

SPRING COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULED

Texas Woman's University will confer degrees upon 1,136 students when commencement exercises are held Saturday, May 12, in the Kitty Magee Arena in Pioneer Hall.

Ceremonies are scheduled at 9 a.m., noon and 3 p.m., with commencement speakers Dr. Janette Schkade, dean of TWU's school of occupational therapy; Laura Estrada, a 1998 TWU Distinguished Alumna; and Dr. Carole Funk, TWU professor of educational administration; for ceremonies I, II and III, respectively. A reception for all graduates and their guests is scheduled from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Center.

Schkade, who plans to retire at the end of the semester, will present a speech titled, "Your Adaptive Capacity: Don't Leave Home Without It." Estrada, who currently owns a print consulting firm, will present a speech titled, "You Can Do It!" Funk, who will give a speech titled, "Our Wild and Precious Lives," will be presented with a special honor during Ceremony III.

The ceremonies include degrees earned in May and August on the Denton, Dallas and Houston campuses. A total of 645 undergraduate and 491 graduate degrees will be awarded, according to Dr. Jim Stiles, registrar. Times for commencement reflect candidate assignments, based on specific schools and colleges participating in the ceremonies listed below:

- 9 a.m. - Ceremony I for candidates from the School of Library and Information Studies, College of Nursing and the School of Occupational Therapy;
- Noon - Ceremony II for candidates from the College of Arts and Sciences;
- 3 p.m. - Ceremony III for candidates from the College of Health Sciences, College of Professional Education and the School of Physical Therapy.

Chancellor Ann Stuart will preside at each ceremony, which includes an academic procession, certification of degrees and a commencement address.

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PROFESSOR'S CORNER SCHEDULED

This month's Professor's Corner will examine the intricate yet delicately simple language and timeless message of some of Emily Dickinson's most popular poems, as presented by TWU graduate student Donna Marie Jarma.

The meeting is scheduled from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, in the Denton Public Library's South Branch, just south of the intersection of Teasley Lane and Lillian Miller Parkway.

The purpose of the monthly series is to provide area English professors and doctoral students an opportunity to share their special interests with the general public through informal presentations that allow for discussion.

The readings are usually available in photocopied form for take-home reading one month in advance from the Main and South branches of the Denton Public Library.

Monthly announcements are available by e-mail. To get on the mailing list, send a request via e-mail to ssouris@iglobal.net. Current information also is available at the Denton Public Library.

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AUTHOR TO DISCUSS HISPANIC LITERATURE

Author Rolando Hinojosa of The University of Texas at Austin will present an informal discussion at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at The Greenhouse Restaurant, 600 N. Locust St. in Denton.

Hinojosa has written numerous novels. He will attend the final session of TWU's English 5153, a course in which his novel, *Becky and Her Friends*, is being read. Anyone interested in his work or Hispanic literature in general is welcome to join the group at the Greenhouse Restaurant after the class. For more information, contact Dr. Stephen Souris (English, Speech and Foreign Language), at SSouris@ATT.net, or call 8-1-2343.

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ADDITIONAL STUDY PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

Doctoral student Gary Massey is seeking research participants for a study that focuses on the influence of early family environment - specifically, women's family-of-origin issues that pertain to both positive and negative family processes, and stressful childhood and adolescent events. Massey, who is pursuing his Ph.D. in clinical psychology, is collecting part of his dissertation data at TWU.

The criteria for the study include that all participants be middle-class working women ages 30 to 55; the individual has not been in outpatient therapy during the last two

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years of the date of her most recent birthday, and she has never been in outpatient psychiatric treatment; the individual is not involved in the mental health professions as a psychologist, psychiatrist, counselor or social worker; the individual currently is not pregnant.

For more information, call Massey toll free at 877-242-2245 or contact him at gnmassey@gte.net

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PHI KAPPA PHI CONDUCTS INITIATION

A total of 46 students, along with four faculty members and one honor initiate, recently joined the Texas Woman's University chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

The honor society conducted its annual initiation banquet on Monday, April 23, in Hubbard Hall on TWU's Denton campus. Those elected to membership include the upper 5 percent of juniors and the upper 10 percent of seniors, along with outstanding graduate students, faculty and alumni.

Kay Williams Goodman, former chair of the TWU Board of Regents and a TWU alumna, joined Phi Kappa Phi as an honor initiate and also spoke about "Recollections of a Retiring Regent."

Dr. Fritz Schwalm (biology) was honored as "Alumnus of the Year."

Faculty initiates were Dr. Michael H. Droge (graduate studies and research); Dr. Daniel C. Miller (psychology and philosophy); Dr. Lynda J. Owen (Center for Student Research Support); and Dr. Brenda D. Phillips (women's studies).

Students initiated into the honor society were Amy Kathryn Arendt, Joahna Paula Bravo, Craig L. Broussard, Jill Ann Campbell, Nancy Leffel Carlson, Amy Cartwright-McIntire, Alison D. Chappell, Kihyoung Choi, Lea Anne Clare, Jarrod Collings, Beverly Anne Curtis, Joan Scott Curtis, Houquan Dai, Rachel Anne Davis, Eve Vanessa Essery, Dayna L. Ford, Sonia Elizabeth Gibbs, Tracye Darter Hudy, Andrea Lynn James, Sheila Jones, Rima Kandalajt, Karen M. Kapusta-Pofahl, Nancy Elizabeth Krusen, Anna Marie Love, Jodi Lyn Lowther, Tina M. Macon, Janet E. Maffei, W. Frank Mayhew, Amy L. Overbeek, Raul Pena, Amber M. Phillips, Sara Kate Plank, Mary F. Porter, Margaret M. Reed, Alicia Nicole Reimers, Patsy Robles-Goodwin, Laurel Anne Ruff, Cheryl Schwaebler, Ingrid G. Sevy, Lisa G. Shuntich, Tisha A. Slagle-Pipes, Caryl Smarr-Mills, Priya Srinivasan, Paula Kathryn Veselka and Cecilia Jun Zhao.

