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ALFORDS, PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL TO RECEIVE FOUNDERS' AWARDS

Betty and Joe Alford of Denton and the Presbyterian Hospital of Denton will be honored for their exceptional service to the community and to Texas Woman's University as the 2009 TWU Founders' Awards recipients.

The awards will be presented at the annual TWU Founders' Awards Scholarship Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 2 in Hubbard Hall on TWU's Denton campus.

Seats for the event are \$35 per person. Patron seats are available for \$75. Benefactor tables for eight are available for \$750. For information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Patrice Benfield Frisby at (940) 898-3867. Reservations are required by Friday, March 27.

"The university is fortunate to have partners such as the Alfords and Presbyterian Hospital of Denton join us in our mission of educating students to meet the needs of the citizens of Texas," TWU Chancellor Ann Stuart said.

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.

Nancy M. DiMarco, Ph.D., RD, CSSD, TWU professor of nutrition and food sciences and director of the TWU Institute of Women's Health, will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon. Her speech is titled "Childhood Obesity: It's Everyone's Responsibility."

With a more than 50-year history of community involvement in Denton, Betty and Joe Alford have established themselves as committed leaders in promoting the city, its events and organizations, and its universities.

"It is very humbling and exciting to receive this award," Mrs. Alford said. "We support TWU because of the intellectual richness of the university and the things it has done and

is doing for the community. Denton wouldn't be the kind of town it is without our universities, and TWU is a strong component of that.”

The Alford's have been supporters of TWU for many years, contributing to university athletics, the construction of the new Redbud Theater Complex and the TWU Redbud Revitalization Campaign. They also have been members of TWU's Chancellor's Circle since its inception.

“Serving TWU and the Denton community is essential to who we are and what we do,” Mr. Alford said. “The fact that we are being recognized by a university that has been so special to us in our lives is truly a honor.”

Dr. Betty Alford is a TWU professor emerita and former dean of nutrition, textiles and human development. She earned three degrees from TWU — a bachelor's in home economics, and her master's and doctorate in nutrition — and taught at the university for 40 years before her modified retirement in 1997.

She served as president of the Denton County Historical Commission and vice president of the Parks Foundation of Denton County. She has been recognized as a Texas Distinguished Research Dietitian and a Texas Distinguished Educator Dietitian. She is a charter member of the Denton Benefit League and a St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Elder.

Joe Alford is a former member of the Denton City Council, where he served three terms, including two as mayor pro-tem. He has been a member of the Denton Kiwanis Club for more than 50 years and currently is a member of the Denton Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Denton Arts Council and the Denton Community Theater Board of Directors. He also is a member of the Texas State Florist Association and the National Florist Association's Marketing Committee. Mr. Alford owned and operated a floral shop in Denton for 46 years before retiring.

The Alford's have been married for 50 years and have two sons, two daughters-in-law and six grandchildren.

For more than 20 years the Presbyterian Hospital of Denton has been a leader in the Denton community, supporting various organizations, events and activities, including TWU.

Hospital CEO Stan Morton said, “We feel that it is important to support TWU with time, talent and financial resources. We look forward to continuing this relationship and finding mutual opportunities that will enhance the overall well-being of the community we both serve.”

The hospital is a member of the TWU Chancellor's Circle and has supported TWU athletics since 1996 through a preferred provider agreement and an annual corporate sponsorship. The hospital also was a major sponsor for the USAG Gymnastics

Championships, and assisted in purchasing the scorer's table when the Kitty Magee Arena opened in 1997.

In 2006 Presbyterian Hospital of Denton partnered with the TWU College of Nursing to form the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) grant fellowship program. This program addresses the critical nursing faculty shortage by offering doctoral students stipends so they can attend school full time and graduate sooner.

Recently, third-year TWU nursing students began performing their on-site clinicals at Presbyterian Hospital of Denton. This collaboration gives the students the opportunity to stay closer to their home, form strong relationships with the hospital and be employed locally after graduation.

The first Founders' Awards were presented in 1998 to honor organizations and individuals who have supported TWU. TWU celebrates Founders' Day to commemorate the date the university was established by the state of Texas — April 6, 1901. TWU, the TWU Foundation and the TWU Former Students Association host the annual TWU Founders' Awards Scholarship Luncheon.

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TWU'S TAYLOR RECEIVES NATIONAL MENTORSHIP AWARD FROM SBI®

As the 2009 recipient of the Homer Saunders Mentor Award from the Small Business Institute®, Texas Woman's University faculty Sherrie Taylor is being recognized for her work in the training and development of SBI directors and case supervisors.

