TWU Announces $26.4 Million Science Building

JOSÉ Zamora, a master of fine arts student in dance at Texas Woman’s University, is one of only 30 university students in the United States to receive a 2008-09 Jacob K. Javits Fellowship. The U.S. Department of Education awards the fellowship to students at the master of fine arts or doctoral level in selected fields of arts, humanities and social sciences.

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TWU — KEEPER OF WOMEN’S HISTORY

Texas Women’s Hall of Fame

TEXAS Woman’s University welcomed distinguished guests to the Denton campus in October as Gov. Rick Perry and First Lady Anita Perry honored the 2008 inductees to the Texas Women’s Hall of Fame. Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor; health research pioneer Dr. Huda Zoghbi; Texas A&M University President Elsa Murano; architect and historic preservationist Carolyn Peterson; and arts advocate Louise Hopkins Underwood are among TWU’s 2008 inductees.

Chancellor Ann Stuart directs the installation of one of the new displays in the remodeled Texas First Ladies Historic Costume Collection.

Shown are, from left: Louise Hopkins Underwood, Sandra Day O’Connor, Elia Murano, Gov. Rick Perry, Carolyn Peterson, Huda Zoghbi, TWU Chancellor Ann Stuart and Anita Perry.

Gov. Perry shown at the Texas Women’s Hall of Fame recognition with TWU students Cristal Retana, left, and Elzye Davis.

TWU ranks among the top 120 public universities nationwide in doctoral degrees awarded. Among all universities — public and private — TWU ranks in the top 200 in doctoral degrees awarded.

Measure of Excellence

Leadership Institute Financial Partnership

New England Financial, a MetLife company, has donated $5,000 to underwrite the TWU Leadership Institute’s financial freedom initiatives for 2008-2009. In partnership with TWU, the company will present financial workshops for students at all TWU campuses and participate in TWU career days in the spring.

Financial freedom, leadership development and health and wellness are the three primary components of the TWU Leadership Institute.


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Sheardy Elected SENCER Fellow

Dr. Richard Sheardy

ENGAGING students in science by relating issues like global warming and stem-cell research to their studies is the goal of Dr. Richard Sheardy — one of 76 educators in the nation elected as a 2008-2009 SENCER (Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities) Leadership Fellow.

SENCER is a National Center for Science and Civic Engagement initiative that encourages students to study science and math by focusing coursework on real-world problems.

“I also plan to develop science education initiatives that foster civic engagement across disciplines at TWU,” said Dr. Sheardy, professor and chair of the TWU chemistry and physics department.

Dr. Sheardy was elected to the inaugural class of SENCER Fellows from more than 1,300 faculty members and academic leaders nationwide.

Holden-Huchton Named Nursing Dean

Dr. Patricia Holden-Huchton

CONTINUING the university’s legacy as the leader in nursing education, research, service and clinical practice is the goal of Dr. Patricia Holden-Huchton, the new dean of the TWU College of Nursing.

“I want to build on TWU’s reputation of having the best college of nursing in Texas,” said Dr. Holden-Huchton. “I also want to work with our many clinical and business partners to implement innovative ideas for solving the nursing faculty shortage, which will then increase capacity in nursing schools across the state.”

Dr. Holden-Huchton also plans to collaborate with other institutions in research and clinical practice activities to establish new models for best practices in clinical nursing.

Dr. Holden-Huchton began her duties as the nursing dean April 1, replacing Dr. Marcia Herr. She joined TWU as an associate nursing dean in 2005.
Student Leaders Picnic with Chancellor

Chancellor Ann Stuart and her dog Georgette recently hosted more than 60 TWU student leaders at a picnic at University House on the Denton campus. “I am always so impressed by the exceptional student leaders at TWU and welcomed the chance for us to get to know each other better,” Chancellor Stuart said. The student leaders enjoyed food and music while interacting with each other, Chancellor Stuart and other university officials. “Chancellor Stuart said she wanted to learn more about what we are doing on campus,” said Luis Rendon, a junior English major and editor of the TWU student newspaper The Lasso. “It was great to be surrounded by students who care as much about the university as you do.”

Photos by Shannon Drowe

TWU — TAKING CARE OF WOMEN’S HEALTH

Mastectomy Gown

From left: Porsche Jones, Christina Jager and Linda Murphy model the mastectomy gowns.

