TWU Receives $2.2 million Gift from Deiker Estate

More Texas Woman’s University students will receive scholarships to help meet their educational goals thanks to a $2.2 million gift from the estate of Helen Haddix Deiker and Robert W. Deiker Endowment Fund. “Robert and Helen Deiker were ardent supporters of TWU,” said TWU Chancellor Ann Stuart. “I am grateful for the Deikers’ generous estate planning, which has resulted in one of our largest estate gifts ever and which will enable more of our outstanding students to achieve academic success.”

Mrs. Deiker, 82, who passed away on Oct. 16, 2007, attended TWU in the early 1940s. She taught high school math for many years and served as the head of the special education department at Hinsdale High School in Hinsdale, Ill. She married Robert “Bob” W. Deiker in 1960. He passed away in 2002.

Texas Woman’s University has received gifts totaling $2.25 million from three renowned North Texas foundations for the new TWU T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center. The gifts — $1 million from the Meadows Foundation, $750,000 from the Jane and John Justin Foundation and $500,000 from the Hoblitzelle Foundation — will fund construction of the new institute.

“TWU is deeply appreciative of these generous gifts, which will help us ensure that the citizens of Texas will be well cared for by the best healthcare professionals,” TWU Chancellor Ann Stuart said.

Established by Algod H. and Virginia Meadows in 1948, the Meadows Foundation’s mission is to assist the people and institutions of Texas to improve the quality and circumstances of life for themselves and future generations.

TWU has raised to date $44.3 million for the new Dallas Institute.

Jane and John Justin Jr. established their foundation in 1992 to continue their legacy of community involvement and financial support.

A prominent Texas businessman and Western-boot legend, the late John Justin Jr. was president and CEO of Justin Industries Inc. The late Jane Justin was an advocate for children with special needs who helped found the Child Study Center in Fort Worth.

Established by Karl and Esther Hoblitzelle in 1942, the Hoblitzelle Foundation makes grants in the areas of medical research and health and human services, including programs targeting high-risk youth and families, as well as for educational, cultural and civic improvement. “The funds from these foundations are a valuable investment in our students and their role as future healthcare providers for the state,” Chancellor Stuart said.

Stories by Amanda Simpson

Clayton Named Provost

Continuing to grow enrollment and expand academic programs are the priorities of new TWU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Kay Clayton.

“I want to build on TWU’s foundation of excellence and provide the leadership to expand those programs that can, and should, grow,” Dr. Clayton said. “I also want to identify new areas for program development to meet the needs of the citizens of Texas.”

Dr. Clayton currently is provost and vice president for academic affairs at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, where she has served in administration for 12 years. She earned her Ph.D. in education from TWU, her master’s degree from Our Lady of the Lake University and her bachelor’s degree from Sam Houston State University.

Dr. Clayton, who begins work at TWU July 1, replaces retiring TWU provost Dr. Carolyn Gunning.
Faculty

Cornaro Award – Dr. Jim Alexander, Professor Emeritus of Government. The award recognizes excellence in teaching, scholarship and the advancement of learning.

Mary Mason Lyon Award – Dr. D’Anna Hynda, assistant professor of biology, and Dr. Mark Hamner, associate professor of math and computer science. The award is presented to junior faculty members who are developing excellent records of teaching, research and service.

Humphries Award – Dr. Thomas K. Brown, professor of music. The award recognizes dedication to TWU.

Distinction in Teaching – Ms. Joan Wall, professor of music. The award is presented to TWU faculty who have distinguished records of teaching and dedication to improving their teaching and the learning of their students.

Distinction in Scholarship – Dr. Mahesh S. Raisinghani, associate professor of history and government. The award is presented to TWU faculty who have exemplary records of scholarship and dedication to improving knowledge and understanding in one’s discipline.

Distinction in Service – Dr. Jeffrey Robb, associate professor of history and government. The award recognizes faculty who have made outstanding contributions to e-learning.

Distinction in Professional Life – Dr. Thomas K. Brown, left, and Jeffrey Robb.

HONORS CONVOCATION

Faculty, staff and students who exemplify the excellence for which Texas Woman’s University is known were recognized during Honors Convocation.

