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TWU’s Partnering for Teachers program with the Dallas Independent School District (DISD) is one of six in the state to receive a Texas Higher Education Star Award from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). Since 1986, TWU and the DISD have trained more than 6,000 new teachers through the Dallas Alternative Certification Program. TWU provides curriculum support, course development and evaluation, graduate course supervision and scholarships to students in the program. TWU received the THECB Star Award during a ceremony held in December 2009.

This recognition highlights the value of collaboration in helping the state meet its education goals,” said Dr. Barbara Lerner, director of academic outreach at TWU.

“The Star Award honors state institutions for exceptional contributions toward one or more of the goals outlined in the THECB plan “Closing the Gaps by 2015.” TWU’s long-standing partnership with DISD is closing the gap in student success by increasing the number of certified math, science and bilingual education teachers in Dallas. Since 1986, TWU and the DISD have trained more than 6,000 new teachers through the Dallas Alternative Certification Program. TWU provides curriculum support, course development and evaluation, graduate course supervision and scholarships to students in the program. TWU received the THECB Star Award during a ceremony held in December 2009.

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From left: TWU Chancellor Ann Stuart; Dr. Nell Ingram, director of educator and leadership training for the Dallas Alternative Certification Program; Dr. Barbara Lerner, director of academic outreach for TWU; and Dr. Claudia Rodriguez, executive director of human resources for DISD.

Stories by Karen Garcia and Amanda Simpson

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The TWU Former Students Association recognized superintendent Ray Braswell; Nell Stevenson Bright and Pearl Bramlett Judd, representing the WASP; and Glenda Brock Simmons.

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HONORS CONVOCATION
Faculty, staff and students who exemplify the excellence for which Texas Woman’s University is known were recognized during Honors Convocation.

From Left: Dr. Phyllis Bridges, Dr. Katherine Landdeck and Dr. Lisa Silliman-French

From left: Dr. Allen Waldo, Cathy Banks, Dr. Linda Caldwell, Dr. Katherine Rose and Dr. Vicki Zeigler

From left: Dr. Karen DePauw, vice president and dean for graduate education at Virginia Tech University; Dr. Claudine Sherrill, TWU Board of Regents; and Dr. Rachel Zimmerman, a fashion design major from Vaso, India; and Jan Lamarche Zdanuk, a doctoral candidate in molecular biology from Kolkata, India. The award recognizes exceptional, ongoing performance in research and scholarship.

The Denton Independent School District, Glenda Brock Simmons and the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) are the recipients of TWU’s 2010 Founders’ Awards. Denton ISD has a long history of working with TWU to provide a quality education to both TWU and Denton ISD students. Dr. Simmons has been involved with TWU as a student, teacher, administrator or volunteer for more than 50 years. Established during World War II to fly non-combat military missions in the U.S., the WASP have given invaluable service to their country for more than 60 years. TWU is home of the official WASP archives, and surviving WASP have been actively involved in sharing their history with the university.

Cornaro Award – Dr. Phyllis Bridges, professor of English, speech and foreign languages. The award recognizes excellence in teaching, scholarship and the advancement of learning.

Mary Mason Lyon Award
Dr. Katherine Landdeck, associate professor of history and government, and Dr. Lisa Silliman-French, associate professor of kinesiology. Presented to junior faculty members who are developing excellent records of teaching, research and service.

Humphries Award
Dr. Allen Waldo, professor of biology. The award recognizes dedication to TWU.

Distinction in Teaching
Cathy Banks, senior lecturer of mathematics and computer science. The award is presented to TWU faculty who have distinguished records of teaching and dedication to improving their teaching and the learning of their students.

Distinction in Distance Education – Dr. Linda Caldwell, professor of dance, and Dr. Katherine Rose, assistant professor of early childhood development and education. The award recognizes faculty who have made outstanding contributions to e-learning through program or curriculum development.

