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TWU ANNOUNCES 2007 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Texas Woman's University and the TWU Former Students Association have announced TWU Provost Carolyn Gunning, Ph.D., of Denton, Norma Silva-Quinn of Austin and Colleen A. Smith, Ph.D., of Cisco as the 2007 distinguished alumni.

The three honorees will be recognized at the Distinguished Alumni Awards Luncheon at 11 a.m., April 21 in the Southeast Ballroom of Hubbard Hall. Luncheon tickets are \$25. For more information or tickets, call the TWU Office of Alumni Relations at (940) 898-2586 or visit www.twu.edu/alum.

Dr. Carolyn Gunning

Dr. Gunning's distinguished career in nursing and higher education spans more than 40 years. She received her bachelor of science in nursing from TWU in 1965, and has since served as a nursing clinician, nursing educator, dean of the TWU College of Nursing and as the TWU provost.

She has had a strong presence in national organizations serving both higher education and nursing, including: the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, the National League for Nursing and the American Nurses Association. Dr. Gunning was elected to three terms as the chairperson of the Texas Organization for Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Education. Dr. Gunning's service on a national task force for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing resulted in a document that is now used nationwide to structure nursing curriculum. Her expertise in nursing education is exemplified by her serving as a consultant for the Louisiana Board of Regents, Midwestern State University and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Dr. Gunning has received numerous awards recognizing her contributions, including receiving a commendation medal from the U.S. Army, being named one of TWU's 100 Great Nursing Alumni and receiving the TWU Award for Meritorious Service.

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Norma Silva-Quinn

Norma Silva-Quinn earned her bachelor of arts degree in history and government from TWU in 1974 and has continued to give back to her alma mater since graduation. She has served in numerous positions on the Former Students Association Board, serves as a class agent and has encouraged many of her students to attend TWU. In 1998, she had the honor of seeing one of those former students named an outstanding senior at TWU.

Ms. Silva-Quinn has spent her professional life with the Austin Independent School District, serving as a teacher, assistant principal and principal. Currently, she is principal of Palm Elementary School, which in 2006 was one of four national recipients of the "Lend a Hand" program. In recognition, the school and its choir were featured live on the NBC Today Show.

She has been active in a variety of professional associations throughout her career. During her term on the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the first national teaching certificate was created. Ms. Silva-Quinn was the first Hispanic to serve as president of the Austin Association of Teachers. She also was one of the first teachers in Austin to be involved in the Peer Assistance and Leadership Program and served on the organizing committee when the program expanded statewide.

Dr. Colleen A. Smith

Dr. Colleen Smith's association with TWU began as a Federation Master's Student and continued as she earned her Ph.D. in dance from TWU in 1997. She has worked in higher education for more than 25 years, with a reputation as a national authority on the assessment of student learning, institutional effectiveness and accreditation.

In 2006, she was selected to be the first woman president of Cisco Junior College. Prior to this appointment, she was the vice president of instruction for the college. Dr. Smith spent more than 20 years at Western Wyoming College, where she developed the college's dance curriculum. The program received regional and national recognition for its choreography, and students were invited to perform for national and regional festivals. During her tenure at Western Wyoming, Dr. Smith advanced from instructor to associate professor to division chair to associate dean for assessment and occupational programs.

Dr. Smith has served as a consultant-evaluator for the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. She was named a TWU Kitty Magee Distinguished Scholar in 2000 and a Wyoming Outstanding Dance Educator in 1989 and 1992.

WORKSHOP TO FOCUS ON IMMIGRATION ISSUES

Immigration, one of the most paramount social justice issues today, is the topic of a workshop scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 13 on TWU's Denton campus. Registration is \$45 through March 23, and \$55 after that date. To register for the conference, visit www.twu.edu/o-ll/immigration.htm. For more information, email mbland@mail.twu.edu.

The keynote speaker for "Immigration: Ethical Issues in Legislation and Policies," is Sen. Eliot Shapleigh. Sen. Shapleigh represents the 29th District, which includes the majority of El Paso County. Following the keynote address, a panel including representatives from "Opening Doors Immigration Services," an attorney and a licensed social worker will explore the complexities of immigration in the context of social services.

