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TWU RECEIVES TEXAS STAR AWARD

TWU's Nursing Success Program for at-risk students has received the 2002 Texas Higher Education Star Award from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

At-risk students in the Nursing Success Program take courses in time management, study skills, English usage, test taking, computer usage, medical calculations, understanding the role of nurses in American professional culture, managing stress and thinking critically. The program's goal is to retain valuable nursing students.

Nearly three-quarters of the 74 students admitted into the program during the past four semesters are under-represented minorities, and for 38 percent of the students English is a second language. Sixty-seven continued as nursing students, representing a 91 percent retention rate. Without the Nursing Success Program, historical data suggests about one-half of those students most likely would have dropped out of the nursing program.

Students enter the Nursing Success Program as juniors who have completed their core classes and are beginning intensive nursing instruction and clinicals.

The Star Award was established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to recognize exemplary contributions toward the goals of the state's Closing the Gaps by 2015 education plan. Other 2002 Star Award recipients are: Baylor College of Medicine, Lamar University, San Jacinto College-North Campus, University of Texas-El Paso, University of Texas-San Antonio, University of Texas-Pan American.

"I think it's noteworthy that we're the only nursing program to receive the award," said Dr. Lene Symes, who established the program on TWU's Houston campus two years ago. "We plan to have the program online next semester so other colleges and universities can use it as a blueprint for their own similar programs. By sharing the program, TWU is taking another step toward addressing the state's nursing shortage and addressing the issue of cultural diversity in nursing education."

"These programs represent the best of the best efforts to close the gaps in education that challenge Texas," said Commissioner of Higher Education Don W. Brown. "The Star Award is a prestigious honor for the people and the institutions that develop and carry out these efforts, as well as to the private organizations and people who support them."

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For this year's competition, the Coordinating Board received 83 applications, from which 15 finalists were chosen. Selection of the seven Star Award recipients was based on the recommendations of a nine-member committee made up of three Coordinating Board members, three Texas business and community leaders and three educational experts from other states.

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PIONEER FIELD WINS SOFTBALL FIELD OF YEAR AWARD

Pioneer Field has earned the 2002 Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) Softball Field of the Year Award in the college/university division.

The Field of the Year Awards are presented for top maintenance of natural playing surfaces and support facilities in four sports areas: baseball, softball, football and soccer. The Field of the Year Awards are the highest honor STMA bestows on a facility.

Constructed in 1996, Pioneer Field is a beautifully maintained playing field in the northeast corner of the TWU campus. Pioneer Field hosts 100 college softball games and 15 high school playoff games during a typical season.

Robert Trevino, TWU landscaping supervisor, and his staff have gradually improved the field since its original construction — adding a lighting system, an irrigation system, additional turf and infield clay.

The award will be presented during the STMA Awards Banquet, scheduled for Jan. 17, 2003 in San Antonio.

STMA is a not-for-profit international association with more than 2,400 sports turf professionals from schools, colleges and universities, parks and recreation and municipal facilities and professional stadiums who promote better and safer sports turf areas.

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ANN WILLIAMS TO SPEAK OF CREATING A LEGACY

TWU Regent Ann Williams, founder and executive artistic director of the Dallas Black Dance Theatre, will share her story of overcoming adversity and achieving success in "Creating a Legacy: A Talk by Ann Williams" scheduled Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 1-2 p.m. in room 101 of the Blagg-Huey Library. There is no cost to attend the presentation.

The video-illustrated presentation is designed to encourage young professionals — regardless of their field — to plan for their legacy now; not later. Williams will speak of

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her personal experiences, from her days as one of the few minority students at TWU to her current status as director of one of the longest-lived professional dance companies in the United States to be directed by a woman.

The Dallas Black Dance Theatre, which she founded in 1975, also is the oldest continuously operating professional dance company in Dallas. The company has performed at the Kennedy Center, the Olympics, on Broadway and throughout Europe, Africa and South America.

Williams was the first African-American to earn a master of arts in dance in Texas. She is past president of the TWU Former Students Association, a TWU Distinguished Alumna and has been honored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. She was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in September 2002.

The event is presented by the TWU School of the Arts Department of Dance. For more information, call 8-1-2085.

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WHISTLE STOP TOUR TO TOUT HIGHER ED

TWU will help kick-off a campaign for higher education awareness during the Nov. 14 Whistle Stop Bus Tour that will begin at Denton High School and then continue to Arlington High School in Arlington and Polytechnic High School in Fort Worth. Other institutions participating in the Whistle Stop Tour include the University of Texas-Arlington, Tarrant County College and Tarleton State University.

