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TWU TO CELEBRATE HONORS CONVOCATION

TWU's annual Honors Convocation will be held in Denton at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 24 in the Margo Jones Performance Hall, followed by the University Picnic in Pioneer Oval. □ □

Special awards will be presented to outstanding faculty, students and staff. In addition, this year's Distinguished Alumni will be introduced. Faculty, students and staff from all TWU sites are invited to attend. Faculty and academic administrators are encouraged to march in the procession and to wear academic regalia. Robing shall take place in the Green Room, adjacent to the Margo Jones Performance Hall. Student members of honorary organizations are welcome to join the procession and to sit in the center section of the Hall – directly behind the faculty. □ □

The line of march for the academic procession will form at 9:45 a.m. on the circular drive immediately in front of the Music Building and will move into the Margo Jones Performance Hall promptly at 10 a.m. Program participants, honorees and others who will be seated on the stage will precede the academic procession into the 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. It is expected that staff, whose offices are closed, will attend the Honors Convocation. In addition, it is expected that classes that meet in Denton on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. will attend Honors Convocation.

TWU faculty receiving recognition are:

- Dr. **Jim Alexander**, professor emeritus of government — the **Cornaro Award**
- Dr. **DiAnna Hynds**, assistant professor of biology and Dr. **Mark Hamner**, associate professor of math — the **Mary Mason Lyon Award**
- Dr. **Thomas K. Brown**, professor of music — the **Humphries Award** □
- Dr. **Jeffrey Robb**, associate professor of history and government — **Distinction in Service**
- Ms. **Joan Wall**, professor of music — Distinction in Teaching □
- Dr. **Mahesh S. Raisinghani**, associate professor of business and economics — Distinction in Scholarship

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- Dr. **Alfred H. White, Jr.**, professor and chair of communication sciences and disorders — **Innovation in Academia** and
- Dr. **Mary Frances Baxter**, associate professor of occupational therapy — **Distinction in Distance Education**.

Recognition also will be given to Dr. **Linda Uphouse**, professor of biology, for being TWU's nominee for the Minnie Stevens Piper Professor Award. 2008 Piper Professors will be announced later this year.

Outstanding Staff Achievement Awards will go to **Anne P. Downing**, project coordinator for the Multi-Ethnic Biomedical Research Support Program, and **Carlos Da Silva**, manager of Technology and Information Services, Houston. **Charlsa Kern**, supervisor of digital printing, will receive the TWU Award of Excellence.

Outstanding Senior Awards will be given to: **Tiffanie Choate** of Flower Mound — a business administration major; **Christianne Kellett** of Fort Worth — a government/marketing major; **Michelle Savolainen** of Coppell — a business administration major and **Isabelle Sislak** of Keller — a nursing major. **Crystal Reyes** of Houston, a dance major, will receive the Pauline Bishop Leman Memorial Award for outstanding artistic achievement.

Outstanding Graduate Student Awards will be given to: **Debbie Arbique** of DeSoto — a master's candidate in nursing; **Terri White** of Lewisville — a doctoral candidate in nursing science and **Joshua Wooten** of Denton — a doctoral candidate in exercise physiology.

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TWU ANNOUNCES 2008 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Three women with distinctive careers in higher education have been named as TWU's 2008 Distinguished Alumni. Dr. Anita Cowan, TWU associate professor emerita in sociology and social work; Dr. Darlene A. Kluka, professor in the Department of Biokinetics, Sports and Leisure Sciences at the University of Pretoria in South Africa; and Dr. Sally A. Roden, associate provost and dean of undergraduate studies for the University of Central Arkansas, will be recognized at the Distinguished Alumni Awards Luncheon on April 26.

The luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the Southeast Ballroom of Hubbard Hall. Tickets are \$25. For more information or tickets, call the TWU Office of Alumni Relations at 8-1-2586 or visit www.twu.edu/alum.

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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.

Undergraduate Advising: Following the recommendations of the TWU Undergraduate Advising Task Force, TWU will reorganize undergraduate advising to a decentralized model with all advising done within the colleges. Advising positions from the Academic Advising Center will be reallocated to the four colleges, and existing departmental advisors will continue under their current arrangements. College advisors will advise the majors in the college from the freshman year onward under the advising plans developed by the colleges. Additional details of the reorganization will be announced at a later date.

Alumni Relations Announcements: The reservation for TWU's inaugural "Alumni and the Arts" event is April 15. Enjoy brunch and a matinee performance by the TWU Drama Program's performance of Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler" at the Redbud Theater. Cost is \$35. For more information, visit www.twu.edu/alumni or call 8-1-2586.

Celebrate the reopening of Alumni House April 30-May 2. The house is having the following open houses: April 30 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. for TWU students; May 1 from 10 a.m. to noon for alumni currently working at TWU; and all faculty, staff and students are welcome May 1 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and May 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served and golf cart parking is available.