Innovation in Academia
Dr. Cindy Gill, associate professor of communication sciences and disorders. The award is presented to a faculty member who has influenced the university in a manner that continually contributes to new growth and progress.

Leman Award – Hannah Schmidt, a fashion design major from Kissimmee, Fla., was recognized for outstanding artistic contributions to the university.

Outstanding Senior Awards – Rae Lynn McFarlin, a chemistry and mathematics major from Bonham; and Rachel Zimmerman, a human biology major from Tulsa.

Outstanding Graduate Student Awards
Nicole Valerie Fernandes, candidate for a doctor of philosophy in nutrition from Vasco, India; and Jan Lamarche Zdanuk, candidate for a doctor of philosophy in nursing science from Fort Worth.

Graduate Council Award for Exceptional Original Scholarship – Somesree Ghoshmitra, a doctoral candidate in molecular biology from Calcutta, India; and Sirjoo Sundaresan, a doctoral candidate in nutrition from Kolkata, India. The award recognizes exceptional, ongoing performance in research and scholarship.

Sharon Saullo, Johnny Booker and Grace Chalon, assistant to the dean, College of Arts and Sciences. The award is the highest recognition given to a staff member who exhibits loyalty, dedication, initiative and reliability.

Outstanding Achievement Award
Johnny Booker, guard III, public safety, Houston Center, and Grace Chalon, senior academic information analyst, institutional effectiveness and research. The award recognizes the dedication of TWU staff.

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Dr. McFarland Serving as Acting Provost

As the national search for a new provost continues, Dr. Keith McFarland is providing strong leadership in the role of acting provost and vice president for academic affairs at Texas Woman’s University. Dr. McFarland served as president and CEO of Texas A&M-Commerce for 10 years before retiring in 2008. He previously served in various roles at A&M-Commerce for almost 38 years, including as history professor, department chair and dean of the graduate school. He brought about significant change and helped establish A&M-Commerce as a strong leader in academic achievement and diversity.

Dr. McFarland replaces Provost Kay Clayton, who began medical leave March 1 and will retire from TWU at the end of August.

Math Major Receives NASA Scholarship

TWU senior Katie Schniebs is one of only 20 undergraduate students in the nation to receive a $40,000 scholarship from the NASA Aeronautics Scholarship Program.

Ms. Schniebs is enrolled in the TWU and University of North Texas dual degree program in engineering and math. She is majoring in math at TWU and electrical engineering at UNT.

As part of her scholarship award, Ms. Schniebs is participating in a funded internship at the NASA Ames Research Center in San Jose, Calif., this summer.

“The opportunities that this scholarship provides, including the internship at NASA, will be invaluable for my future career in engineering,” said Ms. Schniebs of Springtown.

Dr. Don Edwards, chair of the TWU department of mathematics and computer science, said the national scholarship speaks to the quality of a TWU education and the mathematics program.

“Katie is one of our exceptional students, and I am extremely proud of her for receiving this scholarship. I know she has a bright future ahead of her,” he said. The NASA Aeronautics Scholarship program awards scholarships for two years to aid students enrolled in fields of study with applications promising to aeronautics.

In addition to their scholarships, students participate in funded internships with NASA researchers and directly work on projects such as managing air traffic more efficiently, improving safety and reducing emissions and noise.

Celebrating Pioneers in Modernism

The Visual Arts Society of Texas paid tribute to eight pioneering Texas Woman’s University faculty with the “Pioneers in Modernism” exhibition. The January show at the Center for Visual Arts in Denton featured the works of painters Marjorie Baltzel, Edith Brisac and Marie Delleney, painter and glass artist Dorothy Antoinette “Toni” LaSelle, photographer Carlotta Corpron, jewelry artist Thetis Lemmon, ceramics artist Mabel Maxcy and printmaker Coreen Spellman. These women taught at TWU from the 1920s to the 1970s and were at the forefront of the Modernist movement — marked by the use of conceptual and abstract techniques — in Texas.

