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## **TWU TO CONDUCT WINTER COMMENCEMENT DEC. 16 AND 17**

Texas Woman's University awarded one degree during its first commencement ceremony in 1904. The university will reach a milestone during fall 2011 commencement ceremonies as the 100,000<sup>th</sup> degree is awarded.

The first degrees awarded by what then was the Girls Industrial College were the equivalent of junior college degrees. Baccalaureate degrees first were awarded in 1915. The first master's degrees were awarded in 1931, and the first doctorates in 1953.

Fall 2011 ceremonies are scheduled Friday, Dec. 16 and Saturday, Dec. 17 on TWU's Denton campus.

Students and family members who have tickets are invited to attend. The ceremonies, which include graduates from the Denton, Dallas and Houston campuses, will take place in the Kitty Magee Arena in Pioneer Hall, located on Bell Avenue. Receptions hosted by TWU Chancellor Dr. 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.

Approximately 782 undergraduate and 700 graduate degrees will be awarded during the ceremonies.

State Rep. Eric Johnson of Dallas (District 100) will deliver the commencement address for Ceremony I, scheduled at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16. State Rep. Rafael Anchia of Dallas (District 103) will speak during Ceremony II, scheduled at 2 p.m.

Ceremony III will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, with Douglas D. Hawthorne, FACHE, chief executive officer of Texas Health Resources, addressing the graduates. Lori Palmer, CEO of Girls Incorporated of Metropolitan Dallas, will speak during Ceremony IV, scheduled at 2 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.twu.edu/registrar/denton-commencement.asp](http://www.twu.edu/registrar/denton-commencement.asp).

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## **TWU'S FOGG AND WILSON RECEIVE NATIONAL AWARD**

Texas Woman's University's Niki Fogg and Jennifer Wilson are among only three nursing faculty in the nation to receive 2011 Novice Faculty Teaching Awards from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN).

Launched earlier this year, the AACN Novice Faculty Teaching Award recognizes excellence and innovation in nursing education by early career faculty at AACN member schools. Two awards are presented each year: one for didactic teaching and the second for clinical teaching. Ms. Fogg and Ms. Wilson are joint recipients for the clinical teaching award.

The AACN represents more than 670 nursing colleges and schools at public and private institutions nationwide.

“To have two of our nursing faculty recognized by this important national organization speaks to the quality and reputation of TWU's College of Nursing,” said Dr. Patricia Holden-Huchton, dean of the TWU College of Nursing. “I know I join Ms. Fogg's and Ms. Wilson's colleagues in congratulating them for this prestigious honor.”

Both Ms. Fogg and Ms. Wilson are assistant clinical professors at the Houston J. and Florence A. Doswell College of Nursing at the TWU T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center.

In fall 2008, they assisted a TWU faculty team in developing a new child health competencies course. Using simulation and laboratory activities, they implemented innovative, student-centered teaching strategies to integrate theory and clinical practice, thereby encouraging clinical reasoning.

“I am grateful and proud to be part of a talented teaching team that is creative, supportive and diverse in clinical backgrounds,” said Ms. Wilson, MSN, RN, CPN. “I attribute my success to their support and mentoring.”

Ms. Fogg, MS, RN, CPN, said, “I think it is important to find new ways of facilitating learning in the clinical setting that is educational and enjoyable to students. As a novice educator, it is a privilege to work with such a wonderful team of experienced faculty in the TWU College of Nursing who are supportive of these educational innovations.”

AACN's educational, research, governmental advocacy, data collection, publication and other programs work to establish quality standards for bachelor and graduate degree nursing education. For more information, visit [www.aacn.nche.edu](http://www.aacn.nche.edu).

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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 TWU softball field has received national recognition as the **Division II Softball Field of the Year** by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA). The award recognizes outstanding grounds maintenance and exceptional playing surfaces.

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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.)*

The TWU Community offers its condolences to **Estee Easley** (nutrition and food sciences) on the loss of her father on Nov. 30, 2011.

Dr. **Ellina** (mathematics) will present her research titled "Optimal Control of HIV Treatment" at the American Mathematical Society (AMS) Special Session on Optimal Control in Applied Mathematics Modeling at the Joint AMS-MAA (Mathematical Association of America) Meeting Jan. 4, 2012 in Boston.

Dr. **Ellina Grigorieva** (mathematics) will present "Reduction of the Operation Cost via Optimal Control of an Industrial Wastewater Bio-treatment" at the MAA Special Session on Mathematics Experience in Business, Industry and Government at the Joint AMS-MAA Mathematics meeting Jan. 5, 2012 in Boston.

TWU's history honors society, the Eta Nu chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, will take a delegation of two faculty (Dr. **Jacob Blosser** and Dr. **Sara Fanning**) and seven students to the Phi Alpha Theta 2012 biennial national conference Jan. 3-4 in Orlando, Fla. Students and faculty will participate on 14 of the 140 scheduled panels. The Eta Nu chapter will have one of the largest delegations participating nationally, and the largest from Texas. Dr. **Blosser** serves as faculty adviser.

**Shelly Burns** (library, Presbyterian) is the inaugural recipient of the Elizabeth Snapp Award for Excellence in Librarianship. She will receive a cash prize of at least \$500 and a commemorative plaque. The TWU Foundation established the award in honor of TWU Library Director Emeritus Elizabeth Snapp, who served at TWU for 33 years.

Dr. **Mahesh S. Raisinghani** (School of Management) has been invited to chair the America's Conference on Information Systems 2012 Mini-Track on Knowledge Management and Collaboration in Global Information Systems, scheduled Aug. 9-12 in Seattle, Wash.

Dr. **Mahesh S. Raisinghani** (School of Management) has accepted an invitation to serve on the Scientific Committee for the Conference on ENTERprise Information Systems 2012. More information is available at <http://centeris2011.eiswatch.org>.

Dr. **Claudia Sanchez** (teacher education) recently was elected president of the Text and Academic Authors Association Foundation (TAAF). TAAF promotes the creative endeavors of scholars nationwide by supporting textbook writing, academic research and the development and scholarly publications.

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## **THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 11, 2011**

### **Mon., Dec. 12**

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

### **Tues., Dec. 13**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Texas A&M-Commerce, 7 p.m., home.

### **Wed., Dec. 14**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Professor's Corner: Hawk Poems of Robert Penn Warren and Robinson Jeffers, 7 p.m., Denton Public Library South Branch, free. For information, contact Dr. Stephen Souris, [ssouris@twu.edu](mailto:ssouris@twu.edu) or x81-2343.

### **Thurs., Dec. 15**

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

### **Fri., Dec. 16**

- 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.
- Commencement

### **Sat., Dec. 17**

- Library closed; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Commencement

**Sun., Dec. 18**

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

**Mon., Dec. 19**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

**Tues., Dec. 20**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

**Wed., Dec. 21**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

**Thurs., Dec. 22**

- Library closed (open by appointment); Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Fri., Dec. 23**

- Winter Break; university closed through Jan. 1.

**Sat., Dec. 24**

- Winter Break; university closed through Jan. 1.

**Sun., Dec. 25**

- Winter Break; university closed through Jan. 1. Fitness Center open Dec. 27-30.

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