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## **TWU ANNOUNCES 2010 FOUNDERS' AWARD RECIPIENTS**

The Denton Independent School District, retired TWU vice president for student life Glenda Brock Simmons and the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) will be honored for their exceptional service to the community and to Texas Woman's University as the 2010 TWU Founders' Awards recipients.

The awards will be presented at the annual TWU Founders' Awards Scholarship Luncheon at noon Thursday, April 8 in Hubbard Hall.

"These honorees represent the best in service to others," TWU Chancellor Ann Stuart said. "TWU is privileged to be among those who have benefited from their generosity and commitment."

Proceeds from the luncheon benefit the TWU Chancellor's Endowed Scholarships, the most prestigious scholarships awarded by the university. Established by Chancellor Stuart and other donors in 2000, these scholarships are the largest awarded by TWU, and the only academic scholarships that offer a stipend to recipients in addition to paying tuition and fees. They are awarded to TWU students on the basis of outstanding academic achievement, leadership and service in school and community activities.

The *Denton Record-Chronicle* and Hester Capital Management, L.L.C. are the presenting sponsors of the TWU Founders' Awards Scholarship Luncheon. As of March 18, sponsors of the luncheon include: PointBank; Access 1<sup>st</sup> Capital Bank; AT&T; BBVA Compass; DATCU Credit Union; Bill DeBerry Funeral Directors; City of Denton; First State Bank; Meridian Bank Texas; Bettye B. Myers, Ph.D.; Ramey & King Insurance; Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton; Verizon; Blackridge; Chancellor and President, TWU; the TWU Former Students Association; the TWU Foundation; the TWU College of Nursing; and retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Mary Saunders.

Katherine Sharp Landdeck, Ph.D., TWU associate professor of history and coordinator of the TWU Civic Agency Initiative, will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Landdeck has done extensive research on the WASP and is writing a book about their contributions to American society. Her speech is titled "WASP: Pioneers in Women's History."

**Denton Independent School District**

The Denton Independent School District (Denton ISD) has been committed to providing a quality education since it was founded in 1882. The district is one of the fastest-growing school districts in North Texas, encompassing 180 square miles and contains all or parts of 15 cities, communities or major developments.

Denton ISD and TWU have a long history of working together to provide a quality education to both TWU and Denton ISD students. More than 50 TWU teacher certification candidates student teach with Denton ISD each year, and the school district has hired more than 100 TWU graduates to serve as teachers since 2007.

TWU also is one of Denton ISD's Partners in Education adopters. TWU education majors tutor students, while TWU athletes mentor and motivate children from economically disadvantaged homes. Denton ISD high school juniors and seniors also enroll in dual courses at TWU.

Almost 90 percent of Denton's high school graduates go on to two- or four-year colleges or universities or advanced training centers, with many attending TWU.

"One of the greatest compliments any educator or any educational system can receive is one that comes from colleagues in the same field," said Dr. Ray Braswell, superintendent for Denton ISD. "We work well with our higher education colleagues and continue to seek new avenues for partnerships. We are grateful of the opportunity we have in working with TWU and are honored and humbled by this award."

### **Glenda Brock Simmons**

For more than 50 years, Dr. Simmons has been involved with TWU as a student, teacher, administrator or volunteer. A 2004 Distinguished TWU Alumna, she received her baccalaureate and master's degrees at TWU in 1961 and 1962, respectively. She served as TWU's dean of students and vice president for student life for 14 years and was a member of the business and economics faculty for 22 years. When she retired from TWU in 1997, she was named vice president emeritus, the only person ever to hold such a title at TWU.

During her tenure at TWU, she was departmental academic adviser; faculty sponsor of Delians Literary-Social Club; homecoming chairperson; faculty representative to the TWU Foundation; chair of the TWU Welfare Committee; an active member and officer of her professional associations; adviser to the Student Government Association, MortarBoard and Alpha Chi; a representative to the Chamber of Commerce; and United Way Board member and secretary. She served as a reviewer for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and was a member of every TWU SACS reaffirmation committee during her tenure at the university.

Dr. Simmons was selected by students as outstanding faculty member numerous times and was named the Texas Business Education Teacher of the Year in 1973. Under her leadership, the TWU family housing program was established, the human relations

program was initiated, and Neighbors Educated Together (NET), intercultural services, disability support services and conference services were established as university components.

Since her retirement, she has served as a member of the TWU Foundation Board, as a board member of Friends of the Family, and has been actively involved as a volunteer with Ann's Haven Hospice, the RSVP tutoring program and numerous other community social service agencies. She has been a member of the TWU Former Students Association and served as the chair of the TWU Distinguished Alumni Awards Committee in 2007 and 2008.