The TWU Former Students Association recognized three distinguished alumni at this year’s homecoming. Shown with Chancellor Ann Stuart, they are, from left: Dr. Sally A. Roden, associate provost and dean of undergraduate studies at the University of Central Arkansas; Dr. Ruth Anita Cowan, TWU associate professor emerita of sociology and social work; and Dr. Darlene A. Kluka, professor in the Department of Biokinetics, Sports and Leisure Sciences at the University of Pretoria in South Africa.

Leman Award – Crystal Reyes, a dance major from Houston, was recognized for outstanding artistic contributions to the university by a graduating senior.

Outstanding Senior Awards – Tiffanie Choate, a business administration major from Flower Mound; Christianne Kellett, a government/marketing major from Fort Worth; Michelle Savolainen, a business management major from Coppell; and Isabelle Sislak, a nursing major from Keller.

Outstanding Graduate Student Awards – Debbie Arbique, candidate for master of science in nursing, from DeSoto; Terri White, candidate for doctor of philosophy in nursing science, from Lewisville; and Joshua Wooten, candidate for doctor of philosophy in exercise physiology, from Denton.

Outstanding Achievement Award – Anne P. Downing, project coordinator, Multi-Ethnic Biomedical Research Support Program, and Ivanildo Carlos Da Silva, manager of Technology and Information Services, Houston. The award recognizes the dedication of TWU staff.

TWU Award of Excellence – Charlsa Kern, supervisor of digital printing. The award is the highest recognition given to a staff member who exhibits loyalty, dedication, initiative and reliability.

Measure of Excellence

The national Executive MBA Council ranks TWU’s EMBA program as the largest in the state. Begun in 2004 with only 52 students, the program enrolls 598 students today.

Student Awards

Outstanding Senior – Dr. Mary Frances Baxter and Alfred White, associate professor of history and government in the TWU’s Houston Center. The award recognizes faculty who have made outstanding contributions to e-learning.

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Founders’ Day Awards

Patsy and Fred Patterson and the Denton LULAC Council #4366 are the recipients of TWU’s 2008 Founders’ Awards. The Pattersons are longtime supporters of TWU, contributing to many university efforts including TWU athletics, the new Redbud Theater Complex and the Redbud Revitalization Campaign. Since 2002, the Denton LULAC Council #4366 has awarded scholarships to 13 Hispanic students at TWU. Shown at the awards luncheon with Chancellor Ann Stuart are, from left: Fred and Patsy Patterson; LULAC representatives Dorothy Martinez and Michelle Cunningham; and keynote speaker Dr. Shirley Cothran Barrett.
TWU: Making the Dream of College a Reality

Story by Amanda Simpson

THROUGH innovative programs armed with the message that college can be accessible to all, TWU is serving as a state leader in making the dream of college a reality for Texas’ elementary, middle and high school students.

TWU’s annual College for a Day program, sponsored by the Denton Area Teachers Credit Union (DACTU), has introduced the idea of attending college to more than 700 elementary school students throughout the Metroplex. Students participate in a variety of activities on the TWU campus, including interactive kinesiology and dance labs and a “Go to College” presentation.

“As a leader in providing quality higher education to women, it’s crucial that TWU inspire girls at a young age to attend college.”
— Dr. Sarah McIntire, TWU biology professor

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) and TWU sponsor the biannual Expanding Your Horizons™ in Science and Mathematics conference, which showcases math and science careers to more than 400 middle school girls in the DFW area.

“Young women who are encouraged to attend college and major in math and science can achieve success in high-demand careers,” said Patsy Roe with the Denton Branch of the AAUW, who chaired the event.

TWU’s innovative Go Center program has to date reached more than 3,000 students and their parents with the message that college is not beyond their means. Located at 12 DFW-area high schools, Go Centers are staffed by first-generation college students at TWU, who provide information on applying to college and serve as mentors.

A Mobile Go Center also travels to other high schools in the Metroplex.

TWU’s Go Center program is the largest in the state and has been recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as a model program for other universities to follow in increasing higher education enrollment.

59 percent of Texas Woman’s University baccalaureate graduates are first-generation college students, one of the highest percentages in the state.