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ENRICHMENT DAY SET FOR DENTON, DALLAS STAFF

The TWU Staff Centennial Celebration, titled "Sharing a Vision for the 21st Century," is scheduled from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 23 on the Denton campus.

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The schedule is as follows:

- 8-8:30 a.m. - Check-in and continental breakfast, ACT 2
- 8:30-8:45 a.m. - Opening address by Chancellor Ann Stuart, ACT 2
- 8:45-9 a.m. - TWU historical trivia and prizes by TWU Staff Council volunteers, ACT 2
- 9-10 a.m. - "Communication Plus!" by Robin McCoy and Kathryn Puckett, ACT 3
- 10-11 a.m. - "Assertiveness and Self-Esteem: Keys to Success" by Jennifer Hartman and Courtney Aberle, TWU Counseling Center, ACT 5
- 11 a.m.-noon - "Enhancing Your Professional Style" by Teresa Smith, ACT 3
- Noon-1 p.m. - Luncheon, with keynote presenter Regent Linda Loveless Hughes, Hubbard Hall, south foyer

The TWU Staff Council is sponsoring the event, which is also being supported by the Centennial Fund. Staff Council Professional Development Committee Chair Sherri Williams said some of the goals of the event are to honor and show appreciation for staff, to help increase workplace success and to build TWU team spirit. All sessions, including lunch, are free; however, due to space limitations registration is required for each session. Registration is also required for the luncheon.

"We realized that some departments might not have the depth of coverage that would allow their staff members to attend every session," Williams said. "Registration for individual sessions will help ensure that more staff will be able to take part in this special event."

Transportation to the event will be arranged for Dallas Center staff members who would like to attend (contact Ethel Bowman at 8-2-6512). A comparable program will be held in the fall (date and time TBA) for the Institute of Health Sciences Center Staff in Houston.

Registration forms will be sent to employees through the campus mail. For additional information, contact Williams at (940) 898-2953.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to the office of marketing and communication through campus mail, by fax to 8-1-3463 or by e-mail to info@twu.edu. The deadline to receive information is every other Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following week. Student information for the "People" section is not published unless it is submitted by or in conjunction with a faculty member and that faculty member's related activities.

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The Denton County Chapter of the TWU National Alumnae Association will hold a membership barbecue mixer from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 18, at the ranch of Bob and Kay Goodman, 1042 Bobcat Road in Sanger. The cost is \$5 per person, payable at the door. Those planning to attend should RSVP by Wednesday, May 16, to Lisa Kealer-Carver, (940) 380-9513.

A reception honoring participants in the annual "On My Own Time" employee arts and crafts exhibition

is scheduled from 9:30 to 10:30 Wednesday, May 10, in the second-floor lobby of ACT.

Denton staff and faculty are invited to Clay Underground's spring ceramic sale, scheduled from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 8 in the lobby of the Art Building. Students will be offering a variety of handmade sculptural and functional ceramics.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Please submit "People" items (faculty and staff only) to the office of marketing and communication by campus mail or by e-mail to info@twu.edu! Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).

A farewell reception for Dr. **Ruth Ann Ragland** (mass communications) will be held from 2:30 until 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, in the Wildflower Room, Hubbard Hall. Ragland has accepted the post as associate vice president of academic affairs at the University of Texas at Brownsville.

Dr. **Sondra Ferstl** (research and grants administration) received the first Distinguished Service Award from Region V of the National Council of University Research Administrators. The award, presented during a special banquet held during the region's spring meeting May 1 in Oklahoma City, is for meritorious service in research administration on both the regional and national levels. Ferstl is incoming chair of the National Council of University Research Administrators, Region V, which consists of Texas and Oklahoma.

Condolences are offered to **Elizabeth Snapp** (library), whose mother, Louise Mitchell, passed away April 27. A memorial service was held in her honor at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home and Health Center in Denton on April 30. In lieu of flowers, Snapp asks that donations be made to the Louise Mitchell Scholarship Fund, Institutional Development, Attention: Jane Erwin, P.O. Box 425618, Denton, TX 76204-5618. Checks should be made payable to "Louise Mitchell Scholarship Fund." Those who would like to send a card may take it to the library administration office on the Denton campus or mail it to her at P.O. Box 424093, Denton, TX 76204.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: MAY 7-20, 2001

May 7-9

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Mon., May 7

- Art film: "Images of Me," 7 p.m., BHL 101.

Tues., May 8

- Farewell reception for Dr. Ruth Ann Ragland, 2:30-4 p.m., Wildflower Room, HH.

Wed., May 9

- Professor's Corner, 7-8:30 p.m., Denton Public Library, South Branch, free.

Thurs., May 10

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- "On My Own Time" reception, 9:30-10:30 a.m., ACT 2 Lobby.

Fri., May 11

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sat., May 12

- Commencement, Magee Arena, Pioneer Hall. Ceremony I, 9 a.m.; Ceremony II, noon; Ceremony III, 3 p.m.
- Commencement reception, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., second floor, SC.
- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun., May 13

- Library closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

May 14-18

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sat., May 19

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sun., May 20

- Library closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

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