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TWU NAMES KAY CLAYTON AS NEW PROVOST

DENTON/DALLAS/HOUSTON — Continuing to grow enrollment and expanding academic programs to meet the needs of the citizens of Texas are the priorities of new Texas Woman's University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Kay Clayton. A TWU alumna, Dr. Clayton will begin her duties at TWU on July 1.

"I want to build on TWU's foundation of excellence and provide the leadership to expand those programs that can, and should, grow and also to identify new areas for program development to meet the needs of the citizens of Texas," Dr. Clayton said. "The challenge, as always, will be finding the resources to enable this growth and expansion to happen."

"TWU is a wonderful university with many important programs," she added. "By working together and striving for excellence, we – the faculty, students, staff, and administration – can reach a new level of achievement. The future of the university is very bright indeed, and I am excited to be a part of the leadership team."

Dr. Clayton currently is provost and vice president for academic affairs at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Her experience includes more than 12 years of senior administrative duties at A&M-Kingsville, including professor and chair of the department of human sciences. At the national level, she has recent experience with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation process, and she continues to provide leadership training to new provosts for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

"Dr. Clayton is the right choice to lead us into the future," said TWU President and Chancellor Dr. Ann Stuart. "Our enrollment has grown tremendously; we are well into implementing our strategic plans, and we are preparing to build a new Dallas campus. Dr. Clayton will be an integral part of our success during this dynamic time."

Dr. Clayton earned her Ph.D. in education from TWU. She received her master's degree in education from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio and her bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State University. She replaces current TWU Provost Dr. Carolyn Gunning, who is retiring at the end of the spring semester.

"I will work very hard to lead the academic units in achieving the highest of standards in

teaching, research and service so that we can continue to make significant and meaningful contributions to our society through higher education,” Dr. Clayton said.

Texas Woman’s University is the nation’s largest university primarily for women with campuses in Denton, Dallas and Houston. Six consecutive years of enrollment growth produced a record enrollment of 12,183 students in fall 2007. For more information, visit www.twu.edu.

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TWU RECEIVES \$2.2 MILLION FROM DEIKER ESTATE

More Texas Woman’s University students will receive scholarships to help meet their educational goals thanks to a \$2.2 million gift from the estate of Helen Haddix Deiker of Fort Worth, a past president of the TWU Former Students Association. The gift to the TWU Foundation will be used to establish the Helen Haddix Deiker and Robert W. Deiker Endowment Fund.

“Robert and Helen Deiker were ardent supporters of TWU,” said TWU Chancellor Dr. Ann Stuart. “I am grateful for the Deikers’ generous estate planning, which has resulted in one of our largest estate gifts ever and which will enable more of our outstanding students to achieve academic success.”

Mrs. Deiker, 82, who passed away on Oct. 16, 2007, attended Texas Woman’s University in the early 1940s. She taught high school math for many years and served as the head of the special education department at Hindsdale High School in Hinsdale, Ill. She married Robert “Bob” W. Deiker in 1960 and they lived in New York and Illinois before retiring back to Texas. Mr. Deiker passed away in 2002.

According to TWU classmate and lifelong friend Frances Matsler Gordon, Mrs. Deiker was committed to helping TWU because of the important role the university played in her life and education. Mrs. Deiker volunteered extensively for the TWU Former Students Association, receiving the Alumni Service Award in 1988 and serving as president of the from 1992 to 1994. She also spearheaded the effort to create the Frances Matsler Gordon Endowed Scholarship on behalf of the Class of 1945 for its 50th reunion.

For more information on planned giving or to make a contribution to the Helen Haddix Deiker and Robert W. Deiker Endowment Fund, call the TWU Office of Institutional Development at 81-3878.

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MAGAZINE RANKS TWU-HOUSTON'S HCA PROGRAM FOURTH LARGEST

Modern Healthcare, the weekly magazine for hospitals and healthcare industry executives, recently ranked the master of health care administration program at Texas Woman's University's Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center the fourth largest in the nation.

The rankings were tallied using the total number of students enrolled, based on July 2007 reports. TWU's Houston program tied with the University of Pennsylvania as fourth largest program with 160 students.

Dr. Kelley Moseley, professor and director of TWU-Houston's health care administration program, credits the ranking to the quality of the program, the faculty and the students themselves.

"We're a practice-based program that attracts working healthcare professionals, as well as those without health care experience, who can benefit from the networking opportunities of fellow students working in the industry," Dr. Moseley said.

Dr. Jimmy H. Ishee, dean of the College of Health Sciences, said, "One of the goals in TWU's strategic plan addresses national recognition of programs. This ranking is an excellent example of how the health care administration program in Houston is achieving that goal for the College of Health Sciences."

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RAISINGHANI NAMED 2007 G. ANN UHLIR FELLOW

Dr. Michael Raisinghani, associate professor in the School of Management, has been named the 2007 G. Ann Uhlir Fellow in Higher Education Administration at TWU.

The Uhlir Fellowship is an endowed award, given annually to the faculty or staff member or graduate student submitting the strongest proposal for his or her development as a leader in higher education.

Dr. Raisinghani has served as an associate professor in management in the Executive MBA program at TWU since 2005. During his fellowship, he proposed to study either through the Center for Creative Leadership or the Harvard Executive Education Program. His goal is to "develop my skills in transformative teaching strategies, enhance my skills in encouraging critical reflection/discourse and foster intellectual openness."

