

RedBud Awards

All award winners will be contacted via email with information about obtaining the physical award.

To learn about the history of the redbud festival, which is now our current annual Redbud awards, check out our history video on the Center for Student Development's Redbud Award website.

Dr. Glenda Brock Simmons Community Service Award

Award winners are servant leaders that demonstrate a self-initiated nature of service that extends beyond the TWU community.

Dr. Glenda Brock Simmons was a faculty member for 22 years and was the Vice President for student life for 14 years at TWU

Nominees:

Alpha Omicron Pi
Food and Nutrition Network
Helping Hands Service Ambassadors
Kappa Epsilon Mu
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
Student Association of Social Work

The first Student Organization Dr. Glenda Brock Simmons Community Service Award goes to...
Helping Hands Service Ambassadors

The second Student Organization Dr. Glenda Brock Simmons Community Service Award goes to...
Kappa Epsilon Mu (KEM Club)

The final Student Organization Dr. Glenda Brock Simmons Community Service Award goes to...
Food and Nutrition Network

Outstanding Student Organization of the Year Award

Award winners have maintained a positive presence on the TWU Denton Campus. They focused on building ongoing collaborative relationships with other organizations/on campus departments for programming efforts and held effective officer transitions to ensure success each year.

Nominees:

Alpha Omicron Pi
Asian Student Association
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
G-Force
Latinx Student Association
National Society for Leadership and Success
Pioneer Ambassadors
Residence Hall Association
Sigma Sigma Sigma
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

The first Outstanding Student Organization of the Year Award goes to...
Residence Hall Association

The second Outstanding Student Organization of the Year Award goes to...
Asian Student Association

The third Outstanding Student Organization of the Year Award goes to...
Pioneer Ambassadors

Department of University Housing Recognition:

TWU Housing & Dining is a member of the Southwest Association of College and University Housing Officers Organization. The organization consists of institutions in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Annually there are awards to recognize excellence, service, and contributions within the region.

Award Winner: Krystel Hernandez

Krystel Hernandez received the Gene Ward Outstanding Student Leader Award at the annual conference in late February

Emerging Leader of the Year Award

Within the past year, award winners have begun their leadership journey here at TWU. They encourage and model the way for peers to get involved across campus.

Nominees:

Kourtni Bluj
Gillian Bumgarner
Daisy Cantu
Alma Gallardo Lopez

Carlos Gaytan-Cervantes
Chloe Harris
Katheryn Kelly
Katlynn Nguyen
Marie Patterson
Heidi Torres
Qin Yang

The Emerging Leader Awards go to...
Kourtnei Bluj

Gillian Bumgarner

Carlos Gaytan-Cervantes

Katlynn Nguyen

Dr. Glenda Brock Simmons Community Service Award

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Nominees:

Josue Arista

Celeste Del Castillo

Morgan Grant

Prisha Goyal

The Dr. Glenda Brock Simmons Community Service Awards go to...

Josue Arista

Prisha Goyal

Outstanding Student Organization Advisor of the Year Award

Award winners contributed to the positive growth of the student organizations they advise while guiding officers to remain aligned with TWU's core values.

Nominees:

Jessica Burchfield

Simone Daniels

Dr. Ann Davis

Dr. Don Edwards

Dr. Jorge Figueroa

Mehgann Mallory

Chris Scanlan

The Outstanding Student Organization Advisor of the Year goes to...

Dr. Jorge Figueroa Bilingual/ESL Education Student Organization

Mehgann Mallory- Kappa Epsilon Mu (KEM Club)

Chris Scanlan- Helping Hands Service Ambassadors

Thank you advisors for all that you do for our student organizations and student leaders! You are truly important to our organization's continued success.

Campus Leader with a Heart Award

Award winners always lead with the welfare of others in mind, puts the needs of others first, and it's often the "unsung hero" whose leadership made a lasting impact on those around them

Student Nominees

Ama Ambaah

Briana Becker

Daisy Cantu

Gwendolyn Gardner

Abigail Gregory

Plamedie Ifasso

Terry Juneau

Angelica Medlock

Roxanne Rinaldi

Tairat Ogunlana

Rebecca Wilson

Qin Yang

The student winners of the Campus Leader with a Heart Award go to...

Daisy Cantu

Plamedie Ifasso

Terry Juneau

Roxanne Rinaldi

Rebecca Wilson

Tairat Ogunlana

Faculty/Staff Nominees:

Dr. Dayna Averitt

Jessica Burchfield
Dr. Shane Broughton
Ryan Gordon
Jimmie Lyn Harris
Meredith Higgins
Sheila Hyde
Dr. Adam Jones
Dr. Rebecca Lucero Jones
Tammy Key
Dr. Jennifer Martin
Dr. Nila Ricks
Chris Scanlan
Jessica Williams

The Faculty/Staff Campus Leader with a Heart Awards go to...

Dr. Shane Broughton
Jimmie Lyn Harris
Dr. Nila Ricks

Dr. Richard Nicholas Outstanding Student Leader Award

Dr. Nicholas served as the Vice President of Student Life at TWU for 18 years but had over 30 years of experience as a Chief Officer in Student Affairs.

Although Dr. Nicholas is no longer with us, he made a lasting impact on students and TWU by working tirelessly to increase opportunities for involvement and leadership as he believed in the benefit of learning both in and out of the classroom.

Award Winners have been active student leaders for more than one year, who continuously hold themselves and peers to the highest standards and who sought out and provided opportunities for others to develop leadership skills.

Nominees

Paola Alonsa
Ama Ambaah
Diayana Andabo
Jilian Cruzet
Lexi D'Ambrosca
Paige Daniels
Emily Gentry
Micah Gillman
Faith Henderson
Long Ho
Madeline Hoffman
Plamedie Ifasso

Krystal Jimenez
Hilena Kirsty Mepinault Mbisapel
Angelica Medlock
Roxanne Rinaldi
Debra Willis
Dana Williston
Rebecca Wilson
Qin Yang

The Winners of the Dr. Richard Nicholas Outstanding Student Leader Award are...

Lexi D'Ambrosca
Emily Gentry
Micah Gillman
Madeline Hoffman
Jilian Cruzet

Distinguished Service to Student Life Award

The Distinguished Service to Student Life Award recognizes support that goes above and beyond to the Student Life division and/or students at TWU.

The two award winners of this year's Distinguished Service to Student Life go to...

Dr. Phyllis Bridges Professor of English
Dr. Lybeth Hodges- Professor of History

Congratulations to all the nominees, you clearly have made an impact on someone and we hope you continue to pave the way for future Pioneers through your leadership efforts!
To all award winners, Congratulations!! Please check your TWU email, soon you will get directions for receiving the physical award

Thank you to our Redbud Award Evaluation Committee!

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