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### **TWU RECEIVES \$416,000 ESTATE GIFT**

The Texas Woman's University Foundation has received a \$416,000 gift from the estate of longtime Denton resident Celia Jamison Sankey.

The unrestricted gift from the TWU alumna will be used by the foundation in its mission to support the university.

Mrs. Sankey, who passed away Feb. 8, 2008, received her bachelor's degree in art from the Texas State College for Women (now TWU) in 1941. She taught art at the university for several years until her retirement.

Mrs. Sankey had left her entire estate to her brother and sister-in-law, Alonzo W. Jamison Jr. and Elizabeth Jamison of Denton. The trust provided that in the event the Jamisons did not survive her, the estate would be divided between Mrs. Sankey's church and the TWU Foundation. The Jamisons decided to disclaim their interest under the trust and distribute the money to the church and the foundation.

"We wanted to follow her wishes and honor her gift to TWU," said Mr. Jamison, a former Texas State Representative and former professor and chairman of the government department at TWU. Mrs. Jamison, a 1943 art graduate from TWU, and her husband are members of the university's Old Main Society and Chancellor's Circle. Both also are longtime supporters of the university and the TWU Foundation.

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### **TWU RECEIVES \$593,520 NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT**

Texas Woman's University recently received a \$593,520 grant from the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (S-STEM) program. The grant, which is distributed over a four-year period, will be used to fund scholarships to TWU undergraduate students majoring in the STEM fields.

This fall TWU awarded the first S-STEM scholarships of \$5,000-\$10,000 to Sheba John,

a biochemistry senior from Carrollton; Rae Lynn McFarlin, a mathematics and chemistry junior from Bonham; Nenna Nzeocha, a biology sophomore from Houston; Cameron Perry, a chemistry senior from Houston; Sarah Prewitt, a biology and mathematics senior from Garland; and Katie Schniebs, a mathematics junior from Springtown.

According to Dr. DiAnna Hynds, the program's director and TWU assistant professor of biology, the goal of the TWU S-STEM program is to attract students from diverse backgrounds to the STEM fields.

"We want to prepare these students to be successful in their careers, thus meeting the state's need for skilled professionals in math, science and technology," she said.

Another goal of the TWU S-STEM program is to introduce TWU students and prospects to careers at the forefront of STEM, such as the developing TWU computational biology program. Adopting the motto "rewarding outstanding scholars – combining pioneering fields," the TWU S-STEM program is a joint effort involving faculty in the departments of biology and mathematics and computer science.

Dr. Hynds and her fellow S-STEM program co-directors Dr. Brian W. Beck (biology), Dr. Junalyn Navarra-Madsen (mathematics and computer science) and Dr. Marie-Anne Demuynck (mathematics and computer science) administer the program and mentor the S-STEM students to ensure they meet their academic goals. The group meets periodically to discuss classes, research projects and other issues to facilitate a successful academic experience for the students.

For more information about the TWU S-STEM program, visit [www.twu.edu/sstem](http://www.twu.edu/sstem).

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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.*

TWU Chancellor and President Dr. Ann Stuart invites the university community to a **Holiday Celebration** from noon until 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 in the ACT 2 lobby. The Redbud Ringers will provide entertainment, and the Texas First Ladies Historic Costume Collection will be open for viewing.

Get a jump on your Christmas shopping at the **Clay Underground** ceramic sale. Ceramic bowls, cups, vases and more will be on sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24 and Tuesday, Nov. 25 in the foyer of the Fine Arts Building.

Shop 'til you drop at TWU's **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Wonderland Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair!** More than 40 vendors will have a variety of items for sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2 on the second floor of the Student Union.

The TWU gymnastics team will receive rings commemorating their **2008 USA Gymnastics Women's Collegiate National Championship** on Tuesday, Dec. 2 in the Kitty Magee Arena in Pioneer Hall. The ceremony will take place at halftime (approximately 7:45 p.m.) of the Pioneers' home basketball game against Texas A&M-International.

TWU's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual **Gala Holiday Concert** will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 in the Margo Jones Performance Hall. Admission is \$5 per person. The collaborative event will feature the TWU Chamber Singer, the TWU Concert Choir, Wind Ensemble, Flute Choir, Brass Ensemble and special arrangements on the organ. For more information, call 81-2500.

