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TWU KICKS OFF STATE EMPLOYEE CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN

Texas Woman's University is kicking off its annual State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) during the month of October. TWU's goal is to raise \$56,000 and to have 85 percent faculty and staff participation from its Denton, Dallas and Houston campuses.

TWU was recognized by the state for having the highest participation — 72 percent — and the highest per capita gift — \$57.61 — for higher education employees in 2005, when the university raised \$65,629 for the campaign.

TWU's 2006 SECC campaign is co-chaired by Dr. Sheri Dragoo, associate professor of fashion of textiles, and Michelle Williams-Laing, director of the Professional Development Center in the College of Professional Education. Events include the Chancellor's Luncheon on Oct. 2, the Second Annual Chili Cook-off and Live Auction on Oct. 18 and the Charity Volleyball Tournament on Oct. 25. TWU faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in these events and to donate to the campaign via payroll deductions.

Dr. Bettye Myers of kinesiology has once again offered incentives to academic and administrative departments to participate. Academic Departments must have eight (8) fulltime faculty to be eligible; each person in the department, including part-time and visiting faculty, must contribute at least \$5. The first academic department to reach this goal will receive \$1,000 for scholarships.

Support Staff Departments must have at least eight (8) fulltime staff members; each person in the department, including regular part-time staff, must contribute at least \$5. The first support staff department to reach this goal will received \$1,000 for a "party of their choosing."

For more information on the campaign, visit www.twu.edu/secc.

The Texas Legislature created the SECC in 1993 for employees of state agencies, junior and community colleges and universities throughout Texas to give to their favorite charities through an annual workplace giving campaign that features the convenience of payroll deduction. SECC is the only statutorily authorized workplace campaign for state agency and higher education employees throughout Texas.

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TWU FORMS ALUMNI RELATIONS TASK FORCE

Answering a call from its Board of Regents, Texas Woman's University is forming an Alumni Relations Task Force to determine how TWU can increase alumni involvement at the university.

Dr. Richard Nicholas, TWU vice president for student life, is serving as the task force chair. TWU has identified a cross-section of alumni and campus representatives to serve on the task force and is in the process of inviting those individuals to participate.

"Over the last five years, TWU has experienced a tremendous increase in enrollment, employed new technology, built new facilities and is in the process of implementing a new strategic plan," Dr. Nicholas said. "We want to better involve our alumni in all facets of the university as we grow and move forward."

Dr. Nicholas said the TWU Alumni Relations Task Force will meet at least twice this fall before presenting recommendations to TWU Chancellor Dr. Ann Stuart. Dr. Stuart will present the task force's recommendations to the Board of Regents at its February 2007 meeting.

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RETIRED COLONEL TO DISCUSS BOOK ON IRAQ WAR

Kim Olson, a retired United States Air Force colonel sent to help rebuild Iraq in April 2003, will talk about her experiences and sign copies of her book, "Iraq and Back: Inside the War to Win the Peace" Tuesday, Oct. 17 at Texas Woman's University. The lecture will begin at 3:30 p.m. in room 101 of the Blagg-Huey Library on TWU's Denton campus. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dawn Letson at 8-1-3754.

The lecture and book signing are presented by the TWU Libraries Woman's Collection.

Soon after declaring an end to major combat operations in Iraq, President George W. Bush sent retired U. S. Army Lt. Gen. Jay Garner to help rebuild the country. As Lt. Gen. Garner's executive officer, Col. Olson was part of the senior leadership charged with rebuilding Iraq's infrastructure, providing humanitarian assistance and lay the foundation for a democratic government. In her book, Col. Olson recounts how the political, military and economic wheels ground to a halt after only a few weeks.

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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.

TWU recently became the first public university in the state to offer a specialist degree. Graduate students who complete the specialist-level, 60-plus hours of training in school psychology, now will be awarded a specialist in school psychology (SSP) degree rather than the master's in school psychology

degree. A specialist degree falls between a typical 36-hour master's degree and a 90-plus hour doctoral degree. The SSP degree is consistent with national training standards and is more in line with the terminology used in licensure.

The Office of Research & Sponsored Programs is offering a workshop to assist researchers who want to improve their grant-writing skills. "The Fundamentals of Grant Proposal Writing: Writing Winning Proposals" With Robert (Bob) Bradley will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17 in ACT 601. Those who wish to attend the workshop should contact Annie Plummer at mplummer@mail.twu.edu or 8-1-3253 no later than Wednesday, Oct. 11 to reserve a seat.

Carol Ann Duffy, "the dean of contemporary British poetry," is the topic of Professor's Corner, scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the Denton South Branch Library. Dr. Russell Greer, associate professor of English, Speech and Foreign Languages, is the presenter. For more information, contact Dr. Stephen Souris at ssouris@twu.edu.