The tour will begin when the bus arrives at Denton High School, 1007 Fulton St., at 8:20 a.m. Representatives from the higher education institutions, including TWU Chancellor Dr. Ann Stuart, will meet with high school students at 9 a.m. in the school's auditorium to discuss the benefits of continuing their education after high school. University recruiters also will be on hand.

The event launches the College for Texans campaign in the Metroplex, which was authorized by the Texas Legislature last year and is directed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The goal of the Whistle Stop Tour is to generate greater public awareness of secondary and higher education institutions in the Denton/Tarrant county areas.

Ten TWU students will participate in a similar event on Nov. 12 beginning at 8 a.m. in the Dallas Independent School District. The TWU students, along with students from

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other Dallas-area colleges and universities, will visit four DISD schools to discuss the benefits of a college education and how to prepare for college.

The campaign is a key strategy identified in the state's *Closing the Gaps by 2015* education plan, which was adopted by the Coordinating Board in October 2002.

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TWU, DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY TEAM UP FOR LECTURE, FESTIVAL

The School of Library and Information Studies will present the 16th annual Lillian Bradshaw Lecture at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, in the Woman's Club Building, 610 Oakland St. The lecture will be followed by the presentation of the second annual Godfrey Award for Library Service to Families. The events will be held in conjunction with the Denton Public Library System's annual Literature Festival, which begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 1 p.m. All events are free and open to the public.

Elaine Meyers, manager for children and teen services at the Burton Barr Central Library in Phoenix, Ariz., will be the featured speaker for the Bradshaw Lecture. Meyers' presentation, titled "Building with Three Pillars — or, Lessons from a Two-legged Stool," is a look at the three pillars of library service, a concept conceived by Virginia Walter, associate professor of the Graduate School of Education and Information Sciences at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Using the pillars — the user as a reader, information seeker and community member — as a means to analyze current practice, reveal best practice and prepare for future service demands, Meyers suggests the community "pillar" is the leg most often forgotten, resulting in instability of service.

Immediately following the lecture, Richard Waters of PROVIDENCE Associates, Inc., Library Consultants and Planners will present the 2002 Godfrey Award to the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Md. The award, which includes \$2,500 and a small sculpture for public display, honors a public library for outstanding programming for young children and families. The Enoch Pratt Free Library's "Mother Goose on the Loose" program was recognized as a strong contributor to a comprehensive set of library goals relating to children's services.

The award is administered by the Center for Consulting in the School of Library and Information Studies at TWU.

For more information on the Bradshaw Lecture or the Godfrey Award, contact the School of Library and Information Studies at 8-1-2602.

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TWU DRAMA PRESENTS *FINIAN'S RAINBOW*

Finian's Rainbow, a tale of leprechauns and love set in the Deep South, is the first musical production of the 2002-2003 season at TWU. Performances are Nov. 13-16 at 8 p.m., and Nov. 10 at 2 p.m., in Redbud Theatre, located off Bell Avenue just south of University Drive.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for students, senior citizens and children. For ticket reservations and other information, contact the Redbud Theatre box office at 8-1-2020.

Finian's Rainbow is a collage of wit, romance, Irish tinge and echoes of the Deep South where the world of wants and the world of needs collide to examine the ideology of the American Dream. The musical's tale revolves around Og, a leprechaun who leaves his home in Ireland and travels to Rainbow Valley, an enigmatic town located in the equally enigmatic southern state of Missituckey, to reclaim his pot of gold stolen by Finian McLonergan. While pursuing his treasure, Og falls in love with a dancer, Susan, who is a mute.

Sharon Bengel will direct the musical by E.Y. Harburg and Fred Saidy, with lyrics by Harburg and music by Burton Lane.

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TWU OFFERS LITTLE CHAPEL WEDDING PACKAGE

Couples looking for a picturesque setting for their wedding can take advantage of an all-inclusive wedding package at TWU with a ceremony in the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods and a catered reception. Couples who want to take advantage of the package must hold their wedding before Sept. 1, 2003.

TWU's Office of Conference Services, ARAMARK Food Services, the university's food service provider, and Candy Haven bakery have partnered to offer the Pioneer Wedding Package. The package costs \$1,150 for a 50-person wedding and \$1,600 for 80 people.

The ceremony part of the package includes use of the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods, plus an attendant, for an hour and one-half and use of the Chapel's two candelabras and unity candle, plus 33 drip-less candles.

