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TWU-HOUSTON'S HCA PROGRAM IS 13TH LARGEST IN THE NATION

The master of health care administration program at Texas Woman's University's Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center is the 13th largest in the nation, according to Modern Healthcare magazine. The rankings were reported in the magazine's Nov. 6 edition.

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 health care," Dr. Moseley said.

Dr. Moseley also cites the program's accreditation, location within the Texas Medical Center, close affiliation with Houston hospitals and its relationship with the American College of Healthcare Executives professional association as reasons for attracting students.

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."

TWU-Houston's master of health care administration program, accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME), prepares working professionals for management positions and leadership roles in the healthcare industry by offering a comprehensive, rigorous curriculum. For more information, visit www.twu.edu/hs/h-hca/.

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RECORD NUMBER RECEIVE NURSING DOCTORATES

Texas Woman's University conferred a record number of doctoral nursing degrees during its winter commencement ceremonies in Denton and Houston. A total of 17 — five in Denton and 12 in Houston — received their Ph.D. in nursing from TWU.

"I congratulate the TWU faculty and these students for this accomplishment," Dr. Marcia Hern, dean of the College of Nursing said. "Having so many graduate with their Ph.D. in nursing truly exemplifies our commitment to alleviating the faculty nursing shortage."

Graduate nursing students Melissa A. Craft, RoxAnn Dicker, Carla McArtor Hairston, Denise D. Neill and Vicki Zeigler accepted their degrees during the Dec. 16 Denton commencement. Janine M. Catalano, Anecita P. Fadol, Tuong-Vi Vo Ho, Cheryl Lindy, Stephanie Marfurt, JoAnn Mick, Elda G. Ramirez, Ruthie L. Robinson, Pamela E. Stetina, Cynthia Kellam Stinson, Valarie Philliber Waldmeier and Mary Yoho received their degrees in Houston during commencement ceremonies on Dec. 17.

"These nursing graduates represent a major contribution to the nationwide pool of faculty for nursing programs," Dr. Jennifer Martin, dean of the TWU Graduate School, said. "I commend the work of TWU's College of Nursing faculty in mentoring these nurse scholars through their degree programs."

TWU has the largest doctoral nursing program in the country, according to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. For more information, visit www.twu.edu/nursing.

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FIRST YEAR SUCCESS PROGRAM SEEKING MENTORS

The Office of Intercultural Services and the First Year SUCCESS Mentoring Program currently is recruiting faculty and staff mentors to work with students in the spring semester.

SUCCESS is designed to provide new TWU students the opportunity to share ideas with and learn from TWU faculty/staff mentors and upperclassmen outside a classroom setting. The support provided by mentors is aimed at addressing issues that freshmen face while making the transition into collegiate life.

A total of 40 faculty/staff mentors are needed from various disciplines and experiences. Each faculty and staff mentor will be responsible for mentoring one student for the complete spring semester. Mentors are required to meet with their student at least twice a month. To volunteer, or for more information, contact Becky Rodriguez, OIS director, at 8-1-3673 or brodriguez@twu.edu, or graduate assistant Marquita House at 8-1-3679.

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's annual poinsettia sale will begin at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, in the Pioneer Café in Hubbard Hall. A large assortment of 10-inch poinsettias will be available at \$8 each. Cash or checks will be accepted.

Faculty and staff are invited to submit nominations for the TWU 2007 Founders' Awards. The awards were established to recognize those who have consistently supported the educational mission of TWU. Nominations will be accepted through Friday, Dec. 22 in the Office of Institutional Development. For more information, contact Patrice Frisby at 8-1- 3867.

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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.).

The TWU community offers its condolences to **Liz Davis** (PT-Houston) on the death of her mother, Letha Sansom. The funeral service and wake were held Saturday, Dec. 16 at Pleasant Hills Baptist Church in Houston.

Nancy Murphy-Chadwick (housing) and **Amy Parsons-O'Keefe** (commuter services) have announced that TWU's annual Holiday Gift Program provided a special holiday for 147 children of TWU students.

Dr. Gail Davis (nursing), doctoral student and graduate teaching assistant **Terri White**, and **Dr. Asphodel Yang**, a recent TWU doctoral graduate and faculty member at Central Taiwan University of Science & Technology, presented a symposium at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Rheumatoid Health Professionals/American College of Rheumatology in Washington, D.C. Their symposium, titled, "Pain Management of Older Adults with Arthritis," included information gained from a recently-completed study funded by a TWU Research Enhancement Award and from Dr. Yang's dissertation study.

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: DECEMBER 18-31, 2006

Mon., Dec. 18	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6-9 a.m., 11 a.m-1 p.m., 4-8 p.m.; Pioneer Hall closed until Jan. 16, 2007.
Tues., Dec. 19	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6-9 a.m., 11 a.m-1 p.m., 4-8 p.m.;
Wed., Dec. 20	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6-9 a.m., 11 a.m-1 p.m., 4-8 p.m.;
Thur., Dec. 21	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6-9 a.m., 11 a.m-1 p.m., 4-8 p.m. -Pioneers Basketball vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville, 7 p.m., home.
Fri., Dec. 22	-Library open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6-9 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-6 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 23	-Winter Break; university closed.
Sun., Dec. 24	-Winter Break; university closed.
Mon., Dec. 25	-Winter Break; university closed.
Tues., Dec. 26	-Winter Break; university closed.
Wed., Dec. 27	-Winter Break; university closed.
Thur., Dec. 28	-Winter Break; university closed.
Fri., Dec. 29	-Winter Break; university closed. -Pioneers Basketball vs. Metro State, 3 p.m. at Metro State Tournament, Denver, Colo.
Sat., Dec. 30	-Winter Break; university closed. -Pioneers Basketball vs. Adams State, 1 p.m. at Metro State Tournament, Denver, Colo.
Sun., Dec. 31	-Winter Break; university closed.