WOMEN who undergo a mastectomy experience a great deal of anxiety following the surgery. Dr. Ho Soon Michelle Cho, TWU associate professor of nursing, is easing some of their concerns with the Papilla Gown®, designed specifically for post-mastectomy patients.

“The standard hospital gown doesn’t address all the needs of these patients,” Dr. Cho said. She collaborated with designer and textile specialist Dr. Jae Un Peck on designing the Papilla Gown® to promote movement, improve body image and aid in wound care. The gown features large armholes and pockets and tucks that inconspicuously hold drainage tubes and fluid collection devices.

Initial testing found that women who wore the gown had higher comfort levels and less fear than those who wore the usual hospital gown. Additional studies are underway.

Pioneers for the Cure

MORE than 300 students, alumni, faculty and staff raised $8,000 for breast cancer research with their participation in the 2008 Komen Race for the Cure® in Houston and Dallas. The Houston and Dallas teams, both known as the “Pioneers for the Cure,” also were recognized as having the largest team in the higher education category for their respective races in October. This marks the fourth consecutive year that the TWU Denton/Dallas team has received the largest higher education team award for the Dallas race. This also was the first year that the university expanded its participation to the Houston campus.

“Many TWU students will be the healthcare providers of people with breast cancer, so supporting the race is a natural fit for us,” said Veronica Castillo, a master of occupational therapy student and the TWU Houston team captain. “The fact that so many from the TWU community walked and donated money shows how much this important cause means to them.”

Power of a Healthy Woman

EMPOWERING women to incorporate wellness strategies into their daily lives was the focus of the inaugural “Power of a Healthy Woman Symposium” held at TWU’s Denton campus in September.

“As a center for excellence in women’s health, it’s vital that we provide today’s multi-tasking woman with the tools necessary to live a healthy life,” said Dr. Anna Love, TWU assistant professor of health studies.

More than 100 women — including several grandmothers, mothers and daughters from the same families — attended the event, which included workshops on weight management, heart disease, fiscal responsibility and stress management.

Sponsors for the event included The Foundation for Excellence in Women’s Health Care, the North Texas Hospital, the Denton Regional Medical Foundation, the Dr Pepper Company, the Denton County Medical Society Alliance, Slets Women’s Health and Agrilife Extension-Denton County.

The university plans to make the symposium an annual event.

Ashe Scholars

Texas Woman’s University student-athletes Keshia Boldis, Chastity Hayward and Romy Luna have been honored for their achievements in the classroom and on the field as recipients of the 2008 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars Award. Boldis (basketball) and Hayward (soccer) are sophomore kinesiology majors. Luna (soccer), a senior kinesiology major, was recognized for the second consecutive year. Diverse Issues in Higher Education magazine established the Ashe Sports Scholars Awards to honor undergraduate students of color who have achieved academic and athletic success.

The TWU College of Professional Education graduated approximately 475 new teachers and 125 school principals and superintendents each year.

Measure of Excellence
TWU Generations

From left: Christian Wilson, Lillie Rae Wilson, Elyze Davis and Addie Davis.

The excellent education that sisters Addie Davis and Lillie Rae Wilson received at TWU more than 35 years ago is a legacy they now share with their daughters Elyze Davis and Christian Wilson. My mother and aunt have countless stories to tell from their time at TWU,” said Elyze Davis, a senior government major and current president of the TWU Student Government Association. “I know my cousin and I will also tell our children about our wonderful TWU memories, which will reflect who we were and who we have grown to be.”

Addie Davis graduated with a bachelor’s degree in library science from TWU in 1970 and received her master of arts in education from TWU in 1982. She recently retired as a media specialist for the Dallas Independent School District.

Lillie Rae Wilson attended TWU in Denton from 1972-1975 and returned to TWU’s Houston campus to receive her bachelor’s degree in nursing in 2003. She has been a nurse at Texas Children’s Hospital for more than 20 years. “It is an honor to carry on the legacy of my mother and my aunt,” said Christian Wilson, a junior psychology major. “They both overcame many obstacles and paved the way for my cousin and me to attend college. They are truly Pioneer Women.”

TWU GENERATIONS highlights families with multiple TWU graduates. To read more about the Davis/Wilson family or to share your TWU GENERATIONS story, visit www.twu.edu/alumni and click on GENERATIONS.

