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## **TWU TO HOST ANNUAL HONORS CONVOCATION**

The annual Honors Convocation at Texas Woman's University will be held in Denton at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 19 in the Margo Jones Performance Hall. The University Picnic will follow on the Pioneer Oval, and the Faculty Senate will host a reception in honor of the recipients at 3 p.m. in the first-floor foyer of Stoddard Hall. Faculty, staff and students from all TWU sites are invited to attend these events.

Faculty and academic administrators are encouraged to march in the procession and to wear academic regalia. Robing will take place in the Green Room, adjacent to the Margo Jones Performance Hall. Student members of honorary organizations are welcome to join the procession and to sit in the center section of the hall, directly behind the faculty.

The line of march for the academic procession will form at 9:45 a.m. on the circular drive immediately in front of the Music Building and will move into the Margo Jones Performance Hall promptly at 10 a.m. Program participants, honorees and others who will be seated on the stage will precede the academic procession into the hall.

Classes on the Denton campus will be dismissed from 9:30 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Offices that can be closed during this period may post a notice indicating when they will reopen. Offices that cannot close should arrange for coverage during Convocation. It is expected that staff whose offices are closed will attend Honors Convocation. In addition, it is expected that classes that meet in Denton on Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. will attend Honors Convocation.

Special awards will be presented to outstanding faculty, staff and students during Honors Convocation. TWU faculty receiving recognition are:

- Dr. **Paula Ann Hughes**, professor and director of the School of Management — the Cornaro Award;
- Dr. **Derek Crews**, assistant professor of management; and **Jordan Fuchs**, assistant professor of dance — the Mary Mason Lyon Award;
- Dr. **Deborah Young**, professor and director of the fashion and textiles program — the Humphries Award;
- Dr. **Sheri Dragoo**, associate professor of fashion and textiles — Distinction in Service;

- **Dr. Lou Thompson**, professor of English — Distinction in Teaching;
- **Dr. David Rylander**, associate professor of marketing — Innovation in Academia; and
- **Dr. Mark Tengedal**, associate professor of finance — Distinction in Distance Education.

TWU staff members receiving recognition are:

- **Kathy Woods**, bursar, TWU Award of Excellence; and
- **Martha Ann “Annie” Plummer**, research funding coordinator for the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs; and **Morgan O’Donnell**, academic advisor for the Department of Health Studies — Outstanding Staff Achievement Awards.

Outstanding Student Awards are based on academic excellence and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Outstanding Senior Awards will be presented to:

- **Sarah Adams**, a biology and chemistry major from Whitehouse;
- **Amy Menge**, a kinesiology major from Denton; and
- **Christina Wagoner**, an English and history major from Carrollton.

Outstanding Graduate Student Awards will be presented to:

- **Katie Dial Benton**, a DPT candidate in physical therapy from Midland; and
- **Kirsten Tulchin**, a doctoral candidate in kinesiology from West Haven, Conn.

Graduate Council Awards for Exceptional, Original Scholarship will be presented to:

- **Lisa Fleisher**, a Ph.D. candidate in physical therapy from Dallas; and
- **Thomas Hecht**, a doctoral candidate in dance from Cambridge, Mass.

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## **COCHEFSKI WINS USAG NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ON BARS**

TWU redshirt freshman Courtney Cochefski captured the individual event national title on bars at the 2012 USA Gymnastics National Championships April 14 in Bridgeport, Conn. Cochefski posted a career-high 9.850 on the event and edged the University of Bridgeport’s Lissette La Fex by .025. Senior Rashonda Cannie, competing for the final time, scored a 9.800 and tied for fourth. Junior Bethany Larimer placed sixth with a 9.775.

Larimer also finished second on vault with a career-high 9.913, while freshman Kayla Jones tied for fourth with a 9.875. Cannie placed 10<sup>th</sup> with a 9.750. Freshman Stephanie Repp, the lone Pioneer to compete on beam, posted a 9.750 and tied for seventh place.

Junior Kristin Edwards placed second on floor with a score of 9.850, while freshman Spencer Jones tied for eighth with a 9.750.

“I am proud of the team and their accomplishments this season,” head coach Lisa Bowerman said. “We improved throughout the season and set some new school records. Lots of girls stepped up this year, and we are going to pick up where we left off next season.”

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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.*

Reminder: The deadline to apply for the **Dr. G. Ann Uhlir Endowed Fellowship in Higher Education** is Thursday, **April 26**. The \$1,000 fellowship award may be used for development activities to be completed during summer or fall 2012 or spring 2013. Questions? Contact Nora Sierra in the Office of Institutional Improvement, [improvement@twu.edu](mailto:improvement@twu.edu).

The Department of English, Speech and Foreign Languages invites the TWU community to its annual **Honors and Awards Program**, scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25 in CFO 203. Dr. Dixil Rodriguez, a TWU alumna and current visiting communications lecturer in the International Development Program at Andrews University, will speak on “Seizing Opportunities Outside Your Comfort Zone.”

