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TWU GEARS UP FOR HONORS CONVOCATION THURSDAY

TWU's annual Honors Convocation will be held in Denton at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 23, in the Margo Jones Performance Hall, followed by the University Picnic on Pioneer Oval.

Special awards will be presented to outstanding faculty, students, and staff. The Cornaro Award is given to a senior faculty member in recognition of outstanding commitment to scholarship and the advancement of learning. The Mary Mason Lyon Award is presented to junior faculty with fewer than 10 years of university teaching. Other faculty awards include Distinction in Teaching, Distinction in Service, Distinction in Research, Distinction in E-Learning, Innovation in Academia and the Humphries Award for Dedication to TWU.

Student recognitions include Outstanding Senior Awards, Outstanding Graduate Student Awards, Graduate Council Student Award for Exceptional, Original Scholarship and the Pauline Bishop Leman Award.

The TWU Award of Excellence and Outstanding Achievement Award recognize the dedication of TWU staff members.

This year's Distinguished Alumni also will be introduced. Faculty, students, and staff from all TWU sites are invited to attend.

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.

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TWU TO HONOR FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS

Texas Woman's University will honor students, faculty and staff in a celebration of excellence during Honors Convocation on Thursday, April 23. Ceremonies begin at 10 a.m. in the Margo Jones Performance Hall, located at Oakland and Sawyer streets on TWU's Denton campus.

Outstanding Senior Awards, which are based on academic excellence and involvement in extracurricular activities, will be given to:

- **Elyze Davis** of Dallas — a government-legal studies major;
- **Anne Keithly** of Houston — a nursing major;
- **Shawn Saumell** of Frisco — a December 2008 photography graduate; and
- **Stephany Soto** of El Paso — a bilingual education major.

The collaborative team of **Meredith Cook**, a dance major from Plano, and **Amanda Jackson**, a dance major from Dallas, will receive the Pauline Bishop Leman Memorial Award for outstanding artistic achievement.

Outstanding Graduate Student Awards will be presented to:

- **Christine Sinskichott** of Rowlett — a December 2008 graduate with a master of occupational therapy degree;
- **Sinju Sundaesan** of Kolkata, India — a doctoral candidate in nutrition; and
- **Jane Anderson** of Houston — a December 2008 graduate with a doctorate in nursing.

The Graduate Council Award for Exceptional, Original Scholarship will be awarded to **Bridget Walsh** of Crystal Lake, Penn., a doctoral candidate in child development; and **Jutatip Guptarak** of Bangkok, Thailand, a doctoral candidate in molecular biology.

TWU faculty receiving recognition are:

- Dr. **Michael J. Wiebe**, professor of teacher education — the Cornaro Award;
- Dr. **Debra Mollen**, assistant professor of psychology and philosophy, and Dr. Joel Muro, assistant professor of family sciences — the Mary Mason Lyon Award;
- Dr. **Barbara Presnall**, professor of history and government — the Humphries Award;
- Dr. **Sandra Cesario**, associate professor of nursing, Houston — Distinction in Teaching;
- Dr. **Sharla Snider**, associate professor of family sciences — Distinction in Distance Education;
- Dr. **Dojin Ryu**, associate professor of nutrition and food sciences — Distinction in Scholarship;
- Dr. **Linda Ladd**, professor of family sciences — Innovation in Academia.

Outstanding Staff Achievement Awards will go to **Estela Long**, manager of compensation and classification for TWU Human Resources, and **Karen Long-Trail**, coordinator of admissions/financial aid for the TWU Dallas Center. **Cindy Howell**, project coordinator for TWU's Lifelong Learning, will receive the TWU Award of Excellence.

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ADAPTED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAM WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Texas Woman's University's adapted physical activity program recently was chosen as "Program of the Year" by the Adapted Physical Activity Council (APAC), a branch of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD).

The award recognizes adapted physical education programs (those not associated with any other organized or non-profit program) that are designed to improve or facilitate health and exercise opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Criteria include developmentally appropriate programming for individuals with disabilities; fostering the achievement of independence through physical education, activity or therapeutic recreation; and promoting integrity for individuals with disabilities.