The reception part of the package includes an hour and one-half reception in Hubbard Hall's Pioneer Café room, also with an attendant, plus ficus trees and ferns for decoration. ARAMARK will cater the reception which will include a champagne or sparkling grape

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juice toast for the couple and their guests, domestic cheese or crudites platter, fruit tray and dip, assorted tea sandwiches, mints and nuts, coffee, punch, tables and tablecloths, cups, saucers, glassware, chairs and linen napkins.

Candy Haven will prepare a two-tier wedding cake — white chocolate cake with either cream cheese or white butter cream frosting, or an Italian crème cake — decorated with one dozen live flowers.

For more information, contact Conference Services at 8-1-3644.

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TWU DANCE DEPARTMENT SLATES DANCEMAKERS 2002

Dance students and guest artists will explore themes ranging from the humorous to the socially conscious as the Department of Dance presents DanceMakers 2002.

Performances are scheduled at 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21 and 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 22-23 in the Margo Jones Performance Hall. Tickets, which may be purchased at the door, are \$5 for all students with ID and \$7 for general admission.

Artistic directors for DanceMakers 2002 are TWU Department of Dance faculty members Mary Williford-Shade and Sarah Gamblin.

For more information, call 8-1-2085.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to the office of marketing and communications 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 the faculty member's related activities.

TWU will host the **Third Annual Hunger Banquet**, which dramatizes the distribution of resources and wealth in the world, Nov. 19 from 6-8 p.m. in room 207 of the Student Center. Participants are asked to make a \$1 donation or donate a canned good. The event
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is open to the public. The event is sponsored by the TWU Center for Student Development and Helping Hands, a student community service organization.

TWU is accepting nominations through Nov. 22 for the **2003 Founders Awards**. The awards will be presented during a Founders Day luncheon on Feb. 21, 2003. The Founders Awards were established in 1998 to recognize persons and organizations that have consistently supported the educational mission of TWU. Nominations are being accepted in the following three categories: individuals or families who are non-graduates of the university, businesses or corporations, and foundations or organizations. For nomination forms, call 8-1-3863.

Dr. **Mona Hersh Cochran** (school of management, retired) will discuss the "Funny Side of Economics: How to Save and Make Money in a Down Economy" Nov. 14 at the Professional Women's Club of Dallas Inc. meeting in the Cooper Aerobics Center-Guest Lodge II, 12000 Preston Rd., Dallas. The networking part of the meeting begins at 6 p.m.; dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and is followed by the business and program parts of the meeting. For reservations, call (214) 361-8841.

Career Services Office in conjunction with the University of North Texas will host its annual **Fall Teacher Interview Day** on Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Hubbard Hall South. More than 40 school districts are expected to participate. For a listing of participating school districts, visit www.twu.edu/o-cs/. Students attending must be dressed in professional business attire and should bring numerous printed copies of their resume. Students can utilize the Career Services Clothes Closet — open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, HDB room 200 — to obtain slightly used business suits. For more information, call 8-1-2950.

A 20-member reaffirmation committee from the **Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools** will visit TWU Nov. 18-21. The team will visit the Dallas and Houston centers on Nov. 20. A copy of the TWU self-study for SACS reaffirmation is available at www.twu.edu/sacs/sacsdoc/Self-Study.htm.

The **Office of Intercultural Services** has moved from the Student Center to the second floor of Jones Hall, where International Education recently relocated.

Two **Pan American Round Tables of Texas** scholarships are being offered. The Florence Terry Griswold Scholarship I is awarded annually for \$2,500 to assist a woman who is a native of one of the Pan American countries (other than the United States) working on a master's degree. The Florence Terry Griswold Scholarship II is awarded annually for \$2,000 to assist a woman who is a native of the U.S. and legal resident of

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Texas and is a high school teacher or college professor engaged in specialized study of the Spanish language or Pan American cultures. For more information, contact Raedean Bolton at 8-1-3052 or ebolton@twu.edu.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: Nov. 11-24

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| Nov. 11-14 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. |
| Fri., Nov. 15 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-University Club, 5-7 p.m., home of Howard Erdman, 302 Texas St. |
| Sat., Nov. 16 | -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. |
| Sun., Nov. 17 | -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m. |
| Nov. 18-21 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. |
| Fri., Nov. 22 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-University Club, 5-7 p.m., home of Lloyd and Pat Bennett, 5034 Oak Bend Circle |
| Sat., Nov. 23 | -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. |

Sun., Nov. 24

-Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.