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### **TWU AWARDED \$3.7 MILLION GRANT FOR READING RECOVERY®**

Texas Woman's University will help even more children learn to read thanks to a \$3.7 million federal grant for Reading Recovery®, an early literacy intervention program.

TWU will use its grant monies to train 250 teachers over the next five years. These teachers will work with the lowest performing first-grade students and 10,000 other students in classrooms or small groups.

The funds are part of a \$46 million award from the U.S. Department of Education to train 3,750 teachers across the nation in Reading Recovery, a program for first-graders who struggle with learning to read. The grant is part of the "Reading Recovery: Scaling Up What Works" project, a collaboration of 15 higher education institutions. TWU is the only Texas institution to receive the funding.

Dr. Anne Simpson, director of TWU Reading Recovery and president of the Reading Recovery North American Trainers Group, said the goal is to train 50 teachers each year for the next five years.

Teachers in participating schools across TWU's six-state network (Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Washington) will enroll in courses through TWU and complete six hours of graduate credit. Teacher leaders, who have completed their clinical training at TWU, will teach the courses within the school systems.

"This enables the teachers to have immediate impact on students' literacy training," Dr. Simpson said.

"The ability of TWU to secure a grant of this size is a tribute to the years of scholarship and leadership provided by trainers and TWU Department of Reading faculty members Dr. Nancy Anderson, Dr. Yvonne Rodriguez, Dr. Connie Briggs and Dr. Billie Askew, professor emerita," she added. "We have been awarded this grant because of the proven and sustained success of Reading Recovery and Descubriendo la Lectura (the Spanish-language version of Reading Recovery) for our most struggling first-grade readers. Children across the nation will achieve early reading success because of this grant."

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## TWU RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY FOR GROUNDS MANAGEMENT

Texas Woman's University has received national recognition for its grounds management on the Denton campus as one of 14 universities in the nation to receive a 2010 Green Star Honor Award from the Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS).

"This award recognizes the efforts put in by our staff, and also TWU's commitment toward enriching the lives of students, faculty, staff and visitors through well-maintained and preserved green spaces," said Robert Trevino, TWU supervisor of landscape services.

TWU's landscape department consists of 22 employees responsible for the year-round maintenance of the 270-acre campus. In addition to landscape maintenance, the department oversees irrigation, greenhouse operations and athletic fields. TWU also received a Green Star Honor Award in 2007.

According to PGMS, the Green Star Awards program brings national recognition to grounds maintained with a high degree of excellence, complimenting other national landscape award programs that recognize outstanding landscape design and construction.

Founded in 1911, PGMS is an individual membership society dedicated to advancing the grounds management profession through education and development. For more information, visit [www.PGMS.org](http://www.PGMS.org).

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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 reached record numbers this year in its **State Employees Charitable Campaign (SECC)**. TWU campuses raised \$90,929 with 47 percent participation, exceeding the goal of \$70,000 and 45 percent participation.

The **TWU Pioneers for the Cure** team was named largest educational team at the Dallas County Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure for the sixth consecutive year. TWU had a total of 224 team members.

TWU's Department of Reading hosted more than 1,000 participants at the **2010 Billie J. Askew Reading Recovery/Early Literacy/Leadership Institute** held Nov. 1-3 at the Hyatt Regency at Reunion hotel in Dallas. In its 21<sup>st</sup> year, the institute offers more than

70 sessions for Reading Recovery and Descubriendo la Lectura teachers, administrators, primary grade teachers, literacy coaches and school support personnel. Presenters included 10 internationally known literacy experts, as well as many other experienced administrators and teachers in the field of early literacy.

Facilities Management and Construction will host an **Open House** from 9 a.m. until noon Tuesday, Nov. 30. The event includes refreshments, a short presentation and tours of the physical plant and the central power plant. Shuttles will be available.

The university community is invited to Chancellor Stuart's **annual holiday celebration** on Thursday, Dec. 9 in ACT 2 Lobby from noon until 1p.m. The Mister Joe Trio will provide music.

