Dr. Ann Stuart Enters Texas Women’s Hall of Fame

Dr. Ann Stuart

Texas Woman's University Chancellor and President Ann Stuart has taken her place among the most prominent women of Texas with her induction into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame.

The May induction ceremony, held in the Senate Chamber of the Texas State Capitol, recognized Texas women who have made significant contributions in the arts, athletics, business, education, health and leadership.

Dr. Stuart, who is retiring after 14 years at TWU, was honored for her work in education.

“I feel privileged to have been a part of providing opportunities to others through education,” Dr. Stuart said. “To be recognized for this work, and to join this group of remarkable women, truly is an honor.”

Gov. Rick Perry, who hosted the ceremony, said Dr. Stuart has elevated TWU during her tenure, calling her “a profound leader (who has) helped uncounted Texans achieve their dreams.”

In the video accompanying her induction, Dr. Stuart notes that every major at TWU has a liberal arts component.

“I believe the reading of great works, knowing something about history and art and music, is a wonderful preparation for becoming a whole human being,” she said. “It raises aspirations. ... we do things like that at TWU, and we're immensely proud of it.”

Under Dr. Stuart’s leadership, enrollment has grown more than 80 percent, TWU has produced more than 20,000 graduates in critical fields, and the university has received national recognition for its quality, value and diversity.

She led the construction of new facilities that position TWU at the forefront of workplace development, including the TWU Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center, which was built at no cost to the state, the TWU T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center and the Ann Stuart Science Complex in Denton.

Dr. Stuart also leaves a lasting legacy to education as a private citizen. She has provided funding for scholarships to undergraduate students and for annual events that celebrate the wonders, truths and mysteries of science and bring exceptional alumni back to the university.

Both the scholarships and the science program bear the names of Dr. Stuart and her late husband, Ray R. Pilkaff. Both were first-generation graduates of public higher education, and both often said it was their education that enabled them to pursue the opportunities that enriched their lives.

Also as a private citizen, Dr. Stuart has provided funding for a courtyard garden at the Dallas Arboretum, a dog therapy program at Baylor Scott & White Health, an animal nutrition program at the Dallas Zoo and a pet adoption program at the Denton Animal Shelter.

The videos, biographies and photos of Dr. Stuart and the other inductees were added to the hall of fame permanent exhibit, located on TWU’s Denton campus, in June.

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Carine M. Feyten Named Chancellor and President

Dr. Feyten officially will begin her tenure as TWU’s second chancellor and 11th president on July 1. She succeeds Dr. Ann Stuart, who is retiring after 14 years as chancellor and president of the university.

“I am elated and humbled at this opportunity to collaborate with the talented faculty, students and staff at Texas Woman’s University who have already accomplished significant milestones in the areas of education, health care, liberal arts, the sciences, diversity, leadership and service,” said Dr. Feyten.

The TWU Board of Regents expressed confidence in Dr. Feyten and her ability to advance TWU to even greater heights in higher education in Texas.

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Dr. Feyten’s focus on the future of higher education.

“She understands what students need to know to become workforce ready and how to teach them. Dr. Feyten thinks globally and has an international perspective,” he said.

Dr. Feyten joins TWU after serving as dean of the College of Education, Health and Society at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, since 2006. The university has an enrollment of 12,550 students on its main campus and a total of 23,390 students over three campuses.

“I appreciate the examples of leadership and collegiality I experienced at Miami University. They will be a positive influence as I embrace the potential and pioneering spirit of TWU’s community,” Dr. Feyten said.

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A new era begins soon at Texas Woman’s University with the appointment of Dr. Carine M. Feyten as the university’s chancellor and president.

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LeFlore Leads Graduate School

Dr. Larry LeFlore stepped into a new yet familiar role when he was named dean of the Texas Woman’s University Graduate School in late 2013, having served as interim dean for the previous year.

He was selected from more than 100 applicants nationwide to fill the position on a permanent basis. “I believe I can make a difference in graduate education,” Dr. LeFlore said. “I welcome the opportunity to influence or effect change.”

One change he would like to implement is in services to students. Many TWU graduate students are working parents, he said, and “graduate education and the way we provide it should take that into consideration.”

