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## **TWU TO IMPLEMENT GOOGLE APPS FOR EDUCATION**

Texas Woman's University students, faculty and staff soon will be able to use Google mail with their existing TWU email address.

University-wide implementation of Google Apps for Education is scheduled Jan. 5, 2015. The email upgrade will be in effect for all current and incoming students on that date. The use of a Google email account will be optional for TWU faculty and staff.

According to the TWU Office of Technology, advantages of the upgrade include:

- Students, faculty and staff can keep their @twu.edu email addresses
- Current passwords will work with Google mail and apps
- Increased storage space to 30GB
- Ability to save and access files from any computer through Google Drive
- Additional apps including Google Hangouts, Google Forms and Google Calendar
- Improved navigation and responsive design superior to older email systems

The email upgrade initiative is the result of the TWU student body providing feedback to the TWU Office of Technology for areas of improvement. Last spring, StudentsACT (Students Advisory Committee for Technology) hosted events on the Denton, Dallas and Houston campuses and hosted an eLounge through Commuter Services to make students aware of the available email system options. More than 60 percent of the 1,459 students who completed the survey selected Google. Officials in the Office of Technology then decided to offer the Google Apps for Education implementation as an option for faculty and staff.

More details on the implementation will be provided throughout the fall semester. A Google Apps Tech Talk for faculty and staff is scheduled Thursday, Dec. 4 from 2-3 p.m. in ACT 301, with videoconferencing to room 8201 in the Dallas Center and room 3322 in the Houston Center.

The campus community soon will receive email updates with tip sheets and FAQs on how to access and make use of the new Google mail and additional apps available with these accounts. The Office of Technology Service Desk will have extended support available during the first two weeks of January during the email upgrade to assist

students, faculty and staff with issues or concerns relating to their email accounts, Google apps, etc.

More information on the Google Apps for Education implementation is available at [www.twu.edu/google](http://www.twu.edu/google)

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### **TEXAS TRIBUNE TO HOST ‘CONVERSATION’ EVENT AT TWU**

The *Texas Tribune* will host “A Conversation with Reps. Myra Crownover, Tan Parker and Ron Simmons, Ph.D.” Monday, Dec. 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hubbard Hall Banquet Room. The event, which is free and open to the public, includes a complimentary lunch.

*Texas Tribune* CEO and Editor-in Chief Evan Smith will moderate this preview of the 84<sup>th</sup> legislative session and an audience Q&A.

**Myra Crownover** (R-Denton) has represented District 64 in the Texas House since 2000. She serves as vice-chairwoman of the Energy Resources Committee and as a member of the Appropriations and Calendars committees. She also is a member of the Joint Committee on Oversight of Higher Ed Governance, Excellence & Transparency, the Select Committee on Fiscal Impact of Texas Border Support Operations and the Select Committee on Health Care Education & Training. Rep. Crownover is a former public school teacher and now works in the banking and energy industries.

**Tan Parker** (R-Flower Mound) has represented District 63 in the Texas House since 2007. He serves as chairman of the Corrections Committee and a member of the Land & Resource Management Committee, the Criminal Procedure Reform Select Committee, the Human Trafficking Joint Committee and the Coastal Barrier System Joint Committee. Rep. Parker's professional experience includes work in the management consulting, manufacturing, technology, software, financial services and training industries.

**Dr. Ron Simmons** (R-Carrollton) has represented District 65 in the Texas House since 2013. He serves as a member of the Homeland Security & Public Safety Committee, the Elections Committee and the Select Committee on Transportation Funding, Expenditures & Finance. Rep. Simmons has worked in the financial, consulting and training industries.

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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.*

A discussion of issues surrounding the **Smoke Free Campus policy** will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 1 in ACT 301. Issues to be discussed include communication about the policy, enforcement of the policy and the impact on the campus neighborhoods, specifically as it relates to trash and refuse near the campus boundaries. The campus community is invited to attend.

The university community is invited to a **Holiday Celebration** hosted by Chancellor Carine Feyten from noon until 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3 in the ASSC lobby. Music will be provided by the TWU Department of Music.

The second annual Stock the Fridge program was a **tremendous success**, collecting 1,557 items for the TWU Food Pantry. Each donated item will go directly to TWU students and their families.

The **TWU Gymnastics Holiday Spectacular** will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 in the Kitty Magee Arena. Admission is free, and free TWU Gymnastics Holiday Spectacular T-shirts will be given to the first 200 fans.

## **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. **Mahesh S. Raisinghani** (School of Management) served as a faculty mentor for the team that won the Louis Vuitton challenge at the Association of International Business SE 2014 conference, held Oct. 23-25 in Miami.

Dr. **Ellina Grigorieva** (mathematics) presented a one-hour workshop for mathematics teachers at the NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics) conference, held Nov. 14 in Richmond, Virginia. Her presentation was based on her book, *Methods of Solving Complex Geometry Problems*, published by Birkhauser (Springer).

**Glen Ray** has been named director of student accounts and bursar. He had served as interim director since March, and was TWU’s first assistant bursar when he began his service with the university in 2005.

**Rene Ramon** has been named assistant bursar. He previously served as the interim in

that position. He began working in the bursar's office as a student assistant in 2003.

**Susan Sponsler-Carstarphen** has been named interim director for marketing and communication, effective Dec. 1.

**John Cissik's** (Fitness and Recreation) latest book, *The Coaches' Strength and Conditioning Training Toolkit*, was published by Coaches Choice in Monterrey, California.

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## **THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: NOVEMBER 24-DECEMBER 7, 2014**

### **Mon., Nov. 24**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

### **Tues., Nov. 25**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Texas Wesleyan, 7 p.m., home.

### **Wed., Nov. 26**

- Thanksgiving holiday; university closed.

### **Thurs., Nov. 27**

- Thanksgiving holiday, university closed.

### **Fri., Nov. 28**

- Thanksgiving holiday, university closed.

### **Sat., Nov. 29**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore closed, Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. East Central, 2 p.m., home.

### **Sun., Nov. 30**

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

### **Mon., Dec. 1**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Trib Live: A Conversation with Reps. Myra Crownover, Tan Parker and Ron Simmons, 11:30 a.m., HH Banquet Room. Free.

**Tues., Dec. 2**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

**Wed., Dec. 3**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- TWU School of Physical Therapy Annual Research Conference, 3 p.m., IHSD 1010. Free.
- Department of Visual Arts MFA Graduating Exhibition Reception, 5-9 p.m., Fine Arts Building. Free.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Lubbock Christian, 7 p.m., home.

**Thurs., Dec. 4**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Faculty and Staff Google Apps Tech Talk, 2 p.m., ACT 301, IHSD 8201, IHSH 3322. Free.

**Fri., Dec. 5**

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

**Sat., Dec. 6**

- Library open 9 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore closed, Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. UT-Permian Basin, 2 p.m., home.

**Sun., Dec. 7**

- Library open 10 a.m.-2 a.m.; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open noon-10 p.m.
- TWU Gymnastics 2014 Holiday Spectacular, 1 p.m., Kitty Magee Arena. Free.

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