The College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Spotlight Series: "Hierarchical Differential Games between Manufacturers, Retailers and Banks" presented by Dr. Ellina Grigorieva (mathematics and computer science) on April 16 from 12:25-12:55 p.m. in Stoddard Hall, room 308. For more information, e-mail ssouris@twu.edu or call 8-1-2343.

Faculty Recognition Day Exhibit and Reception: Please join TWU in honoring faculty authorship, editorship and artistic works for 2007 on April 25 at 11 a.m. on the first floor of the Blagg-Huey Library. Provost Dr. Carolyn Gunning will give remarks and offer congratulations to the faculty. The Friends of the TWU Libraries sponsor the reception.

Third Annual TWU Night at the Ballpark: Come out and watch the Rangers take on the Kansas City Royals for only \$3 per ticket on April 29. Tickets are available in the Student Union Office, room 209 now through April 25. For the Dallas campus, tickets are available through Student Life.

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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.). 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 Helen B. Miniters Scholarship has been established through the generosity of retired library sciences faculty John J. Miniters, Ph.D. The scholarship will be awarded with a preference toward undergraduate students in financial need who are Native American or African American. The gift will honor Dr. Miniters’s wife of 58 years, Helen B. Miniters, who attended TWU. Dr. Miniters and Mrs. Miniters have lived in Denton for more than 35 years. Friends, colleagues and former students who wish to make gifts to the **Helen B. Miniters Scholarship**, may contact the TWU Office of Institutional Development, Attn: Gilland Chenault, P.O. Box 425618, Denton, TX 76204-5618; 940.898.3878 gchenault@twu.edu.

Drs. **Susan Chaney** and **Susan Sheriff** (nursing— Dallas) have published “Weight Gain Among Women During Smoking Cessation” in the “American Association of Occupational Health Nurses Journal,” March 2008, Volume 56, No. 3, page 99-105.

The Office of Lifelong Learning was well represented at the 2008 Texas Distance Learning Association (TxDLA) state conference, March 24-27 in Galveston. **Mike Simmons**, Dr. **Lynda Murphy**, Dr. **Keith Restine**, **Alli Peterson**, **Heidi Ashbaugh**, **Robin Bartoletti**, **Tracey Mac Gowan**, **Jake McBee** and **Allison Mabry** attended this conference that focuses on using distance learning technology in the classroom. **Simmons**, Dr. **Murphy**, Dr. **Restine**, **Peterson**, **Bartoletti**, **Ashbaugh** and **Mabry** gave presentations that shared their involvement and innovations in distance education at TWU. For more information about TxDLA, please visit www.txdla.org.

Dr. **Rita Dello Stritto** (nursing—Houston) received the Houston Police Department’s Humanitarian Service Award from Houston Police Chief Harold Hurtt on March 5. The award was given in recognition of Dr. Dello Stritto’s participation with the Houston Police Bicycle Relay Team. In June, the team rode a bicycle relay from Houston Texas to Orlando, Florida to raise money and awareness for the blood borne cancer on behalf of the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America. This was Dr. Dello Stritto’s ninth year participating.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: MARCH 31-APRIL 13, 2008

Mon., April 14	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
Tues., April 15	Library open 7:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.; closed 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.; open 2 p. m. - midnight□ - The Ultimate Culinary Adventure, 11:30 a.m.- 2 p.m., Library, \$40 and reservations required - Concert Choir & Chamber Singers in Concert, 7:30 p.m., MJPH. Free. 81-2500.
Wed., April 16	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight. -Pioneers Softball vs. UNT, home, 7 p.m.
Thur., April 17	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight. -Alexandria's Ragtime Band Spring Concert, Student Union Underground, 7 p.m. 81-2500.
Fri., April 18	-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. -Pioneers Softball vs. TSU, home, 7 p.m.
Sat., April 19	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. -Wind Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m., MJPH. Free. 81-2500.
Sun., April 20	-Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.
Mon., April 21	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
Tues., April 22	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
Wed., April 23	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

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- Thur., April 24 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 a.m.; closed 10 a.m.-noon; open noon-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Honors Convocation, 10 a.m. MJPH
- DanceMakers, Too Spring 2008 Concert Series, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dance Studio Theatre, Dance Building.
- Fri., April 25 - 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.
-Faculty Recognition Day, Library, 11 a.m. □
-TWU Opera Ensemble presents “Susannah,” 7:30 p.m., MJPH. \$5. 81-2500.
- Sat., April 26 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- DanceMakers, Too Spring 2008 Concert Series, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dance Studio Theatre, Dance Building.
-TWU Opera Ensemble presents “Susannah,” 7:30 p.m., MJPH. \$5. 81-2500.
- Sun., April 27 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.

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