## **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. **Joyce Palmer** (English, Speech and Foreign Languages) is retiring after 43 years with TWU. An information reception is scheduled Thursday, Dec. 9 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on ACT 2. Remarks by alumnae and colleagues will take place at 4 p.m., followed by a special presentation and comments by Dr. Palmer. Written greetings may be sent to Laura Bass, Box 425629, Denton, TX 76204-5829 or [lbass@twu.edu](mailto:lbass@twu.edu). All messages will be included in a memory book for Dr. Palmer.

Dr. **Joseph Berthiaume** will join TWU as director of housing on Dec. 6. He most recently served as associate director of residence services at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

Dr. **Mahesh S. Raisinghani** (School of Management) has been invited to join the Scientific Committee for the Conference on ENTERprise Information Systems (CENTERIS) in Algarve, Portugal, in October 2011. He will not travel to Portugal, but will fulfill his responsibilities in a virtual mode. CENTERIS 2011 is organized by IPCA (Polytechnic Institute of Cávado and Ave, Portugal) and UTAD (University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro, Portugal).

Dr. **Phyllis Bridges** (English) chaired the Folklore Section of the South Central Modern Language Association at its annual meeting in Fort Worth on Oct. 29. Dr. Bridges also presented a research paper on Texas novelists Jane Gilmore Rushing and Jane Roberts Wood during the Southwestern Literature section of SCMLA.

Dr. **Jimmy Ishee** (College of Health Sciences) was voted president-elect of the National Association of Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education (NAKPEHE). He will begin his term in January 2011 and will become president the following year.

**Amy O’Keefe**, director of Commuter Services, was recognized by the North Texas Clean Air Coalition as the DCTA Employee Transportation Coordinator of the Year at the “Working for Clean Air Awards Luncheon” Oct. 29.

Dr. **Lisa K. Zottarelli** (sociology) and co-authors R. Grizzle, B. Reeves and K. McAlister of UT Health Science Center in San Antonio recently had an article, “Disaster Preparedness Program Evaluation at a Senior Center: Implications for Community Partnerships Serving Ethnically Diverse Older Adults”, published in the *Texas Journal of Public Health*.

Dr. **Sara Fanning** presented a paper titled “The Marketing of Haiti” at the Haiti and the Americas conference, held Oct. 20-24 at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Fla.

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### **THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: NOVEMBER 22-DECEMBER 5, 2010**

#### **Mon., Nov. 22**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

#### **Tues., Nov. 23**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Southern Arkansas, 6 p.m., home.

#### **Wed., Nov. 24**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

#### **Thur., Nov. 25**

- Thanksgiving holiday; university closed.

#### **Fri., Nov. 26**

- Thanksgiving holiday; university closed.

#### **Sat., Nov. 27**

- Thanksgiving holiday; university closed.

#### **Sun., Nov. 28**

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation closed.

#### **Mon., Nov. 29**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Qualitative Research Workshop Series Session: “Interrogating Your Data Venue,” 5 p.m., MCL 310. Questions? Call x3796 or email [qualitative@twu.edu](mailto:qualitative@twu.edu).

**Tues, Nov. 30**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Facilities Management and Construction Open House, 9 a.m.-noon.

**Wed, Dec. 1**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Winter Wonderland Craft Fair, 10 a.m., Student Union second floor.

**Thurs., Dec. 2**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Abilene Christian, 5:30 p.m., away.
- “Dealing with Difficult Employees” workshop, 9:30 a.m., ACT 501. To register or for more information, visit [www.twu.edu/training-orientation/6083.asp](http://www.twu.edu/training-orientation/6083.asp)
- Holiday Bingo, noon, SU Purple Lounge.

**Friday, Dec. 3**

- 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.
- Seminar Series: Nutrition and Food Sciences. Dr. Chandan Prasad, professor and chair of NFS, presents “Diet Rich in Cotton Seed Oil and Polymeric Adiponectin, A Marker Protective for Diabetes,” noon, ACT 301, IHSH 3322, DPH and DED upon request.

**Saturday, Dec. 4**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- TWU Gymnastics Intrasquad Holiday Spectacular, 7 p.m., Kitty Magee Arena.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Angelo State, 2 p.m., away.

**Sunday, Dec. 5**

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.

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