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## **GRANT TO ADDRESS HISPANIC NURSING SHORTAGE**

Texas Woman's University's College of Nursing, in partnership with The DFW Area Health Education Center (AHEC), was recently awarded an \$800,000 federal grant to address the Hispanic nursing shortage in Texas.

The funds, to be awarded over a three-year period by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), will be used to recruit and retain Hispanic nurses with the creation of the Pioneering Nursing's Future: Excellence Through Diversity program.

"This funding allows us to offer stipends, monthly workshops and seminars to 20 pre-nursing Hispanic sophomores at the Denton campus," said Dr. Caryl Mobley, associate dean of nursing at TWU's Dallas-Parkland campus.

Dr. Mobley said that participants who successfully complete the sophomore activities and meet GPA requirements would be guaranteed admission to TWU's College of Nursing at TWU's Dallas-Parkland campus. She added that the students will continue to receive scholarships and will participate in monthly mentoring programs during their junior and senior years.

"The students will also give back to the community by participating in programs that educate Hispanic youth about nursing careers," Dr. Mobley said.

In addition to the scholarships, Dr. Mobley added that the project's funding will be used to generate interest in nursing among Hispanics in middle and high school.

"We will establish summer camps for Hispanic students interested in nursing, create a website and electronic newsletter and host seminars about nursing for high school and middle school teachers and counselors," Dr. Mobley said. "The project is very broad-based and supports both recruitment and retention of our community's future Hispanic nurses."

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Dr. Mobley will serve as a co-director of the Pioneering Nursing's Future: Excellence Through Diversity program along with program director Dr. Lori Schell from AHEC. TWU nursing professor Elizabeth Esparza Fuentes will serve as the program's coordinator.

"This exciting collaborative partnership will enable us to recruit, train and educate tomorrow's nurses and to expand a more diverse nursing workforce to serve the citizens of Texas," said Dr. Marcia Hern, dean of TWU's College of Nursing.

For more information on Pioneering Nursing's Future: Excellence Through Diversity program, call 8-2-6510.

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**TEXAS WOMAN'S TO HOST TCWSE FALL CONFERENCE**

Shirley Neeley, Texas commissioner of education, is among the speakers who will address the issues facing women in the education field during the Texas Council of Women School Executives Region XI Fall Conference, scheduled Friday, Sept. 30 at Texas Woman's University.

Registration for the conference, titled "Leadership: A Bridge to Ourselves," begins at 8:30 a.m. on the second floor of the Administration and Conference Tower (ACT Building) on TWU's Denton campus. The conference will feature a special ceremony to establish the TCWSE archives in the Woman's Collection of the TWU Library. Cost for the workshop is \$35 through Friday, Sept. 16. Regular registration is \$45. To register, visit [www.twu.edu/lifelong](http://www.twu.edu/lifelong), or call 8-1-3408.

Gov. Rick Perry named Dr. Neeley as Texas commissioner of education in January 2004. As commissioner, Dr. Neeley serves as the head of the Texas Education Agency, which oversees 1,037 school districts and approximately 200 charter schools.

Additional conference speakers include Nancy Vaughan, TCWSE president and assistant superintendent of the Decatur ISD; and Margaret Montgomery, the first TCWSE president.

The workshop is designed for current and aspiring female school administrators. The TWU Office of Lifelong Learning will award three contact hours of credit to each participant who successfully completes the workshop.

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## **TWU, AFP TO HOST FUNDRAISING SYMPOSIUM**

The 19th Annual Southwest Fundraising Symposium will be held Sept. 21-23 at the Wyndham Arlington DFW Airport South Hotel located at 1500 Convention Center Drive in Arlington.

The Dallas and Fort Worth chapters of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) in cooperation with Texas Woman's University's Office of Lifelong Learning sponsor the symposium, which is designed for persons who have fewer than two years of fundraising experience.

Registration is \$445 and participants completing the entire 24-hour program will be awarded 2.4 continuing education units.

Symposium topics include basics of fundraising, fundraising marketing, developing an annual giving program, developing a direct mail program, special events programs, proposal writing and prospect research, among others. The symposium curriculum is written in a sequential style with each topic building on the previous one.

For symposium information or to register, visit [www.twu.edu/lifelong](http://www.twu.edu/lifelong), or call (800) 250-7808 or (940) 898-3408. AFP membership applications are available at [www.afpnet.org](http://www.afpnet.org) or by calling (800) 666-FUND.

