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## **GOV. PERRY APPOINTS THREE TO TWU BOARD OF REGENTS**

Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Sue S. Bancroft of Argyle, Lola Chriss of Rowlett and Ann Scanlon McGinity of Pearland to the Texas Woman's University Board of Regents. They will serve on the TWU governing board until Feb. 1, 2015.

"I join my fellow regents in welcoming the new regents to the board," said Harry L. Crumpacker II, Chair and Presiding Officer of the TWU Board of Regents. "I look forward to working together as we continue to grow and thrive as an education leader in Texas."

"Our regents are so important to the success of this university," TWU Chancellor and President Dr. Ann Stuart said. "As leaders in their professions and in their communities, the new regents' value to the board will be immeasurable as we continue to provide Texas with graduates who meet the state's critical workforce needs."

Sue S. Bancroft is the president of the Festival Ballet of North Texas and is a member of the Greater Denton Arts Guild, Musicians Union and the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra Advisory Board. She also has served as the president of the Argyle Independent School District Board and Texas Winds Musical Outreach. A retired University of North Texas music professor, Ms. Bancroft received her bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University, a master's degree from the University of Michigan and an honorary doctorate from Central Michigan University. She replaces Mr. Crumpacker, who was reappointed to fill the unexpired term of former TWU regent Sharon Venable.

"Both TWU and Chancellor Stuart are leading the way in helping Texas meet its higher education needs for this century," Ms. Bancroft said. "I look forward to helping this excellent university provide the state with the best graduates in order to improve the well-being of its citizens."

TWU alumna Lola Chriss is the manager of health promotion and benefits for Texas Instruments in Dallas. She is the immediate past president of the Texas Woman's University Foundation Board and currently serves as the board secretary for the Dallas Fort Worth Business Group on Health. She is a member of numerous boards, including the Dallas Metropolitan YWCA, the Dallas County United Way Allocation Panel, the

National Business Group on Health and the Garland Independent School District. Ms. Chriss received her bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington and her master's degree in nursing from TWU. She replaces Tegwin Pulley of Dallas.

"TWU serves an incredible role in higher education in both Texas and the U.S.," Ms. Chriss said. "It is a privilege to be able to help shape, influence and serve Texas and TWU as a regent."

Ann Scanlon McGinity of Pearland is the senior vice president, operations, and the chief nurse executive for the Methodist Hospital in Houston. She is a member of the American Organization of Nurse Executives, the American Nurses Association and the Texas Nurses Association. She currently serves as an adjunct faculty for the University of Texas School of Nursing and is a member of the Good Samaritan Foundation of Houston Board of Trustees. Ms. McGinity received her bachelor's degree from Seton Hall University, and obtained her master's degree in child psychiatric nursing and her doctorate from the University of Maryland. She replaces William Fleming of Houston.

"It is an honor and a humbling responsibility to be part of a nationally recognized educational system that is charged with innovatively and creatively preparing future generations of professionals in health care, the arts, sciences and education," Ms. McGinity said. "I am eagerly looking forward to contributing to the mission and vision of excellence that is the hallmark of a TWU education."

The appointments are subject to confirmation by the Texas Senate.

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## **GRANT WILL HELP TWU ADDRESS NURSING SHORTAGE**

Texas Woman's University — already the state's largest educator of new nurses — will be able to graduate even more nurses to alleviate the nursing shortage thanks to a grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).

TWU will use \$378,167 in Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program grant funds from the THECB to hire additional nursing faculty and provide stipends to retain current faculty.

"One of the factors contributing to the state and national nursing shortage is the lack of qualified faculty available to educate students who want to become nurses," said Dr. Pat Holden-Huchton, dean of the TWU College of Nursing. "These funds will allow TWU to help address this shortage by increasing our ability to attract highly-qualified faculty in order to graduate more new nurses to serve the citizens of Texas."

The 80th Texas Legislature appropriated funds to the THECB in fiscal year 2007 for the Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program. These funds are being distributed to

the state's public and private nursing programs that show an increase in the total number of nursing graduates at the associate, baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degree level.

For more information, visit [www.thecb.state.tx.us/PA/NSGP/](http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/PA/NSGP/).

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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.*

Nominations for staff awards to be presented April 23 at Honors Convocation currently are being accepted. Nominations and supportive information for **Outstanding Achievement Awards** and the **TWU Award of Excellence** should be submitted to Melissa Ozuna (human resources) no later than 5 p.m. Friday, March 13.

**Remember to Spring Forward!** Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead before going to sleep Saturday night.

## 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.).*

**Lewis Benavides** (human resources) recently was voted president-elect for the Texas Higher Education Human Resources Association. The organization's mission is to contribute to the professional advancement of human resources administration in state-supported senior colleges and universities in Texas. Mr. Benevides will become the organization's president in 2010.

**Donna Shell** is TWU's new manager of benefits within the office of human resources on the Denton campus. She previously worked for 19 years at the University of North Texas, most recently serving as the university's associate director of benefits. She may be reached at 81-3551 or [dshell@twu.edu](mailto:dshell@twu.edu).

