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## **MARTIN NAMED VICE PROVOST FOR TWU**

Texas Woman's University announces that Dr. Jennifer L. Martin has been appointed as the new vice provost for the university. Dr. Martin, who will continue to serve as the dean of the TWU Graduate School, began her new position Jan. 5.

"I look forward to assisting the provost in ensuring that the university is successful in achieving our academic goals," Dr. Martin said. "I am thrilled to be working closely with both a provost and a group of leaders for whom I have already developed such respect."

As part of her new duties, Dr. Martin will oversee Academic Support Services, including the following TWU departments: Financial Aid, the TWU Libraries, Enrollment Services, Academic Outreach (P-16), Research and Sponsored Programs and Lifelong Learning. She also will assist in academic policy review and development and will work closely with the TWU Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Research in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) reaffirmation process.

"Dr. Martin has demonstrated a strong commitment to providing students with an exceptional education during her tenure at TWU," said TWU Provost Dr. Kay Clayton. "She is highly respected by her colleagues; and, in her new position, she will make important contributions that will ensure continued success."

Dr. Martin has been the dean of the TWU Graduate School since 2002. She has served the university in a variety of positions since 1986, including associate dean for graduate studies, chair of the Department of Family Sciences and professor of Family Sciences. She is the state co-chair for the Texas Women in Higher Education and is the secretary/treasurer for the Association of Texas Graduate Schools. She also is a member of the Council of Graduate Schools and serves on two committees for the Council of Southern Graduate Schools. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Lamar University and her Ph.D. from TWU.

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## **OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST NASTIA LIUKIN COMING TO TWU**

TWU Gymnastics has struck gold again. Nastia Liukin, the 2008 Olympic All-Around Champion, will be TWU's guest of honor on Friday, Jan. 23. The special appearance by Liukin will highlight the Pioneers' 7 p.m. dual meet against the Southeast Missouri State University Riverhawks in Kitty Magee Arena. Liukin will sign autographs for one hour prior to the start of the competition. She will then be introduced during the march-in with the Pioneer gymnasts.

"It's an honor to host such an amazing athlete who, along with her fellow U.S. Olympic teammates, kept us glued to our televisions during those late summer nights as we swelled with pride during each competition," Director of Athletics Chalese Connors said. "Nastia is the best of the best – an Olympic champion – and fans will be in for a treat as we welcome her as our special guest and showcase our own championship gymnastics team."

Tickets for this meet will go on sale at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 23, in the main lobby of Pioneer Hall, accessible from Bell Avenue. The general admission ticket prices are \$7 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens (55+), and free for children 5 and under. TWU students, faculty and staff are also admitted free with a current TWU I.D.

Liukin will sign autographs inside the arena beginning at approximately 5:55 p.m. Once fans have their tickets, they will be directed to either line up for the autograph session or take their seats for the meet. Participation in the autograph session is on a first-come, first-served basis, and the session will conclude promptly at 6:55 p.m. Autograph cards for Liukin to sign will be provided, but no individual photographs will be allowed.

At the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, Liukin performed spectacular routines on all four events (vault, bars, beam, and floor) to win the gold in the prestigious all-around competition. Liukin's teammate Shawn Johnson was the runner-up in that competition, marking just the fourth time in the history of the Summer Games that two athletes from the same country took first and second place in the women's all-around.

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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.*

Children, teens and adults are invited to explore their creative potential through dance at the **Community Dance Center** at Texas Woman's University. Registration ends

Tuesday, Jan. 20, with classes beginning Monday, Jan. 26. Classes range from six to 10 weeks in length, with prices ranging from \$50 to \$60. A \$5 fee will be added for registration after Jan. 20. For more information or to register, go to [www.twu.edu/ce](http://www.twu.edu/ce) or call the TWU Office of Lifelong Learning at 81-3408.