New Student Regent

Sarah Adams of Whitehouse, a senior biology and chemistry major at the TWU Denton campus, is the new student regent for Texas Woman’s University.

“Whether they are a transfer student, a graduate student or an older student with children, I plan to be the voice for all TWU students,” Ms. Adams said. “I want students to know I am listening, that I am approachable and that I will take their opinions and concerns to the board.”

Ms. Adams holds numerous leadership positions at TWU. She is vice president of the TWU Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, past president of the TWU Honors Scholars Athenian Honor Society, a member of the TWU Leadership Institute and College of Arts and Sciences Senator to the TWU Student Government Association.

Her one-year term will expire May 31, 2011. She replaces former student regent Rae Lynn McFarlin of Bonham.
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**Going GREEN**

**TWU Begins Single-Stream Recycling**

The program, which began in January, added aluminum, tin cans, plastic, glass and cardboard to TWU’s paper recycling efforts. TWU Facilities Management and Construction staff worked closely with the City of Denton to implement the program. TWU purchased recycling bins from the city, and uses its own truck to haul materials to the city’s recycling site twice a week, resulting in an additional savings to the university.

“This is a university-wide program that is driven, supported and carried out by the university community,” said Ron Tarbutton, director of the TWU physical plant. Tiffany Johnson, a post-baccalaureate business administration major from Arlington, serves as TWU’s green initiatives coordinator. She helps educate students about recycling, and also acts as a liaison between students and the administration. “This is an easy way that TWU students can give back to their earth, their community and their university,” she said.

**Philosophy**

TWU has many “Going Green” initiatives. Forty percent of the electricity for the Denton campus is generated by wind. The Houston and Dallas centers are powered by 15 percent wind-generated energy. In addition, TWU Facilities Management and Construction is using electric and low-gas-mileage vehicles on the Denton campus.

**TWU Wins 4 Gold Medals at Nationals**

Texas Woman’s University gymnasts won four of five individual championships during the 2010 USAG Collegiate National Championships, held April 15-17 on TWU’s Denton campus. Sophomore Rashonda Cannie of Killeen won the all-around championship for the second consecutive year, and also won a national title on the uneven bars. Freshman Brittany Johnson of Houston won the balance beam title, and freshman Kristin Edwards of St. Paul, Minn., tied for first place on vault. Ms. Edwards also won a silver medal in the floor exercise. Freshman Amy Winczura of Eagle River, Alaska, received bronze medals in vault and floor exercise. The Pioneers also placed second in the team competition.

**Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship**

Rae Lynn McFarlin is one of only 60 students in the U.S. and two in Texas to receive a national Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship. Ms. McFarlin, who graduated from TWU in May with bachelor’s degrees in chemistry and mathematics, will use her $5,000 scholarship to pursue a doctorate in chemistry at Texas A&M University. The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is the nation’s oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society.

**Dykes Leadership Award**

Businesswoman and community leader Kathleen Mason, president and CEO of Tuesday Morning Corporation, is the recipient of the 2010 Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award. Ms. Mason was recognized for her longtime commitment to philanthropic leadership at the eighth annual luncheon in February. Many organizations have benefited from her generosity, including The Notre Dame School of Dallas for developmentally disabled children, Go Red For Women, the American Heart Association, the Crystal Charity Ball and other groups that help women and children. Bank of Texas was the presenting sponsor of the event.

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Laura Merkh is a fourth-generation graduate of Texas Woman’s University. She received her bachelor of science degree in nursing in December 2009, following in the footsteps of her mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Laura wore to her graduation the class ring belonging to her great-grandmother, Florence Gleason Eudaly, a 1908 graduate of what then was the College of Industrial Arts. Laura’s grandmother, Geneva Eudaly Ashwander, graduated from TWU in 1943, when it was known as the Texas State College for Women. Her mother, Nancy Ashwander Merkh, graduated from TWU in 1979. Read more about Laura’s grandmother and great-grandmother.

