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## **CHANCELLOR GIVES \$120,000 TO SUPPORT ALUMNI AWARD**

Texas Woman's University Chancellor Ann Stuart is donating \$120,000 to the university to establish the Ann Stuart Fund to Underwrite the TWU Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award.

Dr. Stuart's gift will fund a 20-year program to bring the recipient of the TWU Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award to campus to share his or her experience and expertise with the university community. The TWU academic department from which the recipient graduated will organize the TWU Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award event, which will begin in 2012 and continue annually through 2032.

"Our many alumni who are successful in their careers and in public service are a testament to the quality of a TWU education," Chancellor Stuart said. "I am giving this gift so we can showcase our outstanding alumni and bring them back to TWU to engage in the academic life of the university."

The TWU Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award, which may be given up to twice a year, recognizes alumni for their exceptional career and public achievements. Recipients are honored permanently on a recognition wall in the foyer of Hubbard Hall.

The first recipient of the award is internationally known Greenpeace scientist Pat Costner, in honor of her groundbreaking work in chemical production policy making.

"While my years of work as a public advocacy scientist offers great personal satisfaction, receiving the TWU Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award is an incredibly uplifting affirmation of the value the university places on work in the interest of public health and the environment," Ms. Costner said.

During her 20-year career with Greenpeace, Ms. Costner played a key role in worldwide campaigns to eliminate the manufacture and use of chlorinated chemicals. She served as the director of the U.S. Toxics Campaign and advanced to a senior scientist with the Greenpeace International Science Unit before retiring in 2004.

Her work has influenced international, national and regional waste management and

chemical production policies and regulations. She also wrote the book “We All Live Downstream,” considered a seminal work on the management of human waste.

Ms. Costner received her bachelor’s degree in chemistry and mathematics from TWU in 1961 and her master’s degree in organic chemistry from the university in 1964.

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## **REGENTS APPROVE ONE-TIME PAYMENT FOR FACULTY, STAFF**

The Texas Woman’s University Board of Regents approved a one-time lump sum payment for faculty and staff at the Nov. 14 meeting.

Chancellor Ann Stuart stated in a university-wide email that, due to the budget situation, TWU was unable to give pay increases to faculty and staff this year. However, she said, the regents wanted “to show their appreciation to all those who have worked so hard to ensure that TWU fulfills its mission.”

All regular full-time permanent faculty and staff will receive a one-time lump sum payment of \$500, less any required tax deductions, to be added to their Dec. 1, 2011 paychecks. All regular permanent part-time faculty and staff will receive a prorated one-time lump sum payment, less any required tax deductions, to be added to their Dec. 1, 2011 paychecks.

The payment is not subject to TRS or ORP retirement deductions.

For assistance with any payment concerns, contact Amanda Noday, manager of payroll, at [anoday@twu.edu](mailto:anoday@twu.edu) or Estela Long, manager of compensation, at [elong@twu.edu](mailto:elong@twu.edu).

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## **TWU FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES LIBRARIAN AWARD**

The Texas Woman’s University Foundation has established the Elizabeth Snapp Award for Excellence in Librarianship. The award is named in honor of TWU Library Director Emeritus Elizabeth Snapp, who served at TWU for 33 years.

A cash prize of at least \$500 and a commemorative plaque will be awarded annually to the recipient of the award, beginning with the 2011-2012 academic year.

The recipient must be a full-time member of the TWU library staff in Denton, Dallas or Houston with at least two years of service at the university. The recipient must be a professional librarian who holds an MLS from a school accredited by the American Library Association. The director, dean, associate or assistant deans or directors and

other library administrators are not eligible for the award.

TWU faculty, staff and others, including TWU alumni and library patrons, may make nominations. The letter of nomination should include details of the nominee's service. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

All nominations must be filed in the Office of Institutional Development by 4 p.m. Nov. 28. The selection committee will review nominations. The decision of the selection committee is final.

Contributions to the award will be accepted at any time. Checks should be made payable to the TWU Foundation and sent to Philip Trammell in the Office of Institutional Development. Donors should indicate on the memo line of checks that the contribution is for the Elizabeth Snapp Award. Credit card donations also may be arranged through Mr. Trammell.

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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 deadline for TWU's **Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)** survey has been extended to **5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16**. Those who have not yet participated are encouraged to visit [www.twu.edu/QEP](http://www.twu.edu/QEP) and complete the survey.

TWU's School of the Arts presents **Italian Night** from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 in the Fine Arts Building. Tickets for the annual scholarship fund-raising dinner are \$10 at the door.

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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](mailto:info@twu.edu). Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.)*

Dr. **Phyllis Bridges** (English) presented research on Mary E. Wilkins Freeman in the American Literature session for the South Central Modern Language Association meeting Oct. 29 in Hot Springs, Ark. Dr. **Bridges** was also elected to serve as secretary of the

Southwestern American Literature section for SCMLA in San Antonio for 2012 and as chair of the section in New Orleans in 2013.

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## **THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: NOVEMBER 14-27, 2011**

### **Mon., Nov. 14**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Ouachita Baptist, 7 p.m., home.

### **Tues., Nov. 15**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- “Frosted Yellow Willows: Anna May Wong, Her Life, Times and Legend,” with Elaine Mae Woo, 2:30 p.m., ACT 301, free. Sponsored by the TWU Department of History and Government, 81-2133.

### **Wed., Nov. 16**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Lunch and Learn: Supplements ... what works, what doesn't, 12:30 p.m. RSVP to Fitness & Recreation, 81-2900.
- Houston's final fall 2011 library workshop, 4 p.m., room 4310.

### **Thurs., Nov. 17**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

### **Fri., Nov. 18**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Oklahoma Panhandle State, 7:30 p.m., home. 2011 Marriott Champions Circle Pioneer Premiere.

### **Sat., Nov. 19**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Southern Arkansas, 4:30 p.m., home. 2011 Marriott Champions Circle Pioneer Premiere.

### **Sun., Nov. 20**

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open noon-midnight.

**Mon., Nov. 21**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

**Tues., Nov. 22**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State, 6 p.m., away.

**Wed., Nov. 23**

- Thanksgiving Break; university closed.

**Thurs., Nov. 24**

- Thanksgiving Break; university closed.

**Fri., Nov. 25**

- Thanksgiving Break; university closed.

**Sat., Nov. 26**

- Thanksgiving Break; university closed.

**Sun., Nov. 27**

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2 p.m.-midnight.

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