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## **FALL ENROLLMENT SETS RECORDS AT TWU**

Texas Woman's University's fall enrollment of 14,179 students has set records for first-time freshmen – up 31 percent to 1,100 students – and Hispanic students, up almost 9 percent to 2,226 students.

These increases have helped the university exceed both its 2010 strategic plan goal of 14,000 students and the state's 2010 Closing the Gaps goal for TWU of 13,605 students. TWU also is nearing its 2015 Closing the Gaps goal of 14,873 students. The Texas Closing the Gaps campaign is an initiative aimed at significantly increasing the number of students enrolling in universities and community colleges in the state by 2015.

“Not only are we beating our own goals and the state's, we are retaining and graduating more students, providing Texas with the educated workforce it needs for continued growth and success,” said Dr. Richard Nicholas, TWU vice president for student life

Enhanced recruitment efforts, increased marketing, additional scholarship dollars, community outreach and an influx of new high school graduates and community college transfer students are among the reasons behind TWU's record-breaking enrollment, Dr. Nicholas said.

Gary Ray, TWU's new associate vice president for enrollment services, praised the efforts of the TWU admissions team for helping the university increase enrollment by 6.3 percent over last fall. “They should be very proud of their work, because they have done an excellent job,” Mr. Ray said.

Overall, enrollment is up in both undergraduate and graduate students, and at TWU's campuses in Denton, Dallas and Houston. More importantly, TWU's total semester credit hours are up 7.6 percent from last fall to 139,136 hours – also a record. Student credit hours, not headcount, determine a university's state funding.

All numbers are based on preliminary 12th class day data. For more information or detailed enrollment figures, visit [www.twu.edu](http://www.twu.edu).

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## OCTOBER IS SECC MONTH FOR TWU

Texas Woman's University kicks off its annual State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) on Thursday, Sept. 30, with the Chancellor's Annual SECC Luncheon. TWU's goal is to raise \$70,000 and to have 45 percent faculty and staff participation from its Denton, Dallas and Houston campuses. For more information on the campaign, visit [www.twu.edu/secc](http://www.twu.edu/secc).

Giving to the SECC allows the university to join thousands of other generous donors in supporting vitally needed services that touch the lives of thousands of people. These non-profit organizations address such issues as literacy, AIDS, teen pregnancy, child care, substance abuse, elderly care, health care and more.

TWU has won 2007, 2008 and 2009 Texas SECC awards for highest per capita gift and highest participation in higher education among colleges and universities with 751-2,000 employees. TWU's 2010 SECC drive, "Sustaining Communities," is co-chaired by Dr. Kyle Biggerstaff, associate professor of kinesiology, and Dr. Ruth Johnson, associate dean of the graduate school.

TWU activities in support of the SECC include the Golf Classic and Marshmallow Driving Contest scheduled Friday, Oct. 8 at the TWU Golf Course; the Chili Cook-off and Basket and Pie Auction, scheduled Wednesday, Oct. 13 in Hubbard Hall; The Friendly Feud Game Show, scheduled Thursday, Oct. 21 in Student Union 207; and the Charity Ball Volleyball Tournament, scheduled Wednesday, Oct. 27 in the Pioneer Hall Gym.

The Texas Legislature created the SECC in 1993 for employees of state agencies, junior and community colleges and universities throughout Texas to donate to their favorite charities through an annual workplace giving campaign. SECC is the only statutorily authorized workplace campaign for state agency and higher education employees throughout Texas. Beneficiaries include local United Way agencies and other charities to which the employee donor can choose to direct his or her donated funds.

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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 Faculty/Staff softball game **has been rescheduled** to Friday, Oct. 1 due to rain. The first pitch will be at 3 p.m. at Pioneer Field.

The TWU Office of Lifelong Learning announces the university's newest distance education degree — the **master of science in nursing-health systems management**. Students who enroll in this program will major in nursing health systems management through the College of Nursing and minor in business through the School of Management. The 42-hour program prepares nurses to serve as middle and executive level nurse administrators within health care organizations. More information is available at [www.twu.edu/nursing/nursing-systems.asp](http://www.twu.edu/nursing/nursing-systems.asp) or by contacting Dr. Robin Toms at [rtoms@twu.edu](mailto:rtoms@twu.edu). TWU now offers 27 distance education degrees with this addition.

## 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. **Val Belfiglio** (government) presented a paper titled "The Mirror Image: A Connection between the Physical and Social Sciences" at the Fifth International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences at the University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK in August.

Dr. **Tim Hoye** (history and government) presented a paper, "Social Darwinism and Race Consciousness in Japanese-American Relations," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association held Sept. 2-5 in Washington D.C. Dr. **Hoye** also served as chair of this panel, titled Race, Ethnicity and Politics: Voegelin's Early Concerns.