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Student Alumni Council Builds Pride

Building TWU pride and loyalty among current students is the goal of the new Student Alumni Relations Council known as STARS. The STARS will help welcome new students, assist with alumni events and create opportunities for students and alumni to share common experiences.

“We hope to create, preserve and teach TWU traditions and create a supportive alumni base for the future,” said Tanaka Denenga, a sophomore fashion major from Dallas and TWU STARS founding president.

“It’s never too early to begin to appreciate the role alumni play in the life of the university,” said Anne Scott, director of TWU Alumni Relations. “The TWU STARS will use their leadership and influence to encourage students to think about what they might do in the future as alumni.”

TWU Alumni Decals Available

Alumni now can display their TWU pride with a free TWU Alumni vehicle decal. TWU alumni can request a general TWU Alumni decal and a personalized decal for their major. Decals also are available for special groups such as the TWU Honors Scholars and TWU athletic teams.

To request a decal, email alumnirelations@twu.edu with your name, degree and graduation year, current mailing address and the number and type of decals requested. For a complete list of available decals or for more information, visit www.twu.edu/alumni and click on the services icon.

Important Alumni Directory Announcement

Data Collection for the 2011 TWU Alumni Directory is underway. In the next few months, Publishing Concepts, Inc. (PCI) will contact TWU alumni via mail, phone and email to request updated contact information for the directory. For more information, contact the TWU Office of Alumni Relations at (940) 898-2586 or alumnirelations@twu.edu.

Homecoming Reunion 2010

TWU classes ending in “0” and “5” were honored during the TWU 2010 Homecoming Reunion Weekend. Shown representing the TWU Class of 1965 are, from left: Charlene Cregger Mabry, Susan Bush Webb, Gail Raftert Hubler Grovenhorst and Ellen Mattison Sargent.

Texas Woman’s University and the TWU Former Students Association celebrated memories and friendships during the university’s 2010 Homecoming/Reunion Weekend festivities. The theme of the event was “Our Cup Runneth Over” in honor of the TWU Class of 1960, which won the Stunts competition three consecutive times before “retiring” the Stunts prize cup. Reunions also were held for TWU classes from 1930 to 2005 ending in “0” and “5.” Mixers and presentations by TWU faculty rounded out the weekend’s activities.
More than 30 years ago, Mary I. Gourley took to heart the struggles of students who attend college while wearing several hats — parent, wage earner and caregiver. Ms. Gourley was committed to the idea of giving non-traditional students and their families the opportunity to succeed. Thus, after her death, the Mary I. Gourley Foundation was born.

Based in Fort Worth, the Gourley Foundation gives grants to about a dozen TWU students each year to pay for day care, transportation needs and other necessities often not funded by financial aid or traditional scholarships.

For single-mother Patricia Ruttman, a senior interdisciplinary studies major, being a Gourley Scholar has enabled her to take care of her two children with disabilities and still pursue her dream of becoming a teacher.

“I am a student teacher, and there is no way I can work and student teach at the same time,” said Ms. Ruttman, who graduated from TWU in May. “Hiring a sitter so I could work during the evenings and on weekends was going to take more than I would have earned, and I never would have seen my children.”

Each year the members of the Gourley Foundation Board and the scholarship committee visit TWU to meet the Gourley Scholars and hear about their experiences. The foundation also awards scholarships at five other North Texas colleges and universities.

To date, more than 500 Gourley scholars have graduated from college.

The TWU Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center recently received a $729,000 gift from the Tom and Tillie McDonald Foundation Trust. Since 1991, the McDonald Foundation Trust has given yearly gifts of $37,500 to $45,000 to TWU for scholarships and fellowships for students enrolled in health care programs at the Houston Center. The $729,000 gift, which is the final distribution from the McDonald Foundation Trust to TWU, also will be used to provide scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students in Houston. To date, 285 TWU students have received scholarships funded by the McDonald Foundation Trust.

