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TWU TO CONDUCT WINTER COMMENCEMENT DECEMBER 17-19

The fall 2010 semester at Texas Woman's University will draw to a close with commencement ceremonies scheduled Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17 and 18 on TWU's Denton campus, and Sunday, Dec. 19 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 in the Kitty Magee Arena in Pioneer Hall. Receptions hosted by TWU Chancellor Dr. Ann Stuart will follow each ceremony on the second floor of the Student Union.

Ceremony I, scheduled at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 17, is for candidates in the College of Arts and Sciences, not including the School of Management. David Martino, a Denton entrepreneur, will deliver the commencement address. Ceremony II will begin at 2 p.m. and will include candidates from the College of Nursing and the School of Management. Miriam Sibley, chief nursing officer for the Parkland Health & Hospital System of Dallas and a TWU alumna, will speak.

Ceremony III will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, with Dr. Billie Askew, TWU alumna and Cornaro Professor Emerita of Reading addressing the graduates. Candidates from the College of Professional Education, not including the School of Library and Information Studies, will participate in Ceremony III. Ceremony IV, scheduled at 2 p.m., will include candidates from the College of Health Sciences and the School of Library and Information Studies. Francis Radford Ray, an author, school nurse practitioner in the Dallas Independent School District and a TWU alumna, will address the graduates.

TWU's Houston ceremony, scheduled at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, will take place in the George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida de las Americas. Carol Oddo, vice president of patient and public affairs for the Harris County Hospital District, will deliver the commencement address.

For more information, visit www.twu.edu/registrar/graduation.asp.

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TWU'S NURSING WEEKEND PROGRAM RECEIVES STAR AWARD

Texas Woman's University's Undergraduate Nursing Weekend Program is one of four programs in the state to receive a prestigious 2010 Texas Higher Education Star Award from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).

The Star Awards recognize institutions of higher education, public and private schools, school districts, organizations, groups and individuals for exceptional contributions toward one or more of the goals outlined in the Texas higher education plan "Closing the Gaps by 2015." Adopted by the THECB in 2000, the plan established four goals – to close the gaps in student participation, student success, academic excellence and research.

"Receiving this award is a testament to our nursing faculty and their commitment to creating and implementing innovative programs that meet the needs of working students who want to become nurses," said Dr. Patricia Holden-Huchton, dean of the TWU College of Nursing.

Offered at the TWU Dallas-Parkland Center, TWU's nursing weekend program is designed for individuals with non-nursing bachelor's degrees who want to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing, with an emphasis on the recruitment of racial and ethnic minority students and students from underserved areas. The program also is designed to meet the needs of students facing economic hardships, including job loss. Nursing courses are offered 100 percent online with nursing clinical experiences on the weekends, so students can continue working while earning a baccalaureate nursing degree.

"Graduates of the TWU weekend nursing program will improve health access, decrease health disparities within their selected communities and bolster the nursing workforce in the state of Texas," said Dr. Stephanie Woods, associate dean of the TWU College of Nursing in Dallas.

Earlier this year TWU received a \$744,422 federal grant to nearly double its nursing weekend program. The grant, which is from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), will help fund 80 new nursing students in the TWU nursing weekend program from 2010 to 2013. Dr. Susan Chaney, nursing professor and program director of the TWU nursing weekend program, and Dr. Susan Sheriff, TWU nursing professor and nursing weekend program project coordinator, received the grant.

For more information, visit www.thecb.state.tx.us.

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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 university community is invited to Chancellor Stuart’s **annual holiday celebration** on Thursday, Dec. 9 in the ACT 2 Lobby from noon until 1 p.m. Music will be provided by the Mister Joe Trio.

The Chancellor’s Office will host a reception to recognize the **service and commitment of Dr. Keith McFarland** during his tenure as acting provost and vice president for academic affairs on Thursday, Dec. 9. The reception will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Stoddard Hall first- floor lobby. Remarks will be made at 3:30 p.m.

The first gathering of the **TWU Black Alumni** (TWUBA) group will be held Saturday, Dec. 11 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the TWU Alumni House. TWUBA is open to alumni as well as faculty and staff of the university who support the mission of the organization. The meet and greet will provide a time to socialize and to learn more about the mentorship, scholarship and community service programs of TWUBA. Those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP by Wednesday, Dec. 8 to 940-898-2586 or alumnirelations@twu.edu. Learn more about TWUBA at www.twu.edu/alumni/alumni-groups.asp.

Redbud Lane **will be closed** from Chapel Drive up to an area near the Blagg-Huey Library beginning Wednesday, Dec. 22 and will not reopen until Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011. This is necessary for the construction of the new plaza to be located in front of the new Fitness and Recreation Center.

In an attempt to recognize the efforts of all members of the TWU staff, the **Pioneer Proud award** is presented each spring semester to individuals who go above and beyond their ordinary responsibilities to assist faculty, staff, students and friends of TWU. Recipients will be invited to attend a special spring ceremony hosted by the TWU Staff Council to recognize their efforts. Anyone can **nominate a staff member** at any time to receive this award for the upcoming spring semester. This award is for staff members in a full-time or regular part-time position with an “ongoing commitment to the university” and not covered by Faculty Senate or with a title of director or above. To nominate someone for a Pioneer Proud award, visit <http://www.twu.edu/staff-council>.

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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.)

Dr. **Mahesh S. Raisinghani** (School of Management) has been appointed as the chair of the Doctoral Consortium at the Global Information Technology 2011 World Conference to be held in June 2011. Dr. **Raisinghani** also serves on the Education Task Force/Advisory Committee of the World Affairs Council and as the academic adviser of the World Affairs Council Chapter at TWU.

Dr. **Lisa K. Zottarelli** (sociology) and co-author T. S. Sunil (UTSA) presented one paper and one poster at the 2010 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting Nov. 6-10 in Denver, Colo. The paper was titled, "What Happens When Cost and Accessibility Are Covered? An Exploration of Factors Motivating Students to Participate in a H1N1 Vaccination Clinic" and the poster was titled, "College Student Adoption of Pandemic Influenza Mitigation Efforts."

Dr. **Phyllis Bridges** (English) was the invited speaker for the endowed George Ewing Memorial Lecture at Abilene Christian University on Nov. 11. The lecture was on western folklore. In addition to the lecture, Dr. **Bridges** conducted a workshop on folklore for faculty and students of Abilene Christian University.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: DECEMBER 6-19, 2010

Mon., Dec. 6

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

Tues., Dec. 7

- 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. 8

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

Thur., Dec. 9

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Chancellor Stuart's Annual Holiday Celebration, noon-1 p.m., ACT 2 Lobby. Music provided by the Mister Joe Trio.

- Reception to honor Dr. Keith McFarland, acting provost and vice president for academic affairs, 3-4:30 p.m., Stoddard Hall first-floor lobby. Remarks will be made at 3:30 p.m.
- Retirement reception for Dr. Joyce Palmer, 3:30-4:30 p.m., ACT 2.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. West Texas A&M, 7 p.m., home.

Fri., Dec. 10

- 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.

Sat., Dec. 11

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Eastern New Mexico, 2 p.m., home.

Sun., Dec. 12

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-6 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 13

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Tues, Dec. 14

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Paul Quinn, 7 p.m., home.

Wed, Dec. 15

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 16

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 17

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Winter Commencement ceremonies, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Pioneer Hall.

Saturday, Dec. 18

- Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Midwestern State, 2 p.m., away.
- Winter Commencement ceremonies, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Pioneer Hall.

Sunday, Dec. 19

- Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-6 p.m.
- Houston Commencement ceremony, 2 p.m., George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston.

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