Dr. **Mark Kessler** (history and government) served as a discussant on two panels, "Constitutionalism and the Question of Race," and "Views of Law and Courts," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association held Sept. 2-5 in Washington, D.C.

Dr. **Phyllis Bridges** (English) was an invited speaker for the national ranching heritage symposium in Lubbock on Sept. 11. The focus of the presentation was Southwestern literature and featured the poetry of Dr. Walt McDonald, Texas poet laureate and recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Texas Institute of Letters.

Dr. **Lisa K. Zottarelli** (sociology and social work) has been selected as a 2010-2011 Fulbright-Nehru Scholar. She will conduct research on the influence of the nutrition transition on children's nutritional status in Kerala, India.

Dr. **Faisal Aboul-Enein** (nursing, Houston) was notified that his article was among the top 10 published articles in the domain of nursing and Saudi Arabia by BioMed. Dr. **Aboul-Enein** published "Personal contemporary observations of nursing care in Saudi Arabia." *Int J Nurs Pract*; 2002 Aug;8(4):228-30. BioMedLib™ is a search engine that takes a query and finds the best responses among millions of biomedical articles in the National Library of Medicine's MEDLINE® database.

**Lenora “Lee” McWilliams** (nursing, Houston) is the recipient of the ASSET Scholarship award. Ms. McWilliams works in the Clinical Competencies Learning Laboratory in Houston. This scholarship will enable her to continue her pursuit of a Ph.D. in nursing. Eventually she hopes to teach at the university level, conduct research and share the knowledge gained through publication. The ASSET (Association of Service and Support Employees of Texas Woman’s University) Scholarship is awarded every spring for the fall semester to a permanent full- part-time TWU staff member enrolled in undergraduate or graduate courses at TWU during the fall semester. Applicants do not have to be members of ASSET to be eligible for the scholarship.

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## **THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 10, 2010**

### **Mon., Sept. 27**

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

### **Tues., Sept. 28**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Pioneers Soccer vs. Dallas Baptist, 4 p.m., home.
- Pioneers Volleyball vs. Texas A&M-Commerce, 7 p.m., away.

### **Wed., Sept. 29**

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

### **Thur., Sept. 30**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- SECC Chancellor’s Luncheon, noon, southeast dining room, Hubbard Hall.
- Fall Festivals of Cultures, noon-2 p.m., Presby Auditorium.
- ISA Bake Sale, 1:30 p.m., Office of International Education, SU 2.

### **Fri., Oct. 1**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Seminar Series: Nutrition and Food Sciences. Nutrition Ph.D. candidate Anne Utech presents “Beta Blockers, ACE-I and ARB are Related to Body Weight Change, Hospitalization Rate and Survival in Patients with Non Small Cell Lung Cancer.” Noon, ACT 301, IHS 3322, DPH and DED upon request.
- Pioneers Soccer vs. Eastern New Mexico, 2 p.m., away.
- Pioneers Softball vs. TWU Faculty/Staff, 3 p.m., home.

- Pioneers Volleyball vs. Pittsburg State, 11:30 a.m., Missouri Southern Crossover Tournament, away.
- Pioneers Volleyball vs. Arkansas-Fort Smith, 4:30 p.m., Missouri Southern Crossover Tournament, away.

**Sat., Oct. 2**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Open House, Houston Center, 8 a.m.
- Family Day, 8 a.m., Denton campus.
- SLIS Fall Forum, 8 a.m., ACT 2.
- Pioneers Alumni Game, 10 a.m., home.
- Pioneers Volleyball vs. Missouri Southern, 12:30 p.m., Missouri Southern Crossover Tournament, away.
- Pioneers Volleyball vs. Newman, 3 p.m., Missouri Southern Crossover Tournament, away.

**Sun., Oct. 3**

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Soccer vs. West Texas A&M, 1 p.m., away.

**Mon., Oct. 4**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Graduate & Professional Fair, 4-6 p.m., Student Union.
- Boot Camp II begins, 6:30 a.m., Pioneer Hall 325.

**Tues, Oct. 5**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Pioneers Volleyball vs. Dallas Baptist, 7 p.m., home.

**Wed, Oct. 6**

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

**Thurs., Oct. 7**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Pioneers Volleyball vs. Tarleton State, 7 p.m., home.

**Friday, Oct. 8**

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

- SECC basket proposals due.
- SECC Inaugural Golf Tourney, noon.
- Seminar Series: Nutrition and Food Sciences. Guest speaker Lester Packer, Ph.D., University of Southern California School of Pharmacy presents “Antioxidants, Genes and Aging.” Noon, MCL 501 and 308, IHSH 3322, DPH and DED upon request.
- Pioneers Soccer vs. Incarnate Word, 4 p.m., home.

**Saturday, Oct. 9**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Temple, 1 p.m., home.

**Sunday, Oct. 10**

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.

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