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Another priority is giving a voice to graduate students, who make up 37 percent of TWU’s student population. “They deserve a seat at the table when it comes to decisions being made,” he said.

The new graduate dean also has concerns about graduate faculty members finding time to conduct their own research while teaching full course loads. Dr. LeFlore began his career in higher education as an instructor. He worked in administration at the University of Southern Mississippi and West Virginia University before coming to TWU in 2005 as professor and chair of the Department of Family Sciences. He was selected interim dean of the Graduate School in 2012. He sees many opportunities ahead for the university. “TWU has so much potential,” he said. “We haven’t really begun to tap into all we can do.”

TWU Earns Reaffirmation of SACS Accreditation

THE Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges recently announced it has reaffirmed the accreditation of Texas Woman’s University for an additional 10 years.

To celebrate, TWU hosted “We Did It!” receptions on all three campuses to recognize the work by faculty and staff to demonstrate the university’s compliance with regional and national standards of excellence.

“This was a team effort, and I am proud of how the TWU community worked together for the good of the university,” said TWU Chancellor Ann Stuart.

“This reaffirmation confirms our commitment to the highest standards of higher education and is a true indicator of the quality of teaching and learning that takes place at TWU.”

Reaffirmation of accreditation ensures that TWU is meeting or exceeding the academic standards set for higher education institutions in the U.S. It also determines TWU’s eligibility for participation in federal and state financial aid and the acceptance and transfer of college credit. Having an undergraduate degree from an accredited university also is a prerequisite for entering most graduate programs in the U.S.

Candace Henslee Named New Student Regent

Candace Henslee of Denton is the new student regent for Texas Woman’s University. Ms. Henslee, 21, is a junior government major with a focus on legal studies on the TWU Denton campus. She is a TWU Presidential Scholar, Honoros Scholar and Leadership Scholar. A well-known student leader, she serves as president of the Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society-Delphi Chapter and as co-chair of the TWU Student Service Fee Allocation Committee. She also serves as a member of the Athenian Honor Society’s Outreach Committee and has been a student representative for the TWU Student Code of Conduct Committee since 2011. “As student regent, my focus will be to make sure the student body’s needs are heard, and I couldn’t be more thankful for the opportunity,” Ms. Henslee said. Gov. Rick Perry appointed Ms. Henslee to a one-year term, which expires on May 31, 2015.

Alumni Excellence Award

“I am greatly honored by this award and particularly gratified that women artists in higher education are now being recognized on a wider scale,” said Ms. Williams, who earned her master of fine arts in dance from TWU in 1994.

Ms. Williams currently is completing her term as president of the American College Dance Festival Association. She also is internationally and nationally recognized for her choreography. In 2011, Chancellor Ann Stuart donated $120,000 to fund a 20-year program to bring the recipient of the Chancellor’s Alumni Excellence Award to campus each year to share their experience and expertise with the TWU community.

First Man Elected Student Body President

For the first time in TWU’s 113-year history, the student body has elected a man president of the Student Government Association (SGA). London Dickerson, 21, a junior biology/pre-med major from Houston, was elected SGA president for the Denton campus during elections held in the spring. He will serve as president for the 2014-2015 school year.

Mr. Dickerson wasn’t aware he was the first man elected SGA president until after the election. “It never even entered my mind,” he said. “I wanted to be SGA president because I have a heart for people and a need to serve.”

Mr. Dickerson has been involved with TWU student government for two years. In his term as executive secretary of the TWU Student Senate, he presented budgets to the university’s Student Service Fee Allocation committee.

“My experience at TWU has been a turning point in developing my leadership capabilities,” he said. “I ran for SGA president to make a difference. I feel that I am the right person to address student’s needs with the administration and ensure our voices are heard as a new chancellor and president arrives at TWU.”

Mr. Dickerson transferred to TWU from Xavier University of Louisiana in 2012.

In addition to his student government service, Mr. Dickerson is a member of the university’s multicultural student network and a TWU Pioneer Ambassador. “I tell potential students – including men – that TWU prepares you for the real world by having you work with people very different from you,” he said. “As a male student, you get to see what it is like to be in the minority and still succeed.”