Measure of Excellence

The TWU drama program will take its production of “Alice in Wonderland” to the world’s largest arts festival — the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland. TWU has been invited to perform Aug. 4-9 in the prestigious Bedlam Theatre. The original production, which includes a total of 40 hand and articulated puppets, is an adaptation of Lewis Carroll’s Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland by Lake Simons and John Dyer of New York.

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Uphouse Named 2008 Piper Professor

In recognition of her dedication to her students and to the teaching profession, Dr. Lynda Uphouse, Cornaro Professor of Biology, has been named a 2008 Piper Professor by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation.

The award, which includes a $5,000 stipend, was created in 1958 to honor outstanding teaching in Texas colleges and universities. The foundation makes only 15 awards each year.

This marks the second consecutive year that a TWU faculty member has received the prestigious award. Dr. Ron French, Cornaro Professor of Kinesiology, was named a Piper Professor in 2007. A total of nine TWU faculty have received the award since its inception.

Award-winning Authors Share Culinary Adventures

James Beard Award-winning authors Cheryl and Bill Jamison, right, shared tales from their latest cookbook *Around the World in 80 Dinners: The Ultimate Culinary Adventure* at the Blagg-Huey Library April 15. The event, benefiting the Friends of the TWU Library, featured a lecture on the Jamisons’ culinary escapades in Bali, India, China and other exotic locales, a tasting reception with samples from the Jamisons’ cookbooks and a book signing.

Gymnasts Win 9th Championship

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The show went on despite threatening skies as the School of the Arts hosted the first-ever TWU Arts Triangle Walk on April 4. TWU dance, drama, art and music students performed at various locations as the tour wound through the Denton campus. The event began with a dance performance in the Redbud Theater Complex and ended with an open-studio reception in the Fine Arts Building. Billed as an opportunity to “explore the spaces where the arts happen,” the tour was designed to display the creativity that is incorporated into all the arts at TWU.

Blooming Redbuds

Dozens of flowering redbud trees once again dot TWU’s Denton campus in early spring. They are a tangible sign of the successful campaign to revitalize Redbud Lane, considered a treasure in the heart of the city. TWU Chancellor Ann Stuart led the drive, which raised $54,500 to add 438 more redbud trees to the campus over the next two years and purchase additional trees in subsequent years.

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ROSE Brock, a doctoral student in the TWU School of Library and Information Studies, will help select the winner of the 2009 John Newbery Medal, the most distinguished award in children’s literature.

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Alumni House Reopens

TWU celebrated the grand reopening of Alumni House on the Denton campus April 30-May 2 with receptions attended by alumni, students, faculty and staff. Heavily damaged by spring floods in 2007, Alumni House was refurbished during the past year. Redesigned office space and additional display areas for historical items are just a part of the house’s new look. TWU alumni always are welcome to visit Alumni House, located at 330 E. University Drive in Denton. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 940-898-2586.

Homecoming 2008: Celebrating TWU’s Redbud Roots

Texas Woman’s University and the TWU Former Students Association celebrated their “Redbud Roots” during the university’s 2008 Homecoming festivities. Several class reunions were held, including a celebration honoring the “Golden Girls” of the TWU Class of 1958. A special luncheon also honored the university’s first nursing graduates from 1958. The university picnic, Spring Fling and the reopening of Alumni House were included among other Homecoming activities.

New Staff Reach Out to Alumni

Creating a brand that will engage alumni of all ages in the life of the university is the priority of new TWU Director of Alumni Relations Anne Scott. “TWU’s history of educating non-traditional students creates alumni who also are not typical,” Ms. Scott said. “These alumni associate more with their programs of study. I hope to capitalize on that association in order to connect more of these former students to the university.” More program-associated events and networking opportunities, as well as new, dynamic electronic communications, are some of the ways Ms. Scott hopes to engage younger graduates. Joining Ms. Scott in these efforts is Michele Kyle, the new senior secretary for alumni relations.

Before coming to TWU, Ms. Scott served as the program director for the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association for nine years.
Help TWU Make a Difference

As the campaign to build TWU’s new T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center progresses, so does the need for financial support. “TWU serves the state of Texas with distinction in providing a highly educated workforce of healthcare professionals,” Chancellor Ann Stuart said. “The support we receive from faithful alumni, individuals, corporations and foundations is paramount in our ability to continue to lead in this effort.”