## 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.)*

Nine faculty and alumni from TWU’s Houston Center traveled to Indonesia over spring break to join **Joan Edwards** (nursing, Houston) for a collaborative international conference hosted by the University of Padjadjaran (UNPAD) and TWU. Ms. **Edwards** is spending the year in Indonesia as a Fulbright Scholar. Presenters at the conference included TWU-Houston representatives Dr. **Judith McFarlane**, Dr. **Sandra Cesario**, **Heidi Gilroy**, Dr. **Nora Montalvo-Liendo**, Dr. **Angeles Nava**, Dr. **Brenda Binder**, Dr. **Faye Blair**, Dr. **Anne Koci** and Dr. **Karen Pancheri**.

A retirement reception for **Jane Christiansen** (facilities management) will be held from 2-4 p.m. Friday, April 27 in the Facilities Management Building Conference Room. Ms. Christiansen will retire on April 30 after more than 32 years of service.

**Babak Abouzar** has been hired as TWU's new assistant soccer coach. He previously served as head coach at Lubbock Christian University.

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## **THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: APRIL 16-29, 2012**

### **Mon., Apr. 16**

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

### **Tues., Apr. 17**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Maroon and White Luncheon, noon, Outback Steakhouse, Denton. \$5.

### **Wed., Apr. 18**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- The Center for Qualitative Inquiry Research Workshop Session: Interrogating Your Data, 5:30 p.m., MCL 501. Questions? Email [qualitative@twu.edu](mailto:qualitative@twu.edu)
- TWU Drama presents "The Robber Bridegroom," 8 p.m., Redbud Theater Complex. This play is not intended for children under the age of 12. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors, \$10 for adults. Reserve online at [www.twu.edu/drama/box-office.asp](http://www.twu.edu/drama/box-office.asp) or call 81-2020.

### **Thurs., Apr. 19**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Honors Convocation, 10 a.m., MJPH.
- TWU Drama presents "The Robber Bridegroom," 4 p.m., Redbud Theater Complex. This play is not intended for children under the age of 12. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors, \$10 for adults. Reserve online at [www.twu.edu/drama/box-office.asp](http://www.twu.edu/drama/box-office.asp) or call 81-2020.

### **Fri., Apr. 20**

- 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.
- TWU Drama presents "The Robber Bridegroom," 8 p.m., Redbud Theater Complex. This play is not intended for children under the age of 12. Tickets are

\$5 for students and seniors, \$10 for adults. Reserve online at [www.twu.edu/drama/box-office.asp](http://www.twu.edu/drama/box-office.asp) or call 81-2020.

- Nutrition and Food Sciences Seminar Series: “Age, Rage and Inflammation,” presented by Ph.D. nutrition student Kathleen Davis, noon, MCL 501, IHSH 4305, IHSD 4302.
- Pioneers Softball vs. West Texas A&M, 5 and 7 p.m., away.

**Sat., Apr. 21**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- TWU Drama presents “The Robber Bridegroom,” 2 and 8 p.m., Redbud Theater Complex. This play is not intended for children under the age of 12. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors, \$10 for adults. Reserve online at [www.twu.edu/drama/box-office.asp](http://www.twu.edu/drama/box-office.asp) or call 81-2020.
- Pioneers Softball vs. West Texas A&M, 1 p.m., away.

**Sun., Apr. 22**

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open noon-10 p.m.
- TWU Drama presents “The Robber Bridegroom,” 2 p.m., Redbud Theater Complex. This play is not intended for children under the age of 12. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors, \$10 for adults. Reserve online at [www.twu.edu/drama/box-office.asp](http://www.twu.edu/drama/box-office.asp) or call 81-2020.

**Mon., Apr. 23**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State, 5 and 7 p.m., home.

**Tues., Apr. 24**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- TWU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers concert, 7:30 p.m., MJPH. Tickets \$5; children ages 12 and younger free. 81-2500.

**Wed., Apr. 25**

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

**Thurs., Apr. 26**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- TWU Choral Ensemble performance, 7 p.m., Little Chapel, free. 81-2500.

**Fri., Apr. 27**

- 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.
- Nutrition and Food Sciences Seminar Series: “The Inhibitory Impact of Geranylgeraniol on the Differentiation of Murine 3T3-F442A Preadipocytes,” presented by Ph.D. nutrition student Manal Elfakhani, noon, MCL 501, IHSB 4305, IHSD 4302.
- Lone Star Conference Tournament, Pioneer Field. Times, ticket prices TBA.

**Sat., Apr. 28**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- TWU Wind Symphony Concert, 7:30 p.m., MJPH. Tickets \$5; children ages 12 and younger free. 81-2500.
- Lone Star Conference Tournament, Pioneer Field. Times, ticket prices TBA.

**Sun., Apr. 29**

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open noon-10 p.m.
- Honors Recital, 3 p.m., MJPH, free. 81-2500.

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