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## **TWU CHANCELLOR ANN STUART TO RETIRE**

Texas Woman's University Board of Regents Chair Mike McCullough announced Friday, Nov. 16 that TWU Chancellor and President Ann Stuart has decided to retire from the university. The Regents and Chancellor Stuart have agreed that she will continue to lead the university until her successor is named.

"TWU is privileged to have had Dr. Stuart as its chancellor and president for more than 12 years," Mr. McCullough said. "Her exceptional leadership has helped TWU become a stronger and smarter university that is well-prepared for the challenges of tomorrow.

"Business and community leaders throughout the state and members of the legislature have been impressed with her success in transforming TWU into an exceptional university recognized as a leader in higher education in Texas," he added.

Mr. McCullough made the announcement during the TWU Board of Regents meeting at the university's Houston campus. Chancellor Stuart also announced her retirement in an email to students, faculty, staff and alumni.

"When I came to TWU, I understood that I was to be a steward of TWU's past with the responsibility for positioning the university for a strong future," Dr. Stuart said. "Together with the faculty, staff, administration and students, we have enhanced the learning environment and the overall reputation of this historic institution.

"Serving TWU has been the highlight of my career," she added. "I am particularly proud of what our students have accomplished and what they have become – high achievers in their academic careers and successful graduates in critical professions that return value to Texas and its citizens."

Since becoming chancellor and president in 1999, Dr. Stuart has enhanced the reputation and visibility of the university. Under her leadership:

- TWU enrollment has grown 85 percent, resulting in an all-time record of 15,135 students in fall 2012;
- TWU has received national recognition for its quality, value and diversity from *U.S. News and World Report* and other national publications;

- The university has produced more than 20,000 graduates in critical fields including health care, education and business;
- Starting with the first-ever campaign to restore the historic Little Chapel-in-the-Woods, fundraising has topped \$220 million for facilities, scholarships and faculty development;
- Advanced technology and teaching tools have been implemented that mirror the workplace and improve the learning experience;
- Started the annual acquisition of artworks by TWU students, alumni, faculty and staff that are shared in public places at all three campuses; and
- Beginning with the Redbud tree campaign, initiated an ongoing reforestation plan in Denton, resulting in a greener campus renowned for its beauty.

Dr. Stuart's impact on the university also can be noted through new facilities in Denton, Dallas and Houston that position TWU at the forefront of workforce development. These new buildings include:

- The TWU Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center, which is located in and is a part of the world-renowned Texas Medical Center. The new facility opened in 2006 and is meeting the national demand for a multidisciplinary approach to health care;
- The TWU T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center, a 190,000-square-foot facility that opened in 2011 and houses the Houston J. and Florence A. Doswell College of Nursing, the TWU Stroke Center-Dallas, the School of Occupational Therapy, the School of Physical Therapy and the university's health systems management program; and
- The Ann Stuart Science Complex in Denton, which doubled the university's science lab and classroom space when it opened in 2011; and
- The Fitness and Recreation Center in Denton, which represents TWU's commitment to promoting health and wellness among the university community, also opened in 2011.

In addition to her contributions as chancellor and president, Dr. Stuart also will leave a lasting legacy to TWU as a private citizen. Both Dr. Stuart and her late husband, Mr. Ray Poliakoff, were first-generation graduates of public higher education, and both often said it was their education that enabled them to pursue the opportunities that enriched their lives.

To date, Dr. Stuart has made significant financial contributions to the university to establish the annual Ann Stuart and Ray R. Poliakoff Celebration of Science, an event promoting women in science; the Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award, which brings exceptional alumni to TWU to share their experience and expertise; and the Ann Stuart and Ray R. Poliakoff Endowed Scholarships for TWU undergraduate students.

TWU Board of Regents Vice Chair Sue Bancroft will lead the search for TWU's new chancellor and president. A new chancellor and president is expected to be in place by 2014.

“It is imperative that we identify a leader who will continue the path of excellence created by Chancellor Stuart and guide TWU’s forward progress,” Ms. Bancroft said. “It will be a challenge to find another dynamic individual who can continue Dr. Stuart’s legacy of leadership.”

Dr. Ann Stuart became TWU’s first chancellor and 10th president on Dec. 1, 1999. She previously served as the president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute’s Graduate School in Connecticut, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Alma College in Michigan, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania, and in several capacities at the University of Evansville in Indiana.