"Mentoring faculty as they get into the process of directing students in field-based consulting is a reward upon itself, and receiving recognition for this work is truly invigorating," said Ms. Taylor, a senior lecturer for the TWU School of Management.

Named for longtime SBI member Homer Saunders, the mentor award honors an SBI member for his or her mentorship of fellow members both in the U.S., as well as other countries. Ms. Taylor was nominated for the award by her national peers.

The SBI provides student consultants, monitored by experienced faculty, to small and emerging businesses across the nation. More than 100 colleges and universities from across the globe participate in the SBI. The TWU chapter handles about 10 cases per year in partnership with the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) organization at the university.

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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.

TWU will host its eighth annual **Well Wednesday Community Health Fair** from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. April 1 in Pioneer Hall. Admission is free, and door prizes will be awarded. Many services will be provided free of charge, and blood profiles and lipid panels will be available at a reduced cost. For more information, call 81-3833.

Volunteers are sought for the annual **Convocation & University Picnic**, scheduled Thursday, April 23 on Pioneer Circle, immediately following Honors Convocation. Volunteers are needed for set-up and decorations; firing up the grill; grilling; setting up food; beverage stations; serving food; and clean-up and take down. Sign up by March 27 by contacting Juanita Duenez-Lazo at 81-3338, 81-2237 or jduenezlazo@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.).

John Cissik (fitness and recreation) had the article "Assessment and the Recreational Sports Program" published in the April issue of the *Recreational Sports Journal*.

Dr. **Diane Montgomery** (nursing, Houston) received the People's Choice Award during the 2009 Parry Lectureship Research Poster Presentations held March 6 at TWU's Houston Center. Her poster was titled, "Why Aren't Healthcare Providers Screening High Risk Adolescents for STIs?" **Rosemary Pine**, a Houston doctoral student, won the Scientific Poster Award for "Predicting the Departure and Retention of Baccalaureate Prepared Graduate Nurses Participating in a Twelve-Month Nurse Residency Program: A Pilot Study." Ms. Pine's co-authors on the work were Houston nursing faculty members Dr. **Rae Langford** (dissertation committee chair) and Dr. **Ann Malecha** (dissertation committee member).

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: MARCH 23-APRIL 5, 2009

Mon., Mar. 23	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
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Tues., Mar. 24	<p>-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.</p> <p>-CAS Faculty Spotlight Series. "Science and Civic Engagement: A New Multidisciplinary Minor." Drs. Richard Sheardy and Richard Jones (chemistry & physics) discuss a proposed new minor called Science and Civic Engagement. Stoddard Hall 308, 12:25 p.m.</p> <p>-Pioneers Softball vs. East Central University, 4 & 6 p.m., home.</p>
Wed., Mar. 25	<p>-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.- midnight.</p>
Thur., Mar. 26	<p>-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.- midnight.</p> <p>-Texas Glamour: Les Wilk Designs. Exhibit and lecture honoring designer Les Wilk, with speaker Evelyn Wilk Utay from Dallas. 3:30-5 p.m., Blagg-Huey Library. Free. 81-3751.</p>
Fri., Mar. 27	<p>-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.</p> <p>-Pioneers Softball vs. Southeastern Okla. State, 2:30 p.m., away.</p> <p>-Pioneers Softball vs. Cameron University, 4:30 p.m., away.</p>
Sat., Mar. 28	<p>-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.</p> <p>-Pioneers Softball vs. Southwestern Okla. State, 10:30 a.m., away.</p> <p>-Pioneers Softball vs. Midwestern State, 12:30 p.m., away.</p>
Sun., March 29	<p>-Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.</p> <p>-Pioneers Softball vs. University of Central Oklahoma, 2:30 p.m., away.</p> <p>-Pioneers Softball vs. Northeastern State, 4:30 p.m., away.</p>
Mon., March 30	<p>-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.</p>
Tues., March 31	<p>-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.</p>
Wed., April 1	<p>-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.</p> <p>-TWU Well Wednesday Community Health Fair, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Pioneer Hall. Free admission. Door prizes.</p>

- Thur., April 2 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Fri., April 3 -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. Texas A&M-Kingsville, 5 & 7 p.m., away.
- Sat., April 4 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and
Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
-TWU Area Science Fair, 8 a.m., Hubbard Hall.
www.twu.edu/arts-sciences/science-fair.asp. 81-3325.
-Pioneers Softball vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville, noon, away.
- Sun., April 5 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and
Recreation open 2-10 p.m.

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