**Janine Gann** (financial aid) has been named associate director of financial aid following the recent retirement of Raedean Bolton. Ms. Gann has more than 22 years of experience

in financial aid administration and was formerly financial aid administrator for processing at TWU.

**Pamela Shuttlesworth** (financial aid) has been named financial aid administrator for processing. She has more than 13 years of experience in financial aid and most recently was vice president/account executive for Capital One Student Loans.

Dr. **Mahesh S. Raisinghani** (School of Management) had the following manuscript accepted for publication: "Privacy, Risk And Security Associated With Offshore Smartsourcing In The Healthcare Field: A Global Perspective" in the *Communications of Global Information Technology (COGIT)* and at the 10th Annual Global Information Technology Management (GITMA) World Conference June 14-16 in Mexico City. The manuscript has been accepted for presentation at the conference and publication in the conference proceedings as a full paper and in the refereed journal. Dr. Raisinghani also served as a panelist at the National Science Foundation Feb 17-18.

Several TWU faculty and doctoral students participated in the Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) meeting Feb. 12-14 in Baltimore, Md. Doctoral students who presented posters were **Rebecca Schultz, Rosie Pine, Gayle McGlory, Tricia Lewis, Wyona Freysteinson** and **Debra Fowler**. Ms. **Freysteinson** also gave a podium presentation. Faculty podium presentations included: Dr. **Sandra Cesario**, "Voices of Women with Ovarian Cancer: Traveling Down the Road of Research Trials to Access Care;" Dr. **Lene Symes**, "Promoting the Cardiovascular and Mental Health of Economically Disadvantaged Women Hospitalized for ACS;" and Dr. **Anne Koci**, "Relationship of Abuse, Silencing, and Health Outcomes: A Pilot Study for Instrument Development and Testing." Other faculty attendees included Dr. **Ann Malecha** and Dr. **Anne Stiles**. Dr. Stiles is beginning the second year of her term as at-large board member and director of communications for the SNRS.

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## THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: FEBRUARY 23-MARCH 8, 2009

- Mon., Feb. 23      -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.  
-“Dream Green Week” begins with “Who Killed the Electric Car?,” excerpts and panel discussion, at 9:30 a.m., MCL Auditorium. A Green Info Fair follows at noon in the Student Union Lobby.
- Tues., Feb. 24      -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.  
Dream Green Week features “Environmental Vegetarianism: Making Your Diet Green,” 11:45 a.m., SU 207.  
-Pioneers Softball vs. Midwestern State University, 4 & 6 p.m., home.

- Wed., Feb. 25
- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.- midnight.
  - CAS Faculty Spotlight Series: “What Do You Mean ‘We,’ White Professor?” Thinking about Teaching about Race, presented by Dr. Judy Rohrer (women’s studies). 12:25 p.m., Stoddard Hall 308.
  - CAS Forum: Sustainable Communities and Civic Engagements: From Texas to Thailand, 2:30 p.m., ACT 301. Guest speaker Ron Chandler.
  - Dream Green Week: Full screening of “Who Killed the Electric Car?” 7 p.m., Guinn Commons.
  - Pioneers Basketball vs. East Central, 7 p.m., away.
- Thur., Feb. 26
- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.- midnight.
  - Cultural Connections Conference, 6 p.m., Hubbard Hall.
  - Dream Green Week: “Who Killed the Electric Car?,” excerpts and panel discussion, at 9:30 a.m., MCL Auditorium.
- Fri., Feb. 27
- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
  - Cultural Connections Conference, 9 a.m., Hubbard Hall.
  - Pioneers Softball vs. Eastern New Mexico University, 4 p.m., home.
- Sat., Feb. 28
- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
  - Pioneers Basketball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State, 7 p.m., home.
  - Pioneers Softball vs. Eastern New Mexico University, 12 & 2 p.m., home.
- Sun., March 1
- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.
- Mon., March 2
- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Tues., March 3
- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
  - TWU Flute Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., MJPH, free. 81-2500.
  - Pioneers Basketball at Lone Star Conference Tournament, Bartlesville, Okla., through Sunday, March 8.
  - Pioneers Softball vs. University of Texas of the Permian Basin, 5 & 7 p.m., home.

- Wed., March 4      -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.- midnight.  
-Pioneers Softball vs. University of Texas of the Permian Basin, 1  
& 3 p.m., home.
- Thur., March 5      -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.- midnight.
- Fri., March 6      -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.  
-Eleventh-annual Edible Car Contest, 9 a.m.-noon, Hubbard Hall  
Southwest Ballroom.  
-Pioneers Gymnastics vs. University of Oklahoma and Illinois  
State, 7 p.m., away.  
-Pioneers Softball vs. West Texas A&M University, 2 p.m.
- Sat., March 7      -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and  
Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
-Pioneers Softball vs. West Texas A&M University, 12 & 2 p.m.
- Sun., March 8      -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and  
Recreation open 2-10 p.m.

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