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## **TWU GYMNASTICS TEAM FIFTH IN ACADEMIC RANKINGS**

The Texas Woman's University gymnastics team maintained a 3.54 grade point average in 2005 to rank fifth overall in the National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches/Women (NACGC/W) scholastic rankings of all women's programs in NCAA Divisions I, II and III.

TWU's team GPA ranked first among Division II programs. Since 1990, the Pioneers have had the best Division II team GPA nine times including the last two seasons. Their highest overall ranking was fourth in the nation in 1991 and they now have reached the fifth-best ranking four times (1993-95, 2005).

The Pioneers also had 13 gymnasts receive individual awards with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. The 13 individuals tied Southern Utah University, which took the overall team honors, for the most by any program. The 13 individuals also breaks the previous record of 11 set in 1994 and again in 2004.

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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 or by e-mail to [info@twu.edu](mailto:info@twu.edu). The deadline to receive information is the first and third Tuesday of each month 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.*

Texas Woman's University Athletics is selling "GO TWU PIONEERS" spirit wristbands with all proceeds benefiting student-athlete scholarships. The wristbands are available for \$5 plus shipping online at [www.twuathletics.com](http://www.twuathletics.com). Similar to the popular "LiveSTRONG" wristbands, the TWU version is maroon with debossed "GO TWU PIONEERS" lettering. For more information, call 8-1-2378.

The 2005-06 Cultural Connections Conference Series will feature the third annual Latina Student Leadership Conference on Oct. 7 and the fifth annual African American Student Leadership Conference on March 3, 2006. Both conferences are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the Denton campus. TWU students, faculty and staff may attend the conferences free of charge by registering early. The early registration deadline for the Latina Student Leadership Conference is Wednesday, Aug. 31. To register, complete the form available at [www.twu.edu/o-sl/Intercultural/CCCSRegistration](http://www.twu.edu/o-sl/Intercultural/CCCSRegistration) and return it to the TWU Office of Intercultural Services by Sept. 15.

The Fall 2005 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) booklet is now available online. The FAQ booklet is designed to answer the typical questions that faculty, staff and students have at the beginning of the semester. The booklet also lists various departments' extended hours and assistance tools available during the week before school and the first week of school. Hard copies of the FAQ booklet will be available from your department chair. For more information, visit [www.twu.edu](http://www.twu.edu) and click on "FAQ Booklet - Fall 2005."

## 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.).*

**Anyah Martinez** has accepted the position of director of Conference Services. She previously served as interim director. She also served for four years as assistant director and assistant to the director of the Student Center in the Division of Student Life.

Dr. **Philip Yang** (sociology) published an article, "Future Prospects of Asian Americans," in a book by Pine Forge Press titled *Asian Americans: Contemporary Trends and Issues*,

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second edition, edited by Pyong Gap Min in July 2005. Dr. Yang, with graduate student Elizabeth Rodriguez, presented a paper titled "The Case for Staying Home: Myth or Reality" at the 100th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in Philadelphia, Aug. 13-16. He also served as a discussant for a panel on "Second-Generation Asian Americans: Socioeconomic Attainment and Ethnic/Racial Identities" at the same conference.

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**THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: AUGUST 22-SEPTEMBER 4, 2005**

- Mon., Aug. 22            -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;  
Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Pioneer Hall closed.
- Tues., Aug. 23            -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Pioneer Hall closed.
- Wed., Aug. 24            -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Pioneer Hall closed.  
-Residence halls open at 10 a.m.  
-International Student Orientation, E 83, Houston campus, 10 a.m.-  
4 p.m. Free. Questions? Call 8-4-2157.
- Thur., Aug. 25            -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;  
Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Pioneer Hall closed.  
-Distance Learning faculty orientation, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., ACT 2. Free.  
For more information, call 8-1-3409.
- Fri., Aug. 26            -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.;  
Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Pioneer Hall closed.
- Sat., Aug. 27            -Library open 10 a.m.-2 p.m; bookstore open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.;  
Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Pioneer Hall closed.
- Sun., Aug. 28            -Library closed; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.  
Pioneer Hall closed.
- Mon., Aug. 29            -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.;  
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.  
-First day of fall classes.

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| Tues., Aug. 30 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.;<br>Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. |
| Wed., Aug. 31  | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.;<br>Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. |
| Thur., Sept. 1 | -Library open 7:30-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.;<br>Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.      |
| Fri., Sept. 2  | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;<br>Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.   |
| Sat., Sept. 3  | -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.;<br>Fitness & Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.       |
| Sun., Sept. 4  | -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness &<br>Recreation open 2-6 p.m.                      |

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