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## **TWU EVENT TARGETS WORKING ADULTS**

Working adults who need a bachelor's or a graduate degree to succeed in today's job market are invited to attend Texas Woman's University's "Education that Works for Working Adults" information session on Saturday, June 6, at the American Airlines Training & Conference Center in Fort Worth.

TWU undergraduate programs featured at the event are general studies, health studies, health professions, business administration, criminal justice, teacher education, family sciences, culinary science and food services management, and nursing — the weekend nursing program, the nursing fast track program for those holding a bachelor's degree and the RN to BS program.

TWU graduate programs featured during the session are the executive MBA (EMBA), the master of arts in teaching (MAT), library science, family studies, educational administration, health studies, nursing education, nursing – RN to MS, teaching – learning and curriculum, kinesiology – coaching and kinesiology – sports management.

The session will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the American Airlines Training & Conference Center, located on Highway 360 in Fort Worth. For more information, visit [www.twu.edu](http://www.twu.edu) and click on the "Education that Works" icon, email TWU at [admissions@twu.edu](mailto:admissions@twu.edu) or call 940-898-3014 or 1-866-809-6130.

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## **TWU AND TAMU-CC TO OFFER COOPERATIVE DOCTORATE IN NURSING**

Texas Woman's University and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi recently received approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer a cooperative Ph.D. in nursing.

The cooperative Ph.D in nursing program begins in fall 2009 and will offer a blend of

online, televideo and face-to-face classes for students that will be taught by current TWU doctoral faculty. More information is available at [www.twu.edu/nursing/phd.asp](http://www.twu.edu/nursing/phd.asp).

“This is truly a cooperative venture in sharing faculty knowledge, resources and expertise from both universities,” said Dr. Pat Holden-Huchton, dean of the TWU College of Nursing. “The true beneficiaries of this partnership are nurses in South Texas who wish to pursue their doctorate, because now they have a convenient option to do so.”

According to Texas Board of Nursing data, less than one percent of the nurses in Texas hold a doctoral degree while 6.3 percent have earned a master’s degree in nursing. During the period of 2004-2006, almost 56 percent of the qualified applicants to nursing programs in Texas were denied admission because of insufficient faculty resources. The faculty vacancy rate for the Texas Coastal Bend nursing schools currently is 20 percent.

Dr. Mary Jane Hamilton, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at TAMU-CC, said the new doctoral program will help address the shortage of nurse educators.

“The ability to prepare new nurses is directly related to our ability to supply trained professionals to teach nursing programs,” Dr. Hamilton said. “The national shortage of nurses is intricately linked to a lack of nursing faculty and training facilities. This new program will help meet this demand for nurse educators, which will help alleviate the nursing shortage here and throughout the nation.”

Although students in South Texas will be participating through TAMU-CC, the degree will be conferred by TWU. Current doctoral faculty and advisers will mentor faculty at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, who will assume teaching roles in the Ph.D. program after gaining TWU graduate faculty status.

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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.*

A limited number of **staff scholarships** are available for the 2009 summer term(s). To be eligible, you must be a full- or part-time TWU employee (Graduate and student assistants are not eligible); have been employed at least three consecutive months by the start of the summer 2009 term; be a student in good standing if you previously have enrolled at TWU. The scholarship will pay \$500 toward one three-hour course at the graduate or undergraduate level. Awards will be made on a first-come, first-served basis among

eligible applicants. For more information, contact the TWU Office of Student Life at 81-3635.

The **Sophomore Year Community** is seeking faculty and staff mentors to work with second-year students during the fall 2009 and spring 2010 semesters. All faculty/staff applicants will meet with program coordinators from University Housing and Intercultural Services at a brief training session and social in August. The mentor and Sophomore Year Community student, with guidance from the program coordinators, will create a list of activities for the academic year. Last year, the program recorded an 82 percent retention rate from fall to fall and an average GPA of 3.09 for this community. For more information, contact Meredith Denton, x3676 or [mdenton@twu.edu](mailto:mdenton@twu.edu), or Michelle Buggs, x3688 or [mbuggs@twu.edu](mailto:mbuggs@twu.edu).

## 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.)*

The TWU community extends its sympathies to the family and friends of Dr. **Brian K. Leavell**, who passed away May 23, 2009. A Celebration of Life service was held June 1 at the First United Methodist Church in Denton. Dr. Leavell, assistant professor of professional studies in the TWU Department of Teacher Education, joined TWU in 2006. Survivors include his wife, Alexandra, and two daughters, Amanda and Mia, all of Denton. Memorials may be made to a scholarship fund set up for the children at the Denton Area Teacher's Credit Union.

Dr. **Beverly Thompson** (women's studies) presented her paper titled "Ethnographer Behind Bars: Arrested Activists, the General Population, and Social Integration" at the Fifth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on May 20.

Dr. **Ellina Grigorieva** (mathematics and computer science) presented a 30-minute invited talk titled "Optimal Control of the Activated Sludge Process" May 7-8 at the 8th International Conference on Differential Equations and Computational Simulations in Starkville, Miss. The conference hosted more than 200 mathematicians from throughout the world working in the field of differential equations.

**Faisal Aboul-Enein** (nursing-Houston) has been invited to review the first edition of the "Livestrong" Guidebook published by the Lance Armstrong Foundation. This guidebook provides cancer patients and caregivers practical steps to navigate the healthcare system during cancer treatments.

Dr. **Mahesh S. Raisinghani** (School of Management) has been invited and accepted to serve on the Editorial Review Board as an associate editor for the *International Journal of Online Pedagogy and Course Design* (new in 2011).

Dr. **Pat Holden-Huchton** (College of Nursing) has been named a Distinguished Alumnus by the Scott & White School of Nursing at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. The award will be presented during the school's centennial celebration June 27 in Temple.

Dr. **Susan Mellott** (adjunct faculty, nursing-Houston) received a 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in April.

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### **THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: JUNE 1-14, 2009**

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| Mon., June 1  | -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.  |
| Tues., June 2 | -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.  |
| Wed., June 3  | -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.- 10 p.m.   |
| Thur., June 4 | -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.- 10 p.m.   |
| Fri., June 5  | -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.- 10 p.m.   |
| Sat., June 6  | -Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.<br>-Education that Works for Working Adults Information Session, 8:30 a.m.-noon, American Airlines Training & Conference Center. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.twu.edu">www.twu.edu</a> and click on the "Education that Works" icon. |
| Sun., June 7  | -Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.   |
| Mon., June 8  | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.  |

-Fashion Camp for ages 14-18. [www.twu.edu/ce/Fashion-Camp.asp](http://www.twu.edu/ce/Fashion-Camp.asp).

- Tues., June 9 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Wed., Jun 10 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Thur., June 11 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Fri., June 12 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Sat., June 13 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sun., June 14 -Library open 2-10 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.  
-2009 TWU Gymnastics Instructional Camp.  
[www.twuathletics.com/splash.aspx](http://www.twuathletics.com/splash.aspx).

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