Although Mr. Dickerson is the first man elected TWU SGA president, he is not the first male to serve in that position. Russell Marriot was appointed to complete the SGA president’s term during the 2004-2005 academic year.
An Informal History of the Texas Woman’s University. Months of research are reflected in the Students Association (FSA) is selling Marking New Trails for $20. Copies are available for sale of TWU through 2013. Highlights include the opening of new facilities in Denton, Dallas and Houston, and international and national honors awarded to faculty and staff. The TWU Former Students Association (FSA) is selling Marking New Trails for $20. Copies are available for sale through the FSA website.

**Faculty and Students Excel**

**Recognition for Service, Research and Teaching**

In addition to ALISE, Dr. Hwey Jeng has served in the Chinese American Librarians Association, the Asian Pacific American Library Association, the Association for Information Science and Technology, the Texas Library Association and the American Library Association.

**Drs. Peggy Gleeson and Mary Thompson**

Dr. Peggy Gleeson, associate director of the TWU School of Physical Therapy, Houston, and Dr. Mary Thompson, physical therapy professor, Dallas, each have received the Lucy Blair Service Award from the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). The award honors members whose contributions have been of exceptional value.

Dr. Gleeson is completing four years of service as president of the Education Section of the ATPA. She has served that section in various capacities for a total of 12 years. Dr. Thompson received the award for her work with the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy (formerly the Section on Geriatrics), American Board of PT Specialties and the American Board of Physical Therapy Residencies and Fellowship Education. Dr. Thompson recently completed a three-year term on the board of directors for the academy, and has served in numerous other roles in the academy for many years.

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**TWU Series Celebrates ‘Women in Science’**

**The third annual** Ann Stuart and Ray R. Poliakoff Celebration of Science brought prominent scientists to TWU’s Denton campus this spring to talk about their research in biology and chemistry and discuss the problems and major challenges ahead in the field of science.

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**Dr. Phyllis Bridges greets patrons at a book signing for her latest work on the history of Texas Woman’s University. The event took place during the Homecoming Reunion celebration.**

**Crystal Westbrook**

Crystal Westbrook, a fall 2013 TWU graduate with a bachelor’s degree in interdisciplinary studies, has been named an Exemplary Teacher Candidate by the Quest for Quality Teacher Preparation in Texas project.

The project is a collaboration between the Center for Research Evaluation and Advancement (CREATE) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The exemplary teacher candidate initiative is designed to identify outstanding junior, senior and post-baccalaureate teacher candidates from all Texas universities.

**Top photo:** Attendees view poster presentations by students and faculty. Bottom photo: Shown with Chancellor Ann Stuart are, from left, TWU Provost Dr. Robert Neely, guest speakers Dr. Jennifer Leids and Dr. Madeline Shea, Dr. Richard Sheardy, professor and chair of the TWU Department of Chemistry/Biochemistry, and guest speaker Dr. Cynthia Burrows.
University Presents Founders’ Awards

Charles W. “Chuck” Carpenter, Dr. Bettye B. Myers and – in a surprise announcement during the Founders’ Awards Scholarship Luncheon – TWU Chancellor Ann Stuart are the recipients of TWU’s 2014 Founders’ Awards. Mr. Carpenter has served as the president of the Denton Chamber of Commerce for more than 30 years and is a recognized civic leader in Denton. Dr. Myers is a TWU Carnaro Professor of Kinesiology, a TWU Distinguished Alumna and is well known for her community service to Denton and to TWU, where she has taught for more than 50 years. Chancellor Stuart has enhanced the reputation and visibility of TWU since becoming chancellor and president in 1999. Under her leadership enrollment has grown more than 80 percent, TWU has produced more than 20,000 graduates in critical fields and the university has received national recognition for its quality, value and diversity.

HONORS CONVOCATION

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

Faculty

Humphries Award – Dr. Don E. Edwards, professor and chair, department of mathematics and computer science. The award recognizes dedication to TWU.

Mary Mason Lyon Award – Dr. Jacob M. Blosser, associate professor of history; and Dr. Judi Moreillon, assistant professor of library science. The award is presented to junior faculty members who are developing excellent records of teaching, research and service.

