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## **TWU SCHEDULES WINTER COMMENCEMENT 2007**

The fall 2007 semester at Texas Woman's University will draw to a close with commencement ceremonies on Saturday, Dec. 15 in Denton and Sunday, Dec. 16 in Houston.

Students and family members who have tickets are invited to attend. The Denton ceremonies, which include graduates from the Denton and Dallas campuses, will take place at 9 a.m., noon and 3 p.m. in the Kitty Magee Arena in Pioneer Hall. Receptions hosted by TWU Chancellor Ann Stuart will follow each ceremony on the second floor of the Student Union.

The 9 a.m. ceremony in Denton is for candidates in the College of Arts and Sciences. Ms. Alann B. Sampson, chair of the Van Cliburn Foundation, will deliver the commencement address for the 9 a.m. ceremony. The noon ceremony is for candidates in the College of Professional Education and the Department of Psychology. Dr. Antonio Flores, president and CEO for the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) is the speaker for the ceremony. The 3 p.m. ceremony is for candidates in the College of Health Science and the College of Nursing. Ms. Sheila Whitaker-Kellagher, president of TruCare Solutions, Inc. of Dallas and a Distinguished Alum of TWU, is the speaker for the ceremony.

TWU's Houston commencement will take place at 2 p.m. Dec. 16 in the Arabia Shrine Center, 2900 N. Braeswood Blvd. Ms. Cynthia Newkam Harper, a TWU graduate and member of the TWU Foundation Board, will deliver the commencement address.

Chancellor Stuart will preside at each ceremony.

For more information on the commencement ceremonies, visit [www.twu.edu/registrar/graduation.htm](http://www.twu.edu/registrar/graduation.htm) and scroll to the links at the bottom of the page.

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## **TWU GROUNDS EARN RECOGNITION**

The Professional Grounds Management Society recognized TWU with an Honor Award in the society's 2007 Green Star Awards competition. The award was given in the University and College Grounds category for exceptional grounds maintenance. Winners were honored in late October during the society's 2007 School of Grounds Management in Louisville, Ky.

TWU's landscape department consists of 22 employees who are responsible for the year-round maintenance of the 270-acre campus. In addition to landscape maintenance, the department oversees irrigation, greenhouse operations and the athletic fields.

The Green Star Awards program brings national recognition to grounds maintained with a high degree of excellence, complementing other national landscape award programs that recognize outstanding landscape design and construction.

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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](mailto: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.*

Dr. Ann Stuart, TWU Chancellor and President, invites the university community to join her for a **Holiday Celebration** from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, in the Redbud Theater Lobby.

TWU's Ninth Annual **Winter Wonderland Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair** is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4 on the second floor of the Student Union. More than 50 vendors — including several faculty, staff and students — will be participating.

TWU Facilities Management and Construction will host an **open house** from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5. Faculty and staff are invited to tour the physical plant and the Central Plant. Refreshments will be provided. Shuttles will be available on campus.

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TWU programs in fashion and textiles, along with Denton County Friends of the Family, will host a **holiday fashion show** Thursday, Dec. 6 at the Friends of the Family Thrift Store, located at the west end of the Denton Center, 1014 W. University Drive.

Admission is free with the donation of a new toy, clothing or household item to support victims of relationship violence. Photos with Santa start at 6 p.m., and a fashion show begins at 7 p.m. Students in TWU's fashion and textile programs developed a new store layout and also painted and helped refurbish the store as a class project.

**Notice to the TWU community:** The noisy Grackles have once again started flocking together in large numbers on our campus. In addition to the noise problem they cause, their excrement creates an unsightly and unsanitary problem. In an effort to minimize the health risks, TWU Facilities Management and Construction crews will be shooting blank ammunition rounds to create noise that is intended to cause the Grackles to fly away. This will occur from **5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Monday through Friday, Dec. 3-7**. The birds will NOT be harmed by this project.

"Native American Women Poets" is the topic of the next **Professor's Corner**, scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12 in the Denton South Branch Library, 3228 Teasley Lane. Dr. **AnaLouise Keating** (women's studies) is the presenter. For more information, call 81-2343 or email [ssouris@twu.edu](mailto:ssouris@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](mailto:info@twu.edu). Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).*

The TWU community extends its condolences to the friends and family of Dr. **Ann Uhler**, Dean Emerita of the College of Health Sciences, who passed away Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, in Dallas. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, in TWU's Little Chapel-in-the-Woods. A reception will follow in the Southeast Ballroom of Hubbard Hall. Dr. Uhler will be cremated and laid to rest with her parents at The National Cemetery, Pischelville, Neb. Survivors include her brother, Golby Cleigh Uhler of Sioux City, Iowa; and her longtime partner, Jo Kuhn of Denton. Memorials may be made to the Dr. G. Ann Uhler Endowed Fellowship for Higher Education Administration Fund, TWU Office of Institutional Development, P O Box 425618, Denton, TX 76204-5618, or the charity of the donor's choice.

Dr. **Ronald Davis** (kinesiology) has been appointed Texas State Coordinator of Adapted Sports for the American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP). His role will be to develop school-based sports programs for students with disabilities in coordination with the Texas high school scholastic sports.

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Dr. **Pushkala Raman** (School of Management) made an invited presentation to the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (TACRAO) 86th Annual Conference, held Nov. 12 at Addison. Her presentation was titled “Brown Sugary Soda or Coca-Cola? The Role of Branding in Higher Education.”

Drs. **Susan Chaney** and **Susan Sheriff** (both nursing-Dallas) published “Point/Counterpoint: Should DNP Programs Follow the Same Rigorous Coursework as PhD Programs?” in *The Journal of Nurse Practitioners*, November/December 2007, Vol. 3 (10), pages 704-705.

Dr. **Ellina Grigorieva** (math and computer science) published “Optimal Control of a Nonlinear Model of Economic Growth” in the *Journal of Discrete and Continuous Dynamical Systems*, 2007, pp 456-466. *DCDS* is the top math journal worldwide.

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## THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: DECEMBER 3-16, 2007

Mon., Dec. 3	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
Tues., Dec. 4	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight. -TWU's 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Wonderland Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., second floor Student Union. 81-3343. -Pioneer Basketball vs. Henderson State University, 6 p.m., Arkadelphia, Ark.
Wed., Dec. 5	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
Thur., Dec. 6	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight. -Pioneer Basketball vs. Cameron University, 6 p.m., Lawton, Okla.
Fri., Dec. 7	-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.

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	-Pioneer Gymnastics, Intrasquad Spectacular. 7 p.m., Kitty Magee Arena, Pioneer Hall. Free admission. First 150 fans receive free TWU Gymnastics "Pioneer Proud" T-shirt. Free CiCi's Pizza while supplies last for "Pioneer Pride and Pizza Night."
Sat., Dec. 8	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. -Pioneer Basketball vs. Southwestern Oklahoma State University, 2 p.m., Weatherford, Okla.
Sun., Dec. 9	-Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 10	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
Tues., Dec. 11	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
Wed., Dec. 12	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight. -Professor's Corner: "Native American Women Poets," presented by Dr. AnaLouise Keating (women's studies). 7 p.m., Denton South Branch Library. Free. (940) 349-8251.
Thur., Dec. 13	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-10p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
Fri., Dec. 14	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 15	-Library open 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. -Denton Commencement, 9 a.m., noon, 3 p.m., Pioneer Hall. Receptions following each ceremony, second floor Student Union.
Sun., Dec. 16	-Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m. -Houston Commencement, 2 p.m., Arabia Shrine Center, 2900 N. Braeswood Blvd, Houston.

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