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TWU TO CELEBRATE HONORS CONVOCATION

Outstanding faculty, staff and students will be recognized during Texas Woman's University's annual Honors Convocation, scheduled at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 21, in the Margo Jones Performance Hall.

Classes on the Denton campus will be dismissed from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Offices that can be closed during this period may post a notice indicating when they will reopen. Offices that cannot close should arrange for coverage during Convocation.

Faculty award recipients are:

- **Cornaro Award** — Dr. Ronald French, professor of kinesiology. The award, which recognizes excellence in teaching, scholarship and achievement, is the highest honor paid to a senior faculty member at TWU.
- **Mary Mason Lyon Award** — Dr. David Nichols, assistant professor of kinesiology, and Dr. Shannon Rich, assistant professor of psychology. The award is presented to outstanding junior faculty members who are developing excellent records of teaching, research and service.
- **Humphries Award** — Lanelle Blanton, professor of music. The award recognizes dedication to TWU.
- **Distinction in Service Award** — Dr. Daniel Miller, professor of psychology. The award is presented to faculty who are developing distinguished records of service to their component, TWU, their professional field of study and/or the community.

Staff awards recipients are:

- **TWU Award of Excellence** — Jerry Don Sprayberry, senior general services clerk for Facilities Management and Construction. The award is the highest recognition given to a staff member who exhibits loyalty, dedication, initiative and reliability.
- **Outstanding Achievement Award** — Jason Brison, manager of Information Systems Applications Support for Information Services, and Brenda Klingner, coordinator for University Scheduling. The award recognizes the dedication of TWU staff members.

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Student award recipients are:

- **Leman Award** — Kayla Hamilton, a dance major from Texarkana. The award recognizes outstanding artistic contributions to the university by a graduating senior.
- **Outstanding Senior Award** — Sarah Godding, a nursing major from Houston, and Rebecca Basham, a chemistry/pre-med major from Sherman.
- **Outstanding Master's Student Award** — Joy Christiansen, a photography major from Denton.
- **Outstanding Doctoral Student Award** — Nadine Barrett, a sociology major from Denton.

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FAMILY SCIENCES TEAM WINS INTERNATIONAL CONTEST

A Texas Woman's University family sciences team has brought international recognition to the university with a winning entry in a contest that recognizes outstanding online courses.

The team was one of five winning teams in Blackboard's Bbionic Course Contest. Educators from the international, K-12 and U.S. higher education communities submitted a total of 69 entries representing a diverse range of course titles. Each of the five winning teams received \$5,000 during the Blackboard Users Conference, held April 12-14 in Baltimore, Md.

The TWU team's entry was its first in a Learning Management System contest. The team — comprised of assistant professor Mary Bold, associate professor Karen Petty, professor Lillian Chenoweth, and family sciences graduate assistant Sadguna Anasuri — chose to enter the Blackboard contest because it's the primary web-based course delivery system for TWU, Dr. Bold said.

The Blackboard contest was designed to recognize technologically rich and pedagogically sound online courses. The course the TWU team chose for its entry was family sexuality, a regular course in the online family studies master's program.

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CONCERT CHOIR OFFER S PREVIEW OF CARNEGIE HALL DEBUT

The Texas Woman's University Concert Choir will make its Carnegie Hall debut next month during the National Women's Festival Chorus. First, however, the choir will showcase some of the music to be performed onstage in New York City for a Denton-area audience.

The concert is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21, in the Margo Jones Performance Hall. Admission is free. For more information, call 8-1-2500.

The TWU choir will open the festival, scheduled May 31 on the famed New York stage. TWU is the only choir asked to perform alone at the festival, according to Dr. Susan Davenport Stewart, coordinator of choral activities for TWU's School of the Arts.

"This is a great opportunity for us to gain exposure for TWU," Stewart said.

The TWU choir also will perform with the festival choir, which will be comprised of women's choirs from across the country and will be under the direction of Ann Howard Jones, an internationally known conductor from Boston University.

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DIABETES WELLNESS PROGRAM OPEN TO FACULTY, STAFF

Lifestyle Education Access for Diabetics: a University Program (LEAD-UP), a free diabetes wellness program that began Feb. 14, is available to faculty and staff who are diabetics or who have been diagnosed as pre-diabetic.

