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## **TWU TEACHER ED PROGRAM MAKES HIGH MARKS**

Texas Woman's University is the only public university in Texas with scores that rank in the top 25 percent among teacher education programs in Texas, according to a report recently released by U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige.

"Because these rankings reflect the accomplishments of students, they provide solid testimony to student achievement," said Keith Swigger, dean of the College of Professional Education at TWU. "The rankings show the level of quality and commitment shown by faculty and students."

Title II of the Higher Education Act was amended in 1998 to require three annual reports on the quality of teacher preparation. The Department of Education derived rankings from student performance on state mandated tests.

"The data affirm TWU's commitment to prepare professional educators to be effective in the classroom and to meet the challenges of the Texas certification process. It is one outcome measure, of many, that speaks to the quality of the TWU Teacher Education Program," stated Barbara Lerner, associate dean of the College of Professional Education.

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## **SECC CAMPAIGN ENDS SUCCESSFULLY**

Organizers of this year's State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) at TWU have declared it a success. University-wide, TWU employees pledged \$67,368. Last year, \$57,107 was collected

This year, the Denton campus pledged \$50,030 and had 441 employees participate, or 50.8 percent. TWU's goal for the Denton campus was 50/50 — \$50,000 and 50 percent employee participation.

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**SECC, continued**

At the Dallas center, 71 employees (59 percent) pledged \$12,216. And 44 Houston center employees (30 percent) pledged \$5,121.

“What an amazing accomplishment!” said Evelyn Curry (library sciences), who co-chaired the SECC campaign with Lynda Murphy (distance education). “Many, many thanks for the support that enabled the university to continue its history of charitable giving to local communities and the state.”

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**UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE**

*Please submit “People” items (faculty and staff only) to the office of marketing and communications 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 title (ie, Dr.)*

Dr. **Roberta Nutt** (psychology) presented seminars on gender issues in therapy and the history of family psychology Nov. 28 and Nov. 30 in Encino, Calif., for the doctoral program in clinical family psychology at Phillips Graduate Institute.

Condolences are offered to **Vicki Alexander** (chemistry and physics), whose son, John Thomas Alexander, age 9, passed away on Dec. 6. A memorial service will be held at Lake Cities United Methodist Church, 300 E. Hundley Dr., Lake Dallas, on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002 at 4 p.m. Those who would like to make a donation in memory of John may send them to either of the two following hospices: Vista Care, 819 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Temple, TX. 76504; or Vistas Charitable Fund, 2501 Parkview Drive, Suite 600, Fort Worth, TX. 76102.

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**THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU; DECEMBER 17-31, 2001**

Dec. 17-21 - Library open noon to 6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; wellness center, 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Texas Woman’s University offices will be closed Dec. 22 through Jan. 1 due to the holidays. Offices will reopen Jan. 2.

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