Area residents interested in music lessons for themselves or their children are offered a variety of opportunities through Texas Woman's University's **Community Music Classes**. The registration deadline is Tuesday, Jan. 20. For more information, visit [www.twu.edu/ce](http://www.twu.edu/ce) or call the TWU Office of Lifelong Learning at 81-3408. Lessons are available for piano, guitar, organ, clarinet, flute, voice, horn trumpet, euphonium, trombone, tuba, cello and bass. Lessons are available for beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Most lessons are offered on a 12-week basis. Tuition ranges from \$125 to \$875.

## 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.).*

Condolences are offered to the family and friends of Dr. **Ethelyn Davis**, former chair of the TWU Department of Sociology and Social Work, who passed away Dec. 15, 2008. A memorial service was held Jan. 6 at the First United Methodist Church, Denton. Dr. Davis came to TWU in 1942 and served as chair of the department of sociology and social work for 26 years and acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for 10 years. She was the first recipient of the Cornaro Award. Memorials may be made to the Dr. Ethelyn C. Davis Endowment at TWU.

The TWU community extends its sympathies to the family and friends of **Linda Bixler**, access services coordinator for TWU libraries, who passed away Dec. 16, 2008. A memorial service was held Dec. 22, 2008. Survivors include her husband, Robert, of Denton; daughters Marguerite (Rita) of Lewisville and Eden of Denton; sons Jason Aguirre of Houston, Paris Aguirre of Utah, and Adam and Peter, both of Farmers Branch; and nine grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or a charity of choice.

**Raedean Bolton** (financial aid) will retire from TWU on Jan. 30. **Janine Gann** (financial aid) has been promoted to associate director of student financial aid, effective Feb. 1. Ms. Gann has been with TWU Financial Aid for more than 22 years.

A retirement reception for **Carol Pearce** (purchasing) will be held from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 in the Stoddard Hall Lobby.

Dr. **Jimmy Ishee** (College of Health Sciences) presented the Dudley Allen Sargent Lecture at the National Association for Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education (NAKPEHE) conference, held Jan. 4-6 in Sarasota, Fla.

Dr. **Michael Raisinghani** (School of Management) had the following manuscript accepted for publication: "E-Business Perspectives Through Social Networks." In H. Rahman (Ed.), *Handbook of Research on E-Government Readiness for Information and Service Exchange: Utilizing Progressive Information Communication Technologies*. Pennsylvania and London: IGI Global Publication, forthcoming in 2009.

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### **THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: JANUARY 12-25, 2009**

- Mon., Jan. 12            -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight
- Tues., Jan. 13           -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Wed., Jan. 14           -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.- midnight.  
-Professor's Corner, 7 p.m., Denton South Branch Library, 3228 Teasley Lane. Dr. Kenneth Roemer, University of Texas at Arlington, presents "Finding the Sacred in the Mundane: Transformations in N. Scott Momaday's 'The Way to Rainy Mountain.'" Free. Questions? Call (940) 349-8796.
- Thur., Jan. 15           -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.- midnight.  
-Online Pedagogical Techniques, 10 a.m., Houston Center. For more information, contact Valerie Shapko at [vshapko@twu.edu](mailto:vshapko@twu.edu).
- Fri., Jan. 16            -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.  
-Teaching and Learning with Blackboard and Web 2.0. Training for adjuncts, graduate assistants and teaching assistants who teach online. Contact Jake McBee at [jmcbec@twu.edu](mailto:jmcbec@twu.edu) for more information.
- Sat., Jan. 17            -Library open 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
-Teaching and Learning with Blackboard. Training for adjuncts, graduate assistants and teaching assistants who teach online. Contact Jake McBee at [jmcbec@twu.edu](mailto:jmcbec@twu.edu) for more information.

Sun., Jan. 18 -Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 19 -Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday; university closed.

Tues., Jan. 20 -First day of classes.  
-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;  
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

Wed., Jan. 21 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.- midnight.

Thur., Jan. 22 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.- midnight.

Fri., Jan. 23 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.;  
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 24 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and  
Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
-Denton Campus Open House, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Hubbard Hall.

Sun., Jan. 25 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and  
Recreation open 2-10 p.m.

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