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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 deadline to submit nomination materials for **faculty awards** at Honors Convocation is Feb. 22. Awards to be presented include the Cornaro Award, Mary Mason Lyons Awards for Distinguished Junior Faculty, Humphries Award for Dedication to TWU, Distinction in Scholarship, Distinction in Teaching, Distinction in Service, Distinction in E-Learning and the award for Innovation in Academia. For more information on nomination guidelines, go to www.twu.edu/academicaffairs/faculty-awards-guidelines.htm. The deadline to order regalia for Convocation through the bookstore in Denton is March 14.

Nominations for Outstanding Senior and Outstanding Graduate Student awards are due Friday, March 14 in the Center for Student Development on the Denton campus. Students who graduated in December 2007 or who will graduate in May or August are eligible. The TWU Former Students Association presents the award during Honors Convocation. Nomination packets can be found online at www.twu.edu/osl/csd/Forms.html. For more information, contact Jimmy Renfro at jrenfro1@twu.edu or at 81-3678.

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 extends condolences to the family and friends of Dr. **June Impson**, who passed away Jan. 27, 2008. Dr. Impson retired as Professor Emeritus in 1998 after 22 years with the TWU Department of Family Sciences. Survivors include her husband, Billy Roy Switzer; and sons Loren Cail Impson and Keiller Boytt Impson. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008 in the Cole Chapel of First United Methodist Church in Denton. Memorials may be made to Heifer International, P O Box 8058, Little Rock, Ark. 72203-8058 or to the Visual Arts Society of Texas (VAST), Box 1281, Denton, Texas 76202.

Frank Kudlac (athletics) will be inducted into the West Chester University Athletics Hall of Fame on Saturday, Feb. 16 in Exton, Pa. Kudlac competed as an all-around

gymnast for West Chester and was team captain his senior year. Kudlac graduated West Chester with a bachelor's degree in physical education in 1978.

Dr. **Guy Litton** (English, Speech and Foreign Languages) has announced that the TWU Honors Scholar Program has received a \$3,000 grant from the Florence Foundation, a Dallas-based charitable organization. The funds will go toward research grants for honors students conducting undergraduate research.

Dr. **David Rylander** (School of Management) conducted a workshop on "Business Practices in a Sustainable World" at the Aristotle Gathering, a conference hosted by the Costa Rica International Center for Sustainability, on Dec. 31, 2007.

A paper by Dr. **Mahesh S. Raisinghani** and Dr. **Paula Ann Hughes (School of Management)** titled "Electronic Government Adoption Barriers" has been accepted for presentation at the Society for Advanced Management International Business Conference to be held April 3-6 in Arlington, Va.

Becky Rodriguez (Intercultural Services) recently was appointed to the Outreach & Professional Development for High School Counselors subcommittee of the Closing the Gaps for Latinos/A Students Task Force.

Dr. **Philip Yang** (sociology) presented a paper, "China's Citizenship Policy towards Chinese Overseas in the Age of Globalization" at the All China Economics International Conference in Hong Kong, Dec. 11-12, 2007, which has been published in the conference proceedings. He delivered another paper titled "Citizenship of Chinese Immigrants in the United States" at the International Symposium on Overseas Chinese in North America in Shanghai, China, Dec. 20-21, 2007. Dr. Yang also was a member of the scholars' delegation from North America that met and discussed issues related to Chinese in the United States and Canada with Mr. Xu Yiunian, deputy minister of China's Ministry of Overseas Chinese Affairs, and other Chinese leaders in Beijing on Dec. 26, 2007.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: FEBRUARY 4-17, 2008

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| Mon., Feb. 4 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight. |
| Tues., Feb. 5 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Alexandria's Ragtime Band, Student Center Underground, 11:30
a.m.
-TWU Athletics Maroon & White Luncheon, 12:30-1:30 p.m.,
Outback Steakhouse, 300 S. I-35 East. \$5. Featured speaker:
Softball head coach Randy Porter. Questions? Call 81-2378. |

- Wed., Feb. 6 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Pioneers Basketball vs. Midwestern State, Magee Arena, 7 p.m.
- Thur., Feb. 7 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Fri., Feb. 8 -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 Gymnastics vs. SE Missouri State, Magee Arena, 7 p.m.
- Sat., Feb. 9 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
-4th Annual Hand Conference & Research Seminar, TWU School of Occupational Therapy, Houston Center. Continues through Feb. 11. For more information, call 84-2128.
-Pioneers Basketball vs. Abilene Christian University, away, 7 p.m.
-TWU Softball Tournament, beginning 9 a.m., Pioneer Field.
- Sun., Feb. 10 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.
-TWU Softball Tournament, beginning 11:30 a.m., Pioneer Field.
- Mon., Feb. 11 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Tues., Feb. 12 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Wed., Feb. 13 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Pioneers Basketball vs. Angelo State University, away, 7 p.m.
- Thur., Feb. 14 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Pioneers Softball at Schutt Sports D-II Lead Off Classic, Phoenix, Ariz.
- Fri., Feb. 15 -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.
-Administrators' Back-to-School Day, with keynote speaker Dr. Shirley J. Neeley. 8 a.m., ACT 2. 81-3408.
-Pioneers Softball at Schutt Sports D-II Lead Off Classic, Phoenix, Ariz.

-Pioneers Gymnastics vs. West Chester University, away, 5 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 16

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

-Pioneers Basketball vs. Tarleton State University, Magee Arena, 7 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 17

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

-Pioneer Gymnastics vs. West Chester University, Southern Connecticut State and University of Bridgeport, away, noon.

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