Distinction in Teaching – Dr. Sarah McMahan, assistant professor of teacher education. 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 Service – Dr. Jack T. Gill, professor of chemistry. The award is presented to TWU faculty who have developed a distinguished record of service to their component, the university, their professional field of study and/or the community.

Distinction in Scholarship – Dr. Ellina Grigorieva, professor of mathematics. The award is presented to a faculty member who has a distinguished record of scholarship and dedication to improving knowledge and understanding in their discipline.

Staff

TWU Award of Excellence – Karrie Fletcher, assistant director, Fitness and Recreation. The award is the highest recognition given to a staff member who exhibits loyalty, dedication, initiative and reliability.

Outstanding Achievement Awards – Janelle Davis, academic adviser, department of kinesiology; and Judy Franz, coordinator of education field experiences, College of Professional Education. The award recognizes the dedication of TWU staff.

Students

Pauline Bishop Leman Memorial Award – Erin Bailey, a master of fine arts candidate in dance, from Columbia, S.C. The award recognizes outstanding artistic achievement.

Outstanding Senior Awards – Wen Yu (Wendy) Chong of Houston, a biology major; Bailey Vrazel of Danbury, a kinesiology and pre-physical therapy major; and Emma C. Zemler of Corinth, a mathematics and computer science major.

Graduate Council Award for Exceptional, Original Scholarship – Hannah Mills of Sheridan, Wyoming, a doctoral candidate in early childhood development and education; and Elizabeth Enochs of Fort Worth, a doctoral student in library science.

TWU Choir Takes Manhattan

The TWU Concert Choir performed at The Church of St. Paul the Apostle in Manhattan. The choir joined with other ensembles to sing under the direction of renowned conductor Sandra Peters. The choir also performed solo during the festival, which draws musicians from the international and U.S. music communities.

From left: Chancellor Ann Stuart, Founders’ Awards Scholarship Luncheon keynote speaker Dr. Ron Davis, Charles W. “Chuck” Carpenter and Dr. Bettye B. Myers.
Luncheon Honors Alumni and Students

The TWU and the TWU Former Students Association recognized alumni and student excellence at the TWU Accolades Awards Luncheon held during Homecoming Reunion. Dr. Betty Bohon Alford, R.D./L.D., B.S., M.A., ’56, Ph.D. ’85, received the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award – the highest honor given by the TWU FSA. Dr. Alford is a TWU Cornaro Professor Emerita and former dean of nutrition, textiles and human development at the university. She was honored for her lifetime accomplishments, leadership and contributions to the field of nutrition.

The Hallmark Alumni Award salutes graduates who have had a significant, positive effect on their chosen profession or on their community. This year’s recipient is Jennifer Lee, CPT-SLP, M.S., ’99, an inpatient speech therapist at Children’s Medical Center – Dallas. She also volunteers with Connective Link Among Special Needs.

From left: Bailey Vrazel, Jennifer Lee, Dr. Betty Bohon Alford, Wen Yu (Wendy) Chong and Emma C. Zemler were honored at the Accolades Luncheon hosted by TWU and the TWU Former Students Association.

Lasso Celebrates Centennial

The 2014-2015 academic year marks the 100th anniversary of the TWU student newspaper, the Lasso, which is the oldest student-run activity at the university. The first edition of the paper, then called the LASS-O, was published on November 7, 1914, when TWU was known as the College of Industrial Arts. One of the paper’s first stories explains how the “College of Industrial Arts Raises Standards to that of Co-Eds” including Baylor University and Texas Christian University, which also started student newspapers in 1914.

Throughout the upcoming academic year, TWU will celebrate the history of the Lasso by hosting speakers and programs relating to the topic “Women in Media.”

The Lasso 100th Anniversary Planning Committee is looking for former Lasso and LASS-O reporters, editors and advisers to participate and attend centennial celebrations. Please send your contact information, along with details about your service to the student newspaper, to the TWU Office of Alumni Relations at alumnirelations@twu.edu.