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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 community is invited to attend the **Festival of Lights** winter lighting ceremony Tuesday, Nov. 27. The ceremony begins at 5:15 p.m. with remarks by Dr. Bettye Myers and Dr. Phyllis Bridges in front of Old Main. A candlelight procession will follow down Redbud Lane to the Hubbard Hall Oval. Chancellor Ann Stuart and Provost Robert Neely will speak before the lights are turned on at approximately 5:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The university community is invited to Chancellor Stuart’s **annual holiday celebration** Wednesday, Dec. 5 in the Stoddard Hall Lobby from noon until 1 p.m. The Mister Joe Trio will provide the music.

Sibson, the consultant group selected to review TWU’s academic and administrative compensation programs, will conduct two **Staff Open General Session** meetings to seek staff input. The first session is scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27 in ACT 301, with videoconference in IHSH 3310 and IHSD 3510. The second session is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 in the MCL Auditorium, with videoconference in IHSH 3115 and IHSD 3510. Staff members are encouraged to attend.

## 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.)*

**Governor Jackson** (financial aid) conducted “Listening Sessions” at the annual conferences of the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, held Oct. 10-12 in Corpus Christi, and the Southwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, held Nov. 14-15 in San Antonio. The purposes of the sessions were to explain the topics to be considered by the U.S. Congress during reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and to solicit input from the memberships on issues they wished addressed in the reauthorization process. Mr. **Jackson** is part of a 16-member national task force that will review and compile a set of proposals that will ultimately be presented to the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce and the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

Dr. **Mahesh S. Raisinghani** (School of Management) has edited the book, “Curriculum, Learning, and Teaching Advancements in Online Education” (forthcoming 2013), ISBN 978-1-4666-2949-3 (hardcover) — ISBN 978-1-4666-2950-9 (ebook) — ISBN 978-1-4666-2951-6 (print & perpetual access), Information Science Reference.

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## **THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: NOVEMBER 26-DECEMBER 9, 2012**

### **Mon., Nov. 26**

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

### **Tues., Nov. 27**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Festival of Lights, 5:15 p.m. in front of Old Main; Candlelight Parade down Redbud Lane to Hubbard Oval for caroling and refreshments.
- Staff compensation study open general session & question time, 3 p.m., ACT 301; via videoconference in IHSH 3310 and IHSD 3510.
- TWU Athletics’ Maroon & White Luncheon, noon, Outback Steakhouse in Denton, \$5.

### **Wed., Nov. 28**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Staff compensation study open general session & question time, 10 a.m. MCL Auditorium; via videoconference in IHSH 3115 and IHSD 3510.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Texas A&M-Commerce, 7 p.m., away.

### **Thurs., Nov. 29**

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

- Bright Pink Breast & Ovarian Cancer Awareness Luncheon, 11 a.m., Hubbard Hall. Sponsored by TWU Student Health Services. RSVP to Melissa Cooper at [mcooper6@twu.edu](mailto:mcooper6@twu.edu).

**Fri., Nov. 30**

- 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.

**Sat., Dec. 1**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Visual Arts BFA Graduating Exhibition Reception, 4-7 p.m., Fine Arts Building.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Tarleton State, 2 p.m., home.
- Pioneers Softball, St. Mary's NCAA Division II College Classic, away. Continues through Sunday, Dec. 3.

**Sun., Dec. 2**

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open noon-midnight.
- Pioneers Gymnastics 2012 Holiday Spectacular, 2 p.m., home. Free admission, free holiday cookies and drinks while supplies last, photos with Santa Claus. Canned food donations accepted for the TWU Food Pantry.

**Mon., Dec. 3**

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

**Tues., Dec. 4**

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

**Wed., Dec. 5**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Chancellor Stuart's annual holiday celebration, noon-1 p.m., Stoddard Hall Lobby. Music provided by the Mister Joe Trio.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. St. Mary's, 7 p.m., home.

**Thurs., Dec. 6**

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

**Fri., Dec. 7**

- 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.

- Visual Arts BFA Graduating Exhibition Reception, 6-9 p.m., Fine Arts Building.

**Sat., Dec. 8**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville, 1 p.m., away.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Newman, 2 & 4 p.m., home.

**Sun., Dec. 9**

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open noon-midnight.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Newman, 11 a.m., home.

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