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TWU ANNOUNCES PIONEER ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Texas Woman's University students, faculty and staff can now receive emergency communications via text message as part of TWU's "Pioneer Alert" emergency notification system.

Students, faculty and staff can add their cell phone numbers to the Pioneer Alert system by clicking the "Pioneer Alert" icon at www.twu.edu or visiting www.twu.edu/dps/pioneeralert.asp. The system began operating Aug. 3.

The text messaging option is the newest feature of TWU's Pioneer Alert emergency notification system, which includes the TWU website, inclement weather telephone hotlines and messages posted to all university computers, office phones and voice mails.

The Pioneer Alert system **only will be used to send emergency alerts**, which include campus safety situations that involve shelter-in-place, evacuation or other action; or campus closings due to inclement weather or other circumstances. All cell phone information will be stored in a secure database.

A TWU Portal account is required to be included in the text messaging system. Participants can choose to receive alerts for one or all of TWU's three campuses. Cell phone numbers will be stored for one school year and must be updated each August. Participants also can update their cell phone numbers in the system at any time.

"All TWU students, staff and faculty are strongly encouraged to add their cell phone numbers to the TWU Pioneer Alert system as soon as possible," said John Erwin, TWU director of public safety.

For more information, visit www.twu.edu/dps/pioneeralert.asp.

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TWU FLUTE CHOIR TO PERFORM IN NEW YORK CITY

The TWU Flute Choir, under the direction of Dr. Pamela Youngblood, will perform at the 37th Annual National Flute Association Convention this weekend in New York City.

The TWU Flute Choir was one of only four university flute choirs in the nation invited to perform during the convention, which runs Aug. 13-16. Approximately 20 students from the TWU and Brookhaven College flute choirs (both of which are directed by Dr. Youngblood) will perform on Saturday, Aug. 15.

This year's convention honors Sir James Galway.

The TWU choir will premiere a Fantasia on "Red River Valley," a commissioned work by Kelly Via of Atlanta.

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TWU FITNESS AND RECREATION OFFERS PAYROLL DEDUCTION

TWU Fitness and Recreation is offering payroll deduction for membership fees to full-time, benefits-eligible TWU staff and faculty. All faculty and staff members currently enrolled in payroll deduction must renew for the new school year.

The enrollment period ends Sept. 4.

Fees will be deducted from the Oct. 1, 2009 paycheck. The monthly fee for annual memberships is \$18.75.

Current Fitness and Recreation members should fill out a payroll deduction form, mark it to the attention of Karrie Fletcher and return it to Fitness and Recreation through intercampus mail or by faxing it to 940-898-2910.

Those who currently are not Fitness and Recreation members but would like to join should go to the Fitness Center and fill out a membership application. New members are eligible to sign up for payroll deduction.

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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. 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.

Mark your calendars for the **2009 Joyce Thompson Memorial Lecture Series**, scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4 in the Redbud Theater. A reception will follow in the foyer of the theater. Kevin Moriarty, director of the Dallas Theater Center, will be the guest speaker. The event is free and open to the public.

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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. Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.)

Dr. Lori Rios Doddy (English, Speech, and Foreign Languages) has been invited to give the keynote address at The 3rd International Conference on Applied Linguistics, scheduled Nov. 27-28, 2010. The conference will be hosted by the Department of Foreign Languages at the Minghsiung campus of the National Chiayi University in Chiayi, Taiwan.

Liz Fuentes (nursing, Dallas) and **Graciela Reyes-Salinas** recently presented "Addressing Health Disparities by Increasing the Number of Latino Nurses" at the National Association for Hispanic Nurses annual convention in San Antonio.

Dr. Mahesh (Michael) Raisinghani (School of Management) has been appointed to serve as an associate editor for the *International Journal of Systems and Software Engineering* (IJSSE), an interdisciplinary and innovative e-journal. He will work with more than 150 academics of all regions (North America, Europe, Middle East and Asia-Pacific).

Dr. Gerald Goodman and **Dr. Anne Selcer** (both healthcare administration, Houston) recently presented the paper "Systems Thinking as a Model for Educating Students to benefit from Distance Learning Methodology: Are Students Prepared to Learn On-Line?" at the annual meeting of the Association of University Programs in Healthcare Administration in Chicago.

Pauline Williamson has been named interim director of the Center for Student Development. Her direct responsibilities include the Dallas and Houston Student Life offices, orientation and the Student Government Association. Ms. Williamson has been with TWU for 10 years, most recently serving as assistant director of University Housing.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: AUGUST 10-23, 2009

Mon., Aug. 10	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
Tues., Aug. 11	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Wed., Aug. 12 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Thur., Aug. 13 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Fri., Aug. 14 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sat., Aug. 15 -Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8
a.m.-noon.

Sun., Aug. 16 -Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-8
p.m.

Mon., Aug. 17 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness
and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Tues., Aug. 18 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness
and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Wed., Aug. 19 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness
and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Thur., Aug. 20 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness
and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Fri., Aug. 21 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness
and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sat., Aug. 22 -Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8
a.m.-noon.

Sun., Aug. 23 -Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-8
p.m.

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