oct. 13

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Graduate and Professional School Fair, 4-6 p.m., SU. Free.

Tues., Oct. 14

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Amidst a Rough Neighborhood: Stable Jordan Making a Case for Increased FDI, 11 a.m., ACT 301. Free. Part of Global Awareness Month activities.
www.twu.edu/global/events-calendar.asp

Wed., Oct. 15

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Volleyball vs. Dallas Baptist, 7 p.m., home.

Thurs., Oct. 16

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

Fri., Oct. 17

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Soccer vs. Angelo State, 7 p.m., home.

Sat., Oct. 18

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore closed, Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Volleyball vs. Texas A&M-Commerce, 2 p.m., home.

Sun., Oct. 19

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open noon-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Soccer vs. Midwestern State, 2 p.m., home.

Mon., Oct. 20

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award Recognition for Holly Williams, MFA alumna of the TWU Department of Dance, 5 p.m., Hubbard Hall. Free.

Tues., Oct. 21

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

Wed., Oct. 22

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- "Good Bye Lenin" Film Screening and Discussion, 5:30 p.m., CFO 202, free. Part of Global Awareness Month activities. www.twu.edu/global/events-calendar.asp

Thurs., Oct. 23

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Boo at the U, 5:30-8:30 p.m., SU, free. Haunted House, train and carriage rides, inflatables, carnival games and "Trunk or Treating."

Fri., Oct. 24

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Soccer vs. Texas A&M-Commerce, 7 p.m., home.
- Pioneers Volleyball vs. Cameron, 7 p.m., away.

Sat., Oct. 25

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore closed, Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Transfer Connection information session, 8:30 a.m., CFO. Free.
- Pioneers Volleyball vs. Midwestern State, 2 p.m., away.

Sun., Oct. 26

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open noon-10 p.m.

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