Performing at the Leavell Memorial Concert are, from left: members of the original Gilley’s Dallas band Kelly Walker, Scott Hall and Colin Alexander.

Brian Leavell Endowment

When Dr. Brian Leavell suddenly passed away in May 2009, his family, friends, colleagues and students created the Brian K. Leavell Music Education Memorial Scholarship Endowment to remember the well-respected TWU music education faculty member. Last November, a benefit concert for the endowment at Margo Jones Performance Hall featured live performances by Brave Combo, Bonduris Project, Dr. Zin, the original Gilley’s Dallas band formed by Dr. Leavell, the Mr. Joe Trio and the TWU Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Noel Wallace. The endowment provides scholarships to TWU music education students.

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Nursing Receives Grants Totaling $483,301

The TWU Board of Regents recently voted unanimously to name the TWU science building the Ann Stuart Science Complex in honor of Chancellor and President Ann Stuart. Regents recognized Dr. Stuart’s leadership in enrollment growth, increased fundraising, investments in technology and academic programs, and new and renovated facilities in announcing their decision. A new 47,735-square-foot wing of the complex opened in January. Renovation of the existing science building is scheduled for completion in 2011.

The new wing of the Ann Stuart Science Complex opened in January. Renovation of the existing building is under way.

Leadership Institute

The TWU Leadership Institute is partnering with the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas to offer a College Leadership Series to encourage area middle and high school girls to attend college. The institute hosted a workshop at TWU’s Denton campus in April, which included speakers on careers that require degrees and workshops on healthy eating habits and financial literacy. Michelle Alessandro, a microbiologist from Mary Kay Cosmetics, led a workshop about the importance of science in the creation of cosmetics. Leadership Institute members also held a “fashionista workshop” for attendees, who created and modeled garments from newspapers and trashbags.

Research Gains National Recognition

Recent TWU graduate Ladia M. Hernandez found that eating pistachios every day may help reduce the risk of lung and other cancers.

Ladia M. Hernandez, a recent TWU Ph.D. in nutrition graduate, has received national attention for her research on how eating pistachios can reduce the risk of lung cancer. Dr. Hernandez presented her dissertation research on pistachios and lung cancer at the American Association for Cancer Research “Frontiers in Cancer Prevention” conference held in Houston last December.

“Pistachios are one of those ‘good-for-you’ nuts, and 2 ounces per day may reduce the risk of lung cancer without significant changes in body mass index,” said Dr. Hernandez, a senior research dietitian at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Dr. Hernandez conducted a six-week, controlled clinical trial at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences—Houston Center, which was supervised by TWU faculty.

Study participants who ate pistachios increased their intake of gamma-tocopherol, a form of vitamin E known to fight lung and other cancers.

According to Dr. Hernandez, pistachios also are known to provide a heart-healthy benefit by producing a cholesterol-lowering effect and providing the antioxidants that are typically found in food products of plant origin.

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welcomed TWU Distinguished Alumna Dr. Geraldine “Polly” Bednash, executive director of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, as the keynote speaker for the Parry Distinguished Nursing Lecture at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: Dr. Judith McFarlane, TWU professor of nursing and the Parry Chair in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention; Dr. Karen Lynn, associate dean of the Nelda C. Stark College of Nursing in Houston; recent TWU doctoral nursing graduates Drs. Patricia Lewis, Glenda Johnson and Cheryl Rodgers; Dr. Patricia Holden-Hueyt, dean of the TWU College of Nursing; Dr. Bednash; and recent TWU doctoral nursing graduate Dr. Rebecca Schultz.

welcomed two acclaimed authors and former Joyce Thompson Lecturers to the Blagg-Huey Library on the Denton Campus. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: Dr. Phyllis Bridges, TWU Cornaro Professor of English; Jane Roberts Woods, award-winning author of “Flannery’s Last Peacock”; and Joyce Gibson Roach, award-winning author of “The Little Town That Could: Westlake, Texas.”