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Tiffany Smith, a graduate student in the TWU College of Arts & Sciences, to be honored with Virginia Chandler Dykes Scholarship

Four Scholarship Awards to be presented at 10th Annual TWU Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award Luncheon Honoring Myrna D. Schlegel and Kimberly Schlegel Whitman for their leadership and support of charitable and nonprofit organizations

Dallas, TX – December 1, 2011 – Tiffany Smith, a Denton resident and graduate student in Texas Woman’s University College of Arts & Sciences, will receive one of four prestigious scholarships given by TWU at the 10th Annual Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award Luncheon, presented by Bank of Texas, Texas Woman’s University, and the Texas Woman’s University Foundation, Feb. 16, 2012, at noon, at The Belo Mansion and Pavilion. Smith’s scholarship is sponsored by Sis Carr.

Growing up with a mother who had a strong interest in history and genealogy, Tiffany Smith developed her passion for family history, which over time expanded into general history. Throughout high school she considered other fields, but in the end none compared with her enthusiasm for history. Today she is pursuing her master’s in history at TWU with a 4.0 GPA and an expected completion date in the spring of 2013. Her goal is to finish her graduate program, pursue her Ph.D., and then ultimately teach at the college level while continuing to contribute to history through original research and composition.

“History unites all of us,” said Smith. “I find it very rewarding and exciting to review and evaluate the impact and implications of the past while moving forward, and I hope to bring my enthusiasm about history to others through teaching.”

Smith has been a graduate assistant at TWU since 2010 and has worked as a student assistant in the School of Management as an undergraduate. Graduating Summa Cum Laude in her undergraduate program, Smith has authored two peer reviewed publications and is the editor of

Ibid: A Student History Journal. She serves as vice president of Phi Alpha Theta and is a member of The National Scholars Honor Society, Golden Key International Honour Society, Phi Kappa Phi, and has sat on the student panel of Democracy Shout Out.

“Working with the Department of History at TWU has not only given me knowledge but has also given me the opportunity, encouragement and support to follow my heart and pursue a field I love. I am so thankful for the faculty, staff, and administration at TWU, who have inspired me to be successful.”

Smith is married to Sean Holmes, and they reside in Denton.

In addition to Smith, the other graduate students from all four TWU colleges who will be honored at the luncheon as recipients of scholarship funds include: **Heather Roberts**, College of Health Sciences (Occupational Therapy), sponsored by Edgemere Dallas; **Kathleen Shannon-McAdams**, RN, MSN, ANP-BC, College of Nursing, sponsored by CIGNA; **Hannah Mills**, College of Professional Education (COPE), sponsored by Geraldine “Tincy” Miller.

TWU’s 10th Annual Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award Luncheon, Feb. 16 at the Belo Mansion and Pavilion, will honor Myrna D. Schlegel and Kimberly Schlegel Whitman, as the 2012 recipients of the Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award. For more information, call Texas Woman’s University at 940-898-3878 or email foundation@twu.edu . Tickets are \$175 for Silver Patron and \$250 for Gold Patron.

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