The next workshop, titled "Exercise 101," is scheduled Thursday, April 21, at 5:30 p.m. in Pioneer Hall room 203. The workshop will provide a guide as to how long, how often and how hard to exercise to lose weight and/or improve your diabetic condition.

Regular program hours are 6-8 a.m. Monday-Friday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday. The program provides supervised walking, fitness and nutritional assessments and educational workshops. For more information, go to www.twu.edu/exphys or call 8-1-2512.

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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.

Kathleen Spears, a 2001 graduate of the MHA program who went on to receive her doctorate in health studies, recently was appointed by Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn as her delegate to the White House Conference on Aging. She also was chosen by Congressman Harold Ford Jr. to serve as his alternate. The conference takes place every 10 years, with approximately 1,000 people from across the United States and its territories develop policy concerning older adults. That policy then is presented to the U.S. president.

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.).

Dr. **Allan Bird** (communication sciences and disorders) received a tribute March 28 when the Plano ISD's Special Programs Center K-8 was dedicated as the Allan K. and Carolyn H. Bird Education Center in honor of Dr. Bird and his wife. Dr. Bird currently is serving his seventh term on the Plano ISD School Board. His 23-year tenure is the longest for any Plano school trustee.

Dr. **Philip Yang** (sociology) and doctoral student David Bugg published an article titled, "Trends in Women's Gun Ownership, 1973-2002" in the *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*, volume 28, issue 3.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: APRIL 18-MAY 1, 2005

Mon., April 18 -Library open 8 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-Wide Awake Project, art installations and performances
throughout Denton campus. Continues through April 30. 8-1-2451.

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- Tues., April 19 -Library open 8 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-Garry Evans Faculty Clarinet Recital, 7:30 p.m., MJPH. Free. 8-1-2500.
-Pioneers Softball vs. Incarnate Word, 5 and 7 p.m., home.
- Wed., April 20 -Library open 8a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-Homecoming. For schedule of events, go to
www.twu.edu/alum/events/homecoming/index.html. Questions?
Contact the Former Students Association, 8-1-2586.
-Eighth annual Student Research Symposium, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., ACT
2, Free. 8-1-3414.
- Thur., April 21 -Library open 8 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-Honors Convocation, 10 a.m., MJPH.
-Eighth annual Student Research Symposium, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., ACT
2, Free. 8-1-3414.
-TWU Concert Choir, 7:30 p.m., MJPH. Free. 8-1-2500.
-Pioneers Gymnastics at NCAA National Championships, Auburn,
Ala., through April 23.
-Pioneers Softball at Lone Star Conference Tournament, Irving,
through April 23.
- Fri., April 22 -Library open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.;
Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Sat., April 23 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m; bookstore closed.; Wellness Center
open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sun., April 24 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Wellness Center
open 1-6 p.m.
- Mon., April 25 -Library open 8 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-It's All in a Book, 8 p.m., SC lobby. Free. 8-1-3343.
-TWU Chamber Singers, 7:30 p.m., Little Chapel-in-the-Woods.
Free. 8-1-2500.

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- Tues., April 26 -Library open 8 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-TWU Guitar Ensemble, 7 p.m., Little Chapel-in-the-Woods. Free. 8-1-2500.
- Wed., April 27 -Library open 8 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Thur., April 28 -Library open 8 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-TWU Wind Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., MJPH. Free. 8-1-2500.
-Dancemakers, Too. 4 p.m., DGL, 99 cents. 7 p.m., DGL, \$2.99. 8-1-2086.
- Fri., April 29 -Library open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.;
Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-TWU Theatre presents Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," 8 p.m., Lewisville Community Theatre, 160 W. Main St., Cost \$9-\$13. 8-1-2518.
- Sat., April 30 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
-TWU Theatre presents Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," 8 p.m., Lewisville Community Theatre, 160 W. Main St., Cost \$9-\$13. 8-1-2518.
- Sun., May 1 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.
-Music Honors Recital, 3 p.m., MJPH. Free. 8-1-2500.
-TWU Theatre presents Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," 2 p.m., Lewisville Community Theatre, 160 W. Main St., Cost \$9-\$13. 8-1-2518.

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