For more information on TWU's adapted physical education/activity program, visit www.twu.edu/kinesiology/adapted-physical-education.asp. For more information on the APAC, visit www.aahperd.org.

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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.

A Faculty Recognition Day exhibit and reception will be held Monday, April 20, on the first floor of the Blagg-Huey Library. Provost Dr. Kay Clayton will speak. The reception is hosted by the Friends of the TWU Libraries.

TWU faculty, staff, alumni and students are invited to enter the **Pioneers for the Cure T-shirt Design Contest**. This year's theme is "Four Years Running ... Largest

Education Team!" The winner will receive a scholarship to the 2009 Komen® Race for the Cure and have his or her artwork featured on the Pioneers for the Cure T-shirt. Artwork must be submitted by Friday, April 24. For more information, contact Stephanie Mitchell in Fitness and Recreation, 81-2940 or smitchell4@twu.edu.

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 the friends and family of Dr. **Lou H. Rodenberger**, who died Thursday, April 9 at her home north of Cross Plains. Her funeral was held Saturday, April 11 at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains. Burial was in Admiral Cemetery. In addition to her service as a TWU Regent, Dr. Rodenberger received the TWU Distinguished Alumni Award in 1987, served on the TWU Foundation Board, and was active in the Texas Women's Library at TWU. Survivors include her husband, Charles, of Baird; daughter Kathryn Sue Wilcox of San Antonio; son Mark Rodenberger of Weatherford; and several grandchildren.

Dr. **Mahesh Raisinghani** (School of Management) had the manuscript "Privacy, Risk And Security Associated With Offshore Smartsourcing In The Healthcare Field: A Global Perspective" accepted for presentation and proceeding at the Global IT Management 2009 World Conference and publication in Communications of Global IT (COGIT) (forthcoming July/August 2009 issue).

Don Strickland (facilities management & construction) recently was selected as director of design and construction. He has served in various positions with FMC since 2004, most recently as assistant director of construction services.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: APRIL 20-MAY 3, 2009

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| Mon., April 20 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Clay Underground annual cup sale, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Fine Arts
Building foyer. |
| Tues., April 21 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Twelfth Annual Student Creative Arts and Research Symposium,
8 a.m.-4 p.m., ACT. |

-TWU Wind Ensemble with Drs. Amy and Todd Schendel, brass soloists, 7:30 p.m., MJPH, free. 81-2500.
-"Reproducing the Family & Imagining Future Children: Disability, Queerness & Cultural Anxiety," with Dr. Alison Kafer, assistant professor of feminist studies at Southwestern University, 4:30 p.m., MCL 505. Free. 81-2112.
-Clay Underground annual cup sale, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Fine Arts Building foyer.

- Wed., April 22 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.- midnight.
-Twelfth Annual Student Creative Arts and Research Symposium, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., ACT.
- Thur., April 23 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.- midnight.
-Honors Convocation, 10 a.m., MJPH.
-TWU Drama presents "The Tempest," 4 p.m., Redbud Theater Complex. Tickets: \$5 for students and seniors, \$10 for adults. For information or reservations, call 81-2020.
- Fri., April 24 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-TWU Drama presents "The Tempest," 8 p.m., Redbud Theater Complex. Tickets: \$5 for students and seniors, \$10 for adults. For information or reservations, call 81-2020.
- Sat., April 25 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
-TWU Drama presents "The Tempest," 8 p.m., Redbud Theater Complex. Tickets: \$5 for students and seniors, \$10 for adults. For information or reservations, call 81-2020.
- Sun., April 26 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation closed.
-TWU Drama presents "The Tempest," 2 p.m., Redbud Theater Complex. Tickets: \$5 for students and seniors, \$10 for adults. For information or reservations, call 81-2020.
- Mon., April 27 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-TWU Opera Ensemble presents "Scenes from American Operas," 7:30 p.m., MJPH. Tickets \$5/person, children ages 12 and under free. 81-2500.

Tues., April 28	-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 29	-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 30	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
Fri., May 1	-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., May 2	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sun., May 3	-Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m. -Annual Music Honor Recital, 3 p.m., MJPH. Free. 81-2500.

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