Alumni Enjoy Homecoming Reunion

Class songs, yelling and stories of campus escapades resonated throughout Hubbard Hall as the TWU Class of 1964 returned to the Denton campus during Homecoming Reunion weekend in April. About 60 class members participated in the Chancellor’s Welcome Coffee, a Spirit Lunch and a memorial service for deceased classmates at the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods. At the Reunion Dinner, classmates received their 50-year pins, provided by the TWU Former Students Association, from Chancellor Ann Stuart and Dr. Bettye B. Myers, a favorite professor. The Class of ’64 now joins nearly 4,000 other alumni as members of the True Pioneer Society, a designation for those who received their degrees from TWU at least 50 years ago.

Applause

State Sen. Sylvia Garcia

LEADERSHIP and service always have gone hand-in-hand for State Sen. Sylvia Garcia (D-Houston), a TWU Distinguished Alumna, beginning when she was a student at the university in the late 1960s and early ’70s. “My TWU education built on my family’s principles of service and taking care of your neighbor,” said Sen. Garcia, who received her bachelor’s degree in social work from TWU in 1972.

She has kept this credo throughout her career as a social worker, lawyer, city judge, Houston City Controller, the first Hispanic and first woman elected to the Harris County Commissioner’s Court and her recent election to the Texas Senate.

“My student government activities gave me the opportunity to develop my leadership skills, which have brought me to where I am today.”

Sen. Garcia says being a TWU graduate means the world to her.

“My time at TWU impacted me tremendously,” she said. “My life is about helping people and making a difference in their lives, just as I was taught at TWU.”

To nominate an alum for APPLAUSE, email alumnirelations@twu.edu.
Jamison's Estate Gives $1.7 Million

The THE TWU Founda-
tion has received a
$1.7 million gift from the
estate of former State Rep.
Alonzo W. Jamison, a long-
time TWU faculty member,
and his wife Elisabeth, an
alumna of the university.

Mrs. Jamison received her
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The Jamisons were
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The gift will benefit the
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the TWU Department of History and Government.

He received a Bronze
Star for his World War II
service as an Army anti-
aircraft artillery officer in
North Africa, Italy, and
Germany. He passed
away in 2011.

In 1947, he married
Elisabeth McCullar of Denton.

Phyllis Bridges Endowment

Endowment seeks to create a lasting
tribute to her and provide
continuing scholarships to
benefit students at TWU.

Dr. Phyllis Bridges Endowment

Project INVEST Receives Community Support

HERITAGE Health Solutions, Inc., a
medical services company
based in Flower Mound,
recently donated $25,000 to
support TWU’s Project IN-
VEST (Injured Veterans En-
tering Sports Training) program.

Project INVEST offers
opportunities for injured
veterans to play Paralympic
sports such as wheelchair
tennis and bocce ball
during events held at TWU
throughout the year.

Dr. Phyllis Bridges

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Ron Davis, TWU professor
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“Help a Hero’s generosity not only benefits
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For information on how you can
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TWU Office of University
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- Agnes C. Talley Athlete’s Scholarship Fund

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Old Main Society

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on the Denton Campus, the Old
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Donations of all sizes
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TWU Foundation and
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scholarship committee.

For more information
on contributing to the
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Patrice Frisby, development
officer in the Office of
University Advancement,
at 940-898-3803.
Learning to Teach Goes Hi-Tech

TEXAS Woman’s University is using the latest technology to prepare new teachers for the classroom.

TWU is the only university in Texas—and one of only 40 universities in the nation—to use TeachLivE™, an interactive computer-simulated classroom that allows teacher candidates to practice their skills on “virtual” children rather than actual students.

TWU’s TeachLivE™ lab, housed in Stoddard Hall, features a screen with five “students” seated at desks. These students are avatars controlled by human trainers and are made to ask and answer questions, sit quietly or misbehave. Each avatar has a name and his or her own personality.

The technology, which was developed at the University of Central Florida, mirrors what teachers encounter in the classroom with their students, according to Dr. Heather Haynes-Smith, TWU assistant professor of education.

“Many times, early teaching experiences leave teachers feeling frustrated and unprepared,” she said. “These students (who use the lab) will be ready to go into the classroom.”