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TWU REGENT RODENBERGER TO PRESENT LECTURE, BOOK SIGNING

TWU Regent Dr. Lou Halsell Rodenberger will talk about her latest book, "Jane Gilmore Rushing: A West Texas Writer and her Work," during a lecture and book signing Monday, March 26 at 1 p.m. in the Blagg-Huey Library Lecture Hall, Room 101.

Jane Gilmore Rushing, author of seven novels including "Winds of Blame," "Mary Dove" and "Raincrow," tackles subjects few West Texas writers have dared approach, including spousal and child abuse. Much of her work centers on cotton farms and early ranches in the land she refers to as the "too-late frontier."

Dr. Rodenberger, professor emeritus of English at McMurray University in Abilene, is a writer, lecturer, book reviewer and writing consultant. She earned her bachelor's degree in journalism in 1947 from TWU (then known as Texas State College for Women) and is a Distinguished Alumna of this university. She also is a member of the Texas Institute of Letters.

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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.

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Nominations for Outstanding Senior and Outstanding Graduate Student awards are due Friday, March 16 in the Center for Student Development on the Denton campus. The TWU Former Student Association presents the awards during Honors Convocation. For more information, contact Dr. Trisha Van Duser at 81-3616 or tvanduser@twu.edu.

The TWU College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Spotlight Series will be held Wednesday, March 14 at 12:25 p.m. in CFO 1304. Dr. Becky Sue Parton (math and computer science) will present "Merging Realities: Using Technology to Create Multi-Purpose Fieldtrip Experiences for Deaf and Bilingual Students." The project is designed to equip deaf and bilingual students with the technology tools by which to collaboratively participate and construct an enhanced fieldtrip experience. To contact the presenter, email bparton@twu.edu. For more information on the series, email ssouris@twu.edu or call 81-2343.

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. **Rita DelloStritto** (nursing-Houston) presented a research poster titled, "The Experiences of the Emergency Triage Nurse: A Phenomenological Study" at the national Emergency Nurses Association Leadership Conference, held Feb. 23-25 in Boston.

Dr. **Joyce Palmer** (English, speech and foreign languages) read her paper titled, "From Earth to Heaven: Music in Selected Poems of Anne Finch, Countess of Wichilsea" at the South Central Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies in Tulsa, Okla., on Feb. 23.

Caroline Blaha-Black (biology) has published her first book, "Anika and the Magic Top," aimed at girls ages 7 to 12. For more information, visit www.lulu.com or contact the author at kblahablack@mail.twu.edu. The book also will be featured in the "Local Authors" section of the Hasting's bookstore in Denton in April.

Dr. **Carolyn Bednar** (nutrition and food sciences) has been appointed associate editor of the "Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal."

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Dr. **Bruce Grossie** (nutrition and food sciences) has been appointed to the editorial board of "Asian Journal of Clinical Nutrition."

Dr. **John Flohr** (music education) has announced that music education graduate student Melissa James was awarded first place in the graduate division of the annual Texas Music Educators Association "Southwestern Musician Essay Contest for College Students." The contest took place during the recent TMEA conference in San Antonio. Her essay was titled "The Opportunity of a Lifetime."

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: MARCH 12-25, 2007

Mon., Mar. 12	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Tues., Mar. 13	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. -Pioneers Softball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State, 5 & 7 p.m., home.
Wed., Mar. 14	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Thur., Mar. 15	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 16	-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. -Pioneer Gymnastics vs. Arizona, Penn State and Kentucky, at Tucson, Ariz. -Pioneers Softball vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville, away.
Sat., Mar. 17	-Library closed bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m. to noon. -Pioneers Softball vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville, away.

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Sun., Mar. 18	-Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 4-8 p.m.
Mon., Mar. 19	-Spring Break; classes resume March 26. -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-9 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-8 p.m. -Pioneers Softball vs. Incarnate Word, away.
Tues., Mar. 20	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-9 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-8 p.m. -Pioneers Softball vs. St. Edward's, away.
Wed., Mar. 21	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; library open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-9 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-8 p.m.
Thur., Mar. 22	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-9 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-8 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 23	-Spring Break; university closed. -Pioneers Gymnastics vs. Arkansas, Southeast Missouri State and Missouri, at Fayetteville, Ark. -Pioneers Softball vs. Angelo State, 5 & 7 p.m., home.
Sat., Mar. 24	-Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation closed. -Pioneers Softball vs. Angelo State, 1 & 3 p.m., home.
Sun., Mar. 25	-Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation closed.

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