With your help, we will soon do so in a new state-of-the-art facility in Dallas. A $5 million gift from the T. Boone Pickens Foundation will name the new Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center.

“To achieve quality health care, a skilled nursing community is vital, and I am impressed with what TWU is doing in this field,” Mr. Pickens said.

TWU has raised to date $44.5 million of the $55.5 million campaign goal. The university also has received gifts of $1 million from the Meadows Foundation, $750,000 from the Jane and John Justin Foundation, $500,000 from the Hoblitzelle Foundation, $500,000 from the Harold Simmons Foundation and $400,000 from the Sid W. Richardson Foundation, among others. These gifts have been instrumental in the university’s ability to attract other supporters. For a complete list of donors, visit www.twu.edu dallascampus.

You, too, can make a difference. To make a transformational gift — large or small — use the coupon below or contact:

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The TWU T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center

Houston Patio Beautification Campaign

The patio at the new TWU Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center — already a favorite outdoor spot among students and faculty — will become an even more welcoming environment thanks to the Houston Patio Beautification campaign.

“Students, faculty and staff use the patio to enjoy fresh air, study, hold informal gatherings or enjoy a meal in between classes,” said Dr. Robin Britt, TWU senior development officer in Houston.

“Funds from the campaign will be used to purchase permanent, brushed aluminum umbrellas to create shaded areas for the patio. Extra planters and other beautification items also will be purchased to enhance the area.”

Donors will be acknowledged on a donor plaque in the new building with a minimum gift of $100. Use the coupon below to contribute, or for more information contact:

Dr. Robin Britt  
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713-794-2145

Successful Campaign Raises Scholarship Funds

More scholarship dollars will be available to help TWU students pursue their educational dreams thanks to the successful new “Lead the Way...That Others May Follow” fundraising campaign.

Alumni from the Class of 1937 to the Class of 2007 have participated in this new annual campaign, which has raised more than $65,000 to date for scholarship funds in every department at TWU.

“A large measure of this campaign’s success is the number of alumni who reconnected with their department or college,” said Ray Dent, TWU senior development officer for colleges and schools. “For more than 25 percent of the participating alumni, their contribution to this campaign was their first-ever gift to the university.”

For more information or to contribute, contact:

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Nursing Faculty Visit Stark Foundation

TWU Houston nursing faculty and staff learned more about Nelda C. Stark, her college’s namesake, during a recent visit to the Nelda C. and H. Lutcher Stark Foundation in Orange, TX. Faculty and staff met with foundation officials, toured the foundation and visited the Stark Museum. The late Mrs. Stark was a TWU alumna and former member of the Board of Regents. The Stark Foundation gave $3 million to help fund construction of the TWU Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center, which opened in 2006.

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Leadership Institute Retreat

The inaugural class of TWU’s Leadership Institute participated in a retreat at the Garrett Creek Ranch in Paradise, Texas in March. Under the guidance of retired Maj. Gen. Mary Saunders, executive director of the institute, student leaders attended an all-day seminar on Franklin Covey’s “7 Habits of Highly Effective People” and learned more about financial planning. The institute offers students many opportunities for leadership development, including a speakers/mentors series, seminars, service opportunities and conferences.

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Marketing By Design

TWU graphic design instructor Jana Perez’s professional practices students have created a new marketing campaign for Women In Film/Dallas (WIF.D). The graphics — designed by Morgan O’Dell, Katerina Pilipchik, Janice McNaughton, Tamara Cropp, Miriam Requesto, Echo Huang and Ashley Bohannon — were unveiled at a WIF.D event in February. The designs will be used on WIF.D stationery, a brochure and on the organization’s website. Another design by the students was chosen for the WIF.D 2008 Topaz Awards and Gala invitation and webpage.

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...thanked PointBank for its generous donation of the soccer scoreboard for TWU’s new soccer field. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: Fleur Benatar, TWU head soccer coach; Jacqueline Horner, member of the soccer team; Nancy Millichamp, PointBank ambassador; Ray David Jr., PointBank president; and soccer team members Chastity Hayter and Romy Luna.

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