The feedback from students has been positive. “They loved being in the lab,” said Maria Petersen, a TWU doctoral candidate in teacher education and TeachLivE™ research coordinator for the university. “They’d go home and think about what they could have done differently, and they wanted to try again. Their confidence levels increased many times over.”

TWU also uses the lab to study professional development for practicing teachers.

The primary focus, however, is on integrating TeachLivE™ into its pre-service educator preparation program.

“We believe the use of this technology in teacher education programs could better equip educators for teaching in the inclusive classroom, supporting diverse groups of students,” Dr. Haynes-Smith said. “This could improve teacher retention and success in rural and urban schools.”

Dr. Richard Nicholas

AFTER more than 18 years at TWU, Dr. Richard Nicholas, vice president for student life, retired in April to spend time with his grandchildren and travel with his wife, Anne. Dr. Nicholas is credited with establishing the Office of Commuter and Non-Traditional Services; expanding and updating student facilities, including residence halls and the Student Health Center;

Learning to Teach Goes Hi-Tech

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“My husband Chad and I are looking forward to contributing to the pioneering spirit so prevalent in the great state of Texas.”

Dr. Feyten’s many accomplishments at Miami University include:

- Developing and launching a strategic plan focused on a holistic and sustainable approach to all aspects of administrative, faculty and student well-being;

- Leading capital campaigns that has raised more than $27 million, well above its $15 million;

- Increasing enrollment and retention rates in the college, resulting in a 90 percent average retention from freshman to sophomore;

- Significantly increasing external grant funding; and

- Leading multiple successful accreditation efforts.

Dr. Feyten earned a doctorate from the University of South Florida, and an M.A. in English, Dutch, Education and a B.A. in Germanic Philology, both from the Université Catholique Louvain in Belgium.

Top photo: During a recent visit to TWU, Dr. Feyten met with TWU student leaders, including, from left, Sarah Gorken and Keri Anne Jones, both Terry Scholars, and Cassidy Lindsey, a Leadership Scholar.

Bottom photo: TWU faculty get to know Dr. Feyten during a visit to the Blagg-Huey Library.

John Lawhon

Dr. Lawhon was the only general counsel in TWU’s history. He also served the university as its ethics officer and public information officer. In addition, he taught in the TWU Department of History and Government for 14 years, helping to establish the programs and curricula in paralegal studies and criminal justice.

“I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at TWU and appreciate the opportunity to have served the university,” he said.

John Lawhon

Dr. Lawhon, general counsel for Texas Woman’s University, retired in late 2013 after more than 35 years with the university.

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presented service and retirement awards to faculty and staff, and also received a crystal bowl etched with the university seal as a retiree herself, during the 2014 Service Awards and Retirement Recognition Program. Shown with Chancellor Stuart is Dr. Charles L. Riggs, professor of chemistry, who was recognized for his 40 years of service to TWU.

assisted a team from Argyle Middle School in running their car down the ramp during the 16th annual Edible Car Contest. The purpose of the contest is to make math and engineering fun for students, especially female students. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: Nikki Gardner, Angelica Reyes, Keyvon Haj Heydari, Jordan Karmes and Jeff Dillard.

hosted a luncheon honoring the 2013-2014 Chancellor’s Student Research Scholars. The Chancellor’s Student Research Scholars program recognizes outstanding achievement by undergraduate and graduate students in research and the creative arts.

welcomed students, faculty and staff to the grand opening of the Pioneer Center for Student Excellence. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: Samnang Chang, a student assistant at the center; Dr. Joshua Adams, executive director of the center; Dr. Robert Neely, TWU provost; and student assistant Jahmeilla Hunter.

attended the 2014 Virginia Chandler Dykes Luncheon at the Belo Mansion in Dallas. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: Bob White, Dallas marketing executive for the Bank of Texas; Mary Brinegar, president and CEO of the Dallas Arboretum and recipient of the 2014 Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award; Virginia Chandler Dykes; and Norm Bagwell, CEO of Bank of Texas, sponsor of the luncheon.

...received an honorary class ring during the spring ring presentation ceremony. Also receiving an honorary class ring was Dr. Richard Nicholas, left, TWU vice president for student life, who retired in April. Chancellor Stuart and Dr. Nicholas are the first to receive honorary TWU class rings.