The TWU College of Arts and Sciences presents the latest in the **Faculty Spotlight Series** at 12:25 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 in Stoddard Hall 308. Dr. Brian Beck, assistant professor of biology, will speak on "Protein Interactions: Computational Research on their Evolution and Energetics." Dr. Beck may be contacted at [bbeck@twu.edu](mailto:bbeck@twu.edu). For more information about the series, contact Dr. Stephen Souris at [ssouris@twu.edu](mailto:ssouris@twu.edu).

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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.).*

Dr. **Susan Adams** (family sciences) was selected as the 2008 Counselor Educator of the Year at the Texas Counselors Association annual conference Nov. 5-8 in Houston. The

Texas Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors (TACES) awards the honor based on a number of criteria including leadership qualities, professional involvement and being an exemplary model professionally, personally and socially.

**Karen Kernodle Martin** has joined the TWU Office of Institutional Development as director of development. Her primary responsibilities will include assisting Dr. Stuart in completing the Dallas campaign, co-chairing the annual Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Awards Luncheon and leading fundraising strategies for Institutional Development.

**Charlotte Hunt** has joined TWU Athletics as the compliance and academic services coordinator. She previously worked as director of compliance for Conference USA.

**Faisal H Aboul-Enein** (nursing, Houston) presented as part of an invited panel discussion on the topic “Bridging the gap between Tradition and Technology in Nursing” at the 114th annual conference at Association of Military Surgeons of the United States at San Antonio.

Dr. **Charles Riggs** (chemistry and physics) and **Lynn Irving** (School of Management) recently served as instructors for the Managing Maintenance Institute held at TWU in Denton. Sponsored by the Textile Rental Services Association (TRSA) and the Uniform & Textile Services Association (UTSA), the institute featured a faculty comprised of industry and academic experts with in-depth knowledge of plant maintenance issues.

Dr. **Ellina Grigorieva** (mathematics and computer science) published a paper titled “Hierarchical Differential Game Between Manufacturer and Retailer with Storage Costs” in the journal of *International Review of Automatic Control (Theory and Applications)* (IREACO), September 2008. Another paper by Dr. **Grigorieva** titled “Hierarchical Differential Game between Manufacturer, Retailer, and Bank” was accepted for publication by the *Journal of Dynamical and Control Systems* and will be published in Vol. 15 (2009), No. 3, pp. 124-152. JDCS is the top peer-reviewed mathematics journal and own by Springer Publishing Company.

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### **THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: NOVEMBER 24-DECEMBER 7, 2008**

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| Mon., Nov. 24  | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;<br>Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight<br>-Clay Underground ceramics sale, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., foyer of Fine Arts Building.   |
| Tues., Nov. 25 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;<br>Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-6 p.m.<br>-Clay Underground ceramics sale, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., foyer of Fine Arts Building.<br>-Pioneers Basketball vs. St. Edwards, 7 p.m., home. |
| Wed., Nov. 26  | -Thanksgiving holiday; university closed.   |
| Thur., Nov. 27 | -Thanksgiving holiday; university closed.   |
| Fri., Nov. 28  | -Thanksgiving holiday; university closed.   |

- Sat., Nov. 29 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 30 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.
- Mon., Dec. 1 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Tues., Dec. 2 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.  
-Tenth Annual Winter Wonderland Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., second floor Student Union.  
-Pioneers Basketball vs. Texas A&M-International, 7 p.m., home.
- Wed., Dec. 3 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Thur., Dec. 4 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.  
-Faculty Spotlight Series, 12:25 p.m., Stoddard Hall 308. "Protein Interactions: Computational Research on their Evolution and Energetics" with Dr. Brian Beck, assistant professor of biology. For information about the series, email [ssouris@twu.edu](mailto:ssouris@twu.edu).  
-Pioneers Basketball vs. Tarleton State, 6 p.m., away.
- Fri., Dec. 5 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.  
-Pioneers Gymnastics Intrasquad Spectacular, 7 p.m., home.
- Sat., Dec. 6 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
-Fourth Annual Gala Holiday Concert, 7:30 p.m., MJPH. Admission \$5 per person. 81-2500.
- Sun., Dec. 7 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.

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