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.).

June Long (OT-Houston) retired Sept. 30 after 25 years of service with TWU. A reception was held Sept. 28 at the new Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center. Ms. Long will return to her hometown of Lubbock.

A paper co-authored by Dr. **Mahesh S. Raisinghani** (SOM) was accepted for presentation at the Global Smartsourcing Conference, held Sept. 21-23 in Los Angeles. The paper was titled, "Identifying Risks and Success Factors of Information Systems Outsourcing."

Dr. **Anne Young** (nursing-Houston) has announced that doctoral students Leslie Pafford, Michael Groves and Pam Stetina received the 2006 Student Writer's Award during the recent Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses Conference in Philadelphia. The three won for the article, "Managing Medication Errors — a Qualitative Study," which was published in *MediSurg Nursing: The Journal of Adult Health*.

Dr. **Philip Yang** (sociology) recently published an article titled "Transnationalism as a New Mode of Immigrant Labor Market Incorporation: Preliminary Evidence from Chinese Transnational Migrants" in the *Journal of Chinese Overseas* 2(2): 173-192. The article is based on a project funded by the TWU Research Enhancement Program in 2002. Dr. **Yang** also presented a paper, "Through a Generation Lens: School Performance of Asian American Students," at the 101st Annual Meeting of the American

Sociological Association Aug. 11-14 in Montreal, Canada.

A poster by nutrition and food sciences faculty Drs. **Junehee Kwon, Carolyn Bednar** and **Nancy DiMarco** was named best research poster at the School Nutrition Association conference in Los Angeles during the summer. The poster was titled, "Impact of a school-based coordinated nutrition intervention on selection and consumption of fruits and vegetables of students in K-2." Rachele Fowler, a master's student, and Peggy Pratt, a doctoral student, received the award for best practices poster for "Nutrition Education through a Virtual Cafeteria."

Dr. **Sandy Cesario** (nursing-Houston) recently received the Fort Hays State University Alumni Achievement Award. The award honors graduates who have made outstanding and unselfish contributions in service to their communities, state or nation as citizens, in chosen career fields and through philanthropic work. It is the university's highest recognition of its graduates.

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Mon., Oct. 9 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m. -10 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 10 - Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
 -Thomas Brown Faculty Organ Recital, 7:30 p.m., MJPH. Free. 8-1-2500.

Wed., Oct. 11 - Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Thur., Oct. 12 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
 -Conflict Resolution course. Denton campus. Time varies. Cost: \$699. 8-1-3408.
 -Pioneers Volleyball vs. Central Oklahoma, 7 p.m., home. Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

Fri., Oct. 13 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 14 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness & Recreation open 8 a.m. to noon.
 -Pioneers Volleyball vs. Cameron, 2 p.m., home.

Sun., Oct. 15 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness & Recreation open 4-8 p.

m.

-Pioneers Soccer vs. Texas A&M-Commerce, 2 p.m., home. Senior Day.

Mon., Oct. 16 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 17 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-“Iraq and Back,” lecture and book signing, 3:30 p.m., BHL 101. 8-1-3754.
-Pioneers Volleyball vs. Dallas Baptist, 7 p.m., away.

Wed., Oct. 18 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Thur., Oct. 19 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-TWU Drama presents “Eleemosynary,” 4 p.m., MJPH, \$10 adults, \$5 students and seniors. 8-1-2020.
-Pioneers Volleyball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma, 7 p.m., away.

Fri., Oct. 20 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-TWU Drama presents “Eleemosynary,” 4 p.m., MJPH, \$10 adults, \$5 students and seniors. 8-1-2020.
-Pioneers Soccer vs. Eastern New Mexico, 3 p.m., away.
-Pioneers Softball vs. West Texas, 3:15 p.m., vs. Eastern, 5 p.m., vs. Grayson, 8:30 p.m., home. University Classic.

Sat., Oct. 21 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness & Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.
-TWU Open House, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Hubbard Hall. Free. 8-1-3014.
-TWU Drama presents “Eleemosynary,” 8 p.m., MJPH, \$10 adults, \$5 students and seniors. 8-1-2020.
-Pioneers Softball vs. Vernon, 6:45 p.m., vs. North Texas, 8:30 p.m., home. University Classic.
-Pioneers Volleyball vs. Texas A&M-Commerce, 2 p.m., away.

Sun., Oct. 22 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness & Recreation open 4-8 p.m.
-TWU Drama presents “Eleemosynary,” 2 p.m., MJPH, \$10 adults, \$5 students and seniors. 8-1-2020.
-Pioneers Soccer vs. West Texas A&M, 1 p.m., away.