

road trip

newsletter for commuter & off-campus students

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Career Services cordially invites you to attend...

Nursing Career Day

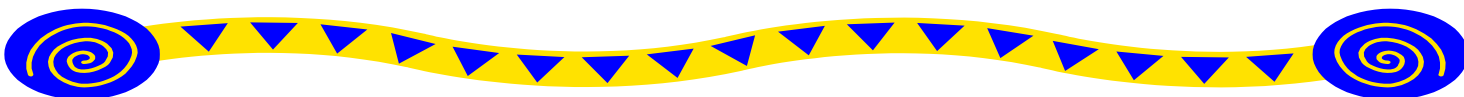


Parkland Campus Monday, March 3, 10AM – 1PM



Business Professional Attire is Required

Go to www.twu.edu/o-cs/CareerDays_Students.htm for a list of the companies that will be participating & more... !



The TWU Commuter website has been updated to include loads of helpful information ranging from transportation, recipes, student parent needs, and more! Some of the information is specific to the Denton campus (local events, etc) but most of it is useful for all students. Specifically, a Dallas transportation page has been created for students on the Dallas campuses to figure out their transportation needs. Search through the site at **TWUCommuter.com** or find it directly at: http://www.twu.edu/o-sl/studentcenter/commuter/sub_pages/dallas_transportation.html. Also, visit AlterNetRides through your portal (bottom left side) to sign up for carpooling with other students who live in your area! It's free, fast, and easy. You can save money and help the environment all at the same time!



This year Mardi Gras will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 5th. Many people get excited and love to celebrate this holiday but may not know...

What exactly is Mardi Gras?

The New Orleans season of merriment begins on January 6, the Epiphany holiday which comes twelve days after Christmas on the day many cultures celebrate the three kings presentation of gifts to the Christ Child. The spectacular parade countdown to Fat Tuesday begins the Friday twelve days before Ash Wednesday. Here the nearly sixty parades will stir an inimitable mix of royal ritual, teasing bead and bauble giveaways, liberal libations, mask fantasy and joyful excitement until the people's collective soul rises extravagantly on New Orleans Mardi Gras Day to reaffirm its tremendous appetite for the pleasures of life.

A king cake (sometimes rendered as kingcake or kings' cake) is a type of cake associated with the festival of Epiphany in the Christmas season in a number of countries, and in other places with Mardi Gras and Carnival. The king cake of the New Orleans Mardi Gras tradition comes in a number of styles. The most simple, said to be the most traditional, is a ring of twisted bread similar to that used in brioche, topped with icing or sugar, usually colored purple, green, and gold (the traditional Carnival colors) with food coloring. Some varieties even have filling inside.

The "king cake" takes its name from the Biblical three kings. Catholic tradition states that their journey to Bethlehem took twelve days (the Twelve Days of Christmas), and that they arrived to honor the Christ child on Epiphany. The season for king cake extends from the end of the Twelve Days of Christmas (Twelfth Night and Epiphany Day), through to Mardi Gras day. Some organizations or groups of friends may have "king cake parties" every week through the Carnival season.

Traditionally, the king cake has a trinket baked inside, which in the US is most commonly a small plastic baby. Sometimes it is a king wearing a crown. The person who gets the trinket is declared king or queen of the party, sometimes given a paper, plastic, or costume jewelry crown or tiara. The monarch is usually obligated to supply the next king cake or host the next party or both. King cake parties may be held at the homes of people who live on or near the routes of Carnival parades.



Did you know?...

- *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* magazine rates TWU a Publisher's Pick for its record of recruiting and graduating Hispanic students. The magazine also lists TWU among its Top 100 Schools for Hispanics. (2006)
- Minority students (excluding international students) comprise 37 percent of enrollment at TWU. (Fall 2006)
- TWU researchers were the first to document bone loss in space in a project with NASA. Today, the TWU Institute for Women's Health has the world's largest database of osteoporosis imagery/scans.
- Dr. Judith McFarlane, holder of the Parry Chair in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention on TWU's Houston campus, conducts research on the health effects of violence against women and the effectiveness of interventions to prevent further violence. Her findings on the abuse of pregnant women and its connection with low birthweight have been used by clinicians in the United States and abroad to set standards of care for pregnant women.



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