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## **TWU SCHEDULES SPRING COMMENCEMENT**

Approximately 1,471 students — the largest graduating class in Texas Woman's University history — will receive their degrees Saturday, May 10 during ceremonies scheduled for 9 a.m., noon and 3 p.m. on the university's Denton campus.

Commencement ceremonies include students from TWU's Denton, Dallas and Houston campuses. Approximately 802 undergraduate and 669 graduate degrees will be awarded during the three ceremonies.

Students and family members who have tickets are invited to attend. The ceremonies will take place in the Kitty Magee Arena in Pioneer Hall, located on Bell Avenue. Receptions hosted by TWU Chancellor Ann Stuart will follow each ceremony on the second floor of the Student Union, located on the southwest corner of Bell Avenue and Administration Drive.

The 9 a.m. ceremony is for candidates in the College of Professional Education and the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. State Rep. Dan Branch of Dallas (District 108) will deliver the commencement address.

The noon ceremony is for the College of Nursing and the College of Health Sciences (minus the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders). State Rep. Tan Parker of Flower Mound (District 63) is the speaker for the ceremony.

The 3 p.m. ceremony is for the College of Arts and Sciences. Eva Poole, director of libraries for the City of Denton and a TWU alumna, will deliver the commencement address.

The 3 p.m. ceremony also will feature the awarding of an honorary doctoral degree in dance to Ann Williams, founding artistic director of the Dallas Black Dance Theatre. Ms. Williams, who earned her master's degree in dance from TWU in 1968, is a former member of the university's board of regents. She was named a TWU Distinguished Alumna in 1990. Ms. Williams was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in 2002, and was honored at The Kennedy Center in 2005 as part of its *Masters of African-American Choreography* series.

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## **TWU AWARDS FOUR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVES FOR 2008-2009**

In a competitive application process, Texas Woman's University has awarded four Faculty Development Leaves for the academic year 2008-2009.

Dr. **Lou Thompson**, English, speech and foreign languages, will complete an edited volume of essays in fall 2008 discussing the work of the documentary filmmaker, Errol Morris. Morris is an Emmy, Oscar and MacArthur Foundation award winning documentarian whose films include *The Thin Blue Line* and a *Brief History of Time*. This book will impact both her undergraduate and film and literature courses.

Dr. **Philip Yang**, sociology and social work, will use his faculty development leave in spring 2009 to complete the manuscript for his newest book, *Asian Immigration to the United States*. This book will look at multiple causes and interactions that best explain Asian immigration to the United States post-1965. His work will directly inform his graduate and undergraduate teaching as well as contribute to the TWU Asia Initiative.

**Mary Williford-Shade**, professor of dance, has been approved to use her faculty development leave in spring 2009 to commission a one-woman show consisting of four solo dances, four artistic mini documentaries and an educational DVD. This collaboration with choreographers from China and the United States and with a videographer will result in a national and international tour of this performance work. This work will inform her graduate and undergraduate teaching and create new knowledge in performance theory.

Dr. **Hugh Burns**, English, speech & foreign languages, will spend a semester as Visiting Scholar of Digital Media and Composition at the Ohio State University in spring 2009. As Visiting Scholar, Dr. Burns will explore technology-rich writing environments, investigate the impact of global discourse on new technology and assist in the development of criteria for digital press publications. His work will directly impact his teaching in the areas of digital media as well as new interdisciplinary writing courses.

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## **McCULLAR NAMED 2008 G. ANN UHLIR FELLOW**

Kelly McCullar (associate vice president and controller) has been named the 2008 G. Ann Uhlir Fellow in Higher Education Administration. He is the first staff member to win the award, which is available to faculty, staff and graduate students.

Mr. McCullar will use his Fellowship to attend the Executive Management Leadership Institute retreat administered at Stanford University by Western Association of College

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and University Business Officers. The primary goals of the institute are increasing the self-awareness of administrators as leaders; improving skills in strategic thinking and effective action; and establishing an enduring network for support and commitment to continuing professional development.

The institute will take place at Stanford University in August. Mr. McCullar hopes to apply the personal and professional knowledge gained to his work at TWU.

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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](mailto: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 **American College Personnel Association** (ACPA) named TWU as the ACPA Commission for Commuter Students and Adult Learners Outstanding Collaboration Award winner during its annual conference held recently in Atlanta.