"The Founders' Award is just one more reminder of the many ways that my life has been enriched as a member of the TWU community," Dr. Simmons said. "I appreciate the opportunities that I have had to be a partner in the education of TWU students as scholars, leaders and service providers."

### **Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP)**

The WASP were established during World War II with the primary mission of flying non-combat military missions in the United States, thus freeing their male counterparts for combat missions overseas. They were the first women ever to fly American military aircraft and they flew almost every type of aircraft operated by the Army Air Force during World War II, logging more than 60 million miles.

The WASP received the Congressional Gold Medal — the highest and most distinguished award Congress presents to a civilian — March 10, 2010, during a ceremony at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

TWU is home of the official WASP archives. Surviving members of the WASP have been actively involved with TWU, sharing their history with faculty, staff and students, volunteering at the university and donating money to TWU.

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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.*

TWU Student Health Services will host the ninth annual **Well Wednesday Community Health Fair** from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. April 7 in Pioneer Hall. The event, which features health and wellness information, is free and open to the public. 81-3833.

Applications for the **Dr. G. Ann Uhler Endowed Fellowship in Higher Education** should be returned to Nora Sierra, [nsierra@twu.edu](mailto:nsierra@twu.edu), by Friday, April 16. The \$1,000 fellowship award may be used for development activities completed during summer 2010, fall 2010 or spring 2011 terms.

The **TWU Office of Alumni Relations** received two CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) Southwest District IV awards in the alumni relations category. The awards were the Best Low Cost Program for the “Office of Alumni Relations Virtual Advisory Council” and the Most Improved Alumni Program for “TWU Distinguished Alumni Recognition.” The latter was entered as a joint project of the university and the TWU Former Students Association.

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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](mailto:info@twu.edu). Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.)*

**Cynthia Johnson** (health studies) presented “Incorporating Web. 2.0 Tools in a Distance Learning Environment to Develop Critical Thinking Skills in African American Students” at the Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education 37th Annual State Conference in Corpus Christi on March 5.

A paper by Dr. **John H. Nugent** (School of Management), “Privacy in the Digital Age: Fact or Fiction” recently was named a “Top 10” paper by the Social Science Research Network. Paper no. 1510427.

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## THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: MARCH 29-APRIL 11, 2010

### Mon., March 29

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

### Tues., March 30

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Pioneers Softball vs. St. Mary’s, 3 & 5 p.m., home.

### Wed., March 31

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

**Thur., April 1**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- CAS Faculty Spotlight Series: “Pink Ribbon Blues: How Breast Cancer Culture Undermines Women’s Health,” 12:15 p.m., Stoddard Hall 308. Free. Presented by Dr. Gayle Sulik (sociology & social work).
- Pioneers Softball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State, 3 & 5 p.m., home.

**Fri., April 2**

- 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.
- Nutrition & Food Sciences Seminar Series: “Role of Insulin in the Regulation of Neonatal Growth,” with special guest speaker Teresa Davis, Ph.D., of Children’s Nutrition Research Center, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston. Noon, MCL 501 and Houston Center 3322.

**Sat., April 3**

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

**Sun., April 4**

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

**Mon., April 5**

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

**Tues, April 6**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Denton campus Pioneer Proud ceremony, noon, Southeast Ballroom, Hubbard Hall. Cookies and punch will be served.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Texas A&M-International, 4 & 6 p.m., home.

**Wed, April 7**

- Library open 7:30 p.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 p.m.-midnight.
- “From Magellan to Beckman,” lecture by retired U.S. Navy Commander Trish Beckman, who navigated around the world as part of a Boeing 777 flight crew, 1 p.m., Joyce Thompson Lecture Hall, BHL 101. Free. 81-3751.
- Well Wednesday Community Health Fair, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Pioneer Hall. Free admission. Health and wellness information, free screenings (some screenings available for small fee). Door prizes to be awarded. 81-3833.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Texas A&M-International, 4 & 6 p.m., home.

**Thurs., April 8**

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

**Friday, April 9**

- Library open 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville, 5 & 7 p.m., home.

**Saturday, April 10**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- TWU Science Fair, 8 a.m., Hubbard Hall. Open to students in grades K-9. Registration deadline April 2.
- Pioneers Gymnastics at NCAA Southeast Regional Meet, Columbia, Mo.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville, noon, home.

**Sunday, April 11**

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

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