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## **SPRING COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULED FOR MAY 8**

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Chairman Jerry Farrington will address TWU graduates during the noon commencement ceremony Saturday, May 8.

Students and family members who have tickets are invited to attend. The ceremonies, which include graduates from the Denton, Dallas and Houston campuses, are scheduled at 9 a.m., noon and 3 p.m. in the Kitty Magee Arena.

TWU Chancellor Dr. Ann Stuart will preside at each ceremony, which includes an academic procession, conferring of degrees and a commencement address. Approximately 657 undergraduate and 545 graduate degrees will be awarded.

Times for commencement reflect candidate assignments based on specific schools and colleges participating in the ceremonies listed below. Receptions for each ceremony will follow on the second floor of the Student Center. As a special treat for children, an activity room featuring games, videos and popcorn will be open in room 207 of the Student Center. The room will be open during receptions only.

- 9 a.m. — Ceremony I for candidates from the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. James Rimmer, project director of the Center on Health Promotion Research for Persons with Disabilities and director of the National Center on Physical Activity and Disability and a TWU Distinguished Alum, will deliver the commencement address. A reception will follow from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Noon — Ceremony II for candidates from the College of Health Sciences and the College of Nursing. A reception will follow from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Mr. Farrington is chairman emeritus of TXU (Texas Utilities Co.), retiring in February after serving 25 years on the company's board. Gov. Rick Perry in 2001 appointed Mr. Farrington to serve a six-year term on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and in 2003 appointed him chairman.
- 3 p.m. — Ceremony III for candidates from the School of Management and the College of Professional Education. Dr. Kaye Stripling, superintendent of the Houston Independent School District and a TWU Distinguished Alumna, will be the commencement speaker.

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## **NEW NURSING DEAN ANNOUNCED**

Making the TWU College of Nursing the leader in nursing research and education in Texas and a model for the entire United States is the goal of Dr. Marcia Hern, the college's new dean. Dr. Hern begins her duties at TWU on Aug. 16.

“Dr. Hern has a unique understanding of what is required to produce the highest quality nurses to meet the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century,” said Dr. Carolyn Gunning, interim provost and former College of Nursing dean. “She's the ideal choice to launch the college's next half century.” The TWU College of Nursing is celebrating its golden anniversary in 2004.

Dr. Hern currently is director of nursing for the Cincinnati Children's Division of Developmental Disabilities and executive director for community outreach and development for the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing. She is a professor of nursing at the University of Cincinnati and was head of the Department of Parent Child Health Nursing at UC. She also had taught at Xavier University.

“It will be our challenge at TWU to broaden our scholarship so that all faculty embody research into their teaching,” said Dr. Hern. “As we prepare nurses for the 21<sup>st</sup> century we must still impart the essence of caring to patients across the lifespan, at moments of birth and death, in hospitals, homes, schools and industries. But now, more than ever, we must also draw upon the knowledge of the science of nursing that is embedded in evidence-based research.”

Dr. Hern earned her bachelor of science degree in nursing from Ohio State University and her master's and Ed.D degrees from the University of Cincinnati.

“Our future nurses must be able to think critically and quickly to make sound clinical decisions with limited resources,” added Dr. Hern. “We cannot do this alone but must partner with our colleagues in other health care disciplines to ensure nursing has a seat at the interdisciplinary and global table.”

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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](mailto:info@twu.edu). Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.)*

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Dr. **Camelia Maier** (biology) and several TWU students participated in the Texas Society for Microscopy spring meeting, April 23-25 in Houston. Post baccalaureate student **Rebecca Johnson** received the Best Student Presentation Award for her presentation titled "Development and Performance of Silkworms as Function of Mulberry Sexual Dimorphism." Graduate student **Vibhu Bakshi** was named a TSM officer. She was appointed student representative to the TSM Executive Council for a two-year term.

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**THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: May 3-16, 2004**

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| May 3-5      | -Library open 8 a.m. to midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. |
| May 6-7      | -Library open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.   |
| Sat., May 8  | -Library open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.                  |
| Sun., May 9  | -Library closed; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.                                          |
| May 10-14    | -Library open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.  |
| Sat. May 15  | -Library closed; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.                                  |
| Sun., May 16 | -Library closed; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.                                          |

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