The TWU fashion and textiles department will host its annual spring fashion show, **2008 Montage Senior Fashion Show: The Gallery**, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 2 in the Margo Jones Performance Hall. Tickets, which may be purchased at the door, are \$10 for general admission and \$8 for senior citizens, children under 12 and TWU alumni. For more information, contact Dr. Sheri Dragoo at 81-2661 or [sdragoo@twu.edu](mailto:sdragoo@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](mailto:info@twu.edu). Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).*

A reception honoring Dr. **Victoria McGillin** (associate provost) will be held from 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 in the Stoddard Hall Lobby. Dr. McGillin will begin her duties as vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty at Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore., on July 1.

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The **Dr. Carolyn S. Gunning Scholarship Endowment Fund** has been established within the TWU Foundation. The endowment will be a lasting tribute to the contributions of Dr. Gunning, as well as a helpful source of support in perpetuity for students working toward degrees at TWU. Donations, with checks made payable to the TWU Foundation – Carolyn S. Gunning Scholarship Endowment, may be sent by June 30 to Gilland Chenault in the TWU Office of Institutional Development, Box 425618, Denton, TX 76204. To pay by credit card, or for other information, contact Mr. Chenault at (940) 898-3870 or [gchenault@twu.edu](mailto:gchenault@twu.edu).

Favorite faculty and staff nominees, as voted by graduating seniors, were announced during the annual Senior Breakfast on Friday, April 25. Those who received the most votes were Dr. **Karen Dunlap** (teacher education), Dr. **Claudia Haag** (reading), **Anna Magie** (fashion and textiles), Dr. **Linda Peebles** (chemistry and physics), Dr. **Shannon Rich** (psychology and philosophy) and **Sherrie Taylor** (School of Management).

**Carolyn Barnes** (marketing and communication) received the 2008 Distinguished Achievement Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District IV during the district's annual conference April 5-9 in Little Rock, Ark.

Dr. **Lisa Zottarelli** (sociology and social work) presented a paper titled "No Direction Home: The Inequality of Forced Displacement among Hurricane Katrina Survivors" at the Population Association of America's annual meeting in New Orleans.

Dr. **Lisa Zottarelli** (sociology and social work) presented a paper titled "Law Enforcement Officer Experiences in a Pre-Impact Hurricane Evacuation" at the 2008 Solutions to Coastal Disasters Conference in Oahu, Hawaii. The paper was co-authored with Dr. David Bugg, SUNY-Potsdam, and Ms. **Erin Rider**, a TWU doctoral student and graduate teaching assistant in sociology.

Dr. **Elizabeth Cary Mungall** (adjunct professor of biology) received the "Outstanding Book" award from the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society during its annual membership meeting in San Antonio. She received the award for her newest publication, *Exotic Animal Field Guide: Nonnative Hoofed Mammals in the United States*.

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**THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: APRIL 28-MAY 11, 2008**

Mon., April 28	-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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	-Service Awards & Retirement Recognition Program-Dallas Center, 1 p.m., room 277/278.
Tues., April 29	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight. -Education for Civic Engagement: Beyond Science & Across Disciplines. Speaker: David Burns, executive director, National Center for Science and Civic Engagement. 2:30-4 p.m., ACT 301. Sponsored by the TWU College of Arts and Sciences.
Wed., April 30	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight. -Service Awards & Retirement Reception Program-Houston Center, 2 p.m.
Thur., May 1	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight. -Service Awards & Retirement Recognition Program-Denton, 2 p.m., Hubbard Hall Southeast Dining Room. -Pioneers Softball at Lone Star Conference Tournament through May 3.
Fri., May 2	-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. -Montage 2008 Presents: The Gallery-TWU Senior Fashion Show, 7:30 p.m., MJPH, \$10 general admission, \$8 students/seniors. Tickets available at the door. 8-1-2661.
Sat., May 3	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sun., May 4	-Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.
Mon., May 5	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
Tues., May 6	-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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Wed., May 7	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
Thur., May 8	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight. -Pioneers Softball at NCAA South Regional Tournament through May 11.
Fri., May 9	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat., May 10	-Library open 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sun., May 11	-Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2- 10 p.m.

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