Dr. Wendy Demark-Wahnefried

INTERNATIONALLY known cancer researcher Dr. Wendy Demark-Wahnefried, professor of behavioral medicine at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, exemplifies the impact that TWU graduates are having on the lives of Texans. Her research has shown a reduction in prostate cancer among men who take flaxseed supplements. With her current Project DAMES study, she is researching how diet and exercise can prevent a recurrence of breast cancer.

Dr. Demark-Wahnefried received her master’s in nutrition from TWU in 1980. “The superior education I received at TWU allowed me to advance quickly and ultimately led toward my cancer research,” she said.

APPLAUSE highlights the accomplishments of TWU alumni. To recommend a TWU graduate for recognition in APPLAUSE, email us at alumnirelations@twu.edu.

Homecoming Reunion Weekend 2009

Plans are under way for TWU’s 2009 Homecoming Reunion Weekend, to be held April 24-26. All alumni are invited to the Denton campus for a variety of activities, including Honors Convocation, the Distinguished Alumni luncheon, class reunion dinners and special celebrations for the 25-year (1984) and 50-year (1959) reunion classes. For a complete schedule of TWU 2009 Homecoming Reunion Weekend events, visit www.twu.edu/alumni and click on “Participate.”

Memories from 1959

Right, movie actress Sandra Dee paid a visit to the campus during a personal appearance in Denton.

Below, a silver crown dangled over the heads of dancing couples at the big spring formal in honor of the Redbud Festival.

Join TWU Alumni on LinkedIn

TWU graduates are invited to join the TWU Alumni Group on LinkedIn — an online networking site that helps you find inside connections to jobs, industry experts and business partners. LinkedIn is the leading professional networking website with more than 5 million subscribers.

By joining this group you can network with TWU alumni and their contacts, receive job referrals, view professional profiles of TWU graduates and share updates with other members. Joining the TWU Alumni Group on LinkedIn is free and open to all TWU graduates. For more information, visit www.twu.edu/alumni/Linkedin.html.
“Lead The Way” Scholar Cristal Retana

THANKS to the support TWU alumni have given to the “Lead the Way...That Others May Follow” scholarship campaign, first-generation student Cristal Retana can do something she never thought possible — graduate from college. “Because of the generosity of TWU alumni who were once in my shoes, I can pursue my dreams just as they did,” said Ms. Retana, a senior from Farmers Branch who plans to attend law school after graduation. Ms. Retana is active in many student organizations, including the Student Government Association, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the Lambda Alpha Upsilon and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Her many accomplishments include serving as president of the TWU G-Force, a listing in “Who’s Who Among American College Students” and being named to the TWU Dean’s List. “It means a lot to know that I was chosen for this scholarship because of my dedication to my studies and my work as a student leader,” Ms. Retana said. TWU launched the annual “Lead the Way...That Others May Follow” campaign last year to raise scholarship funds. To date the campaign has raised more than $88,000. Through the campaign, alumni may designate their scholarship gifts to a specific department or fund, so almost all departments at TWU have received scholarship assistance from their alumni. For more information or to contribute to the campaign, visit www.twu.edu/development.

Aetna Gives $50,000 for Nursing

TEXAS Woman’s University’s Nelda C. Stark College of Nursing in Houston recently received a $50,000 grant from the Aetna Foundation to address the national nursing shortage. TWU will use the funds to hire additional adjunct nursing faculty for its Houston campus. “The Aetna Foundation is known for addressing issues that impact the future of nursing education and nursing care,” said Dr. Rebecca Krepper, associate dean of the Stark College of Nursing. “We are grateful to the foundation for its help in allowing us to increase our capacity to educate more new nurses.” The Aetna Foundation is the independent charitable and philanthropic arm of Aetna Inc. “We are very concerned about the worsening nursing shortage and are pleased to support TWU’s efforts to help address the problem,” said Deborah Restum, network management director for Aetna’s South-west Region.

ATTENTION

In an effort to be good stewards of university resources, the Office of Institutional Development is planning to use e-mail for fundraising appeals. If you are willing to join us to make everyone’s gifts go further, please send your current e-mail address, along with your name and address, to development@twu.edu. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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Yes! I wish to increase opportunity and excellence at TWU.

Here is my gift:

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

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I want to know more. Please call me to discuss my gift options. Phone 

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College for a Day  
Students Thank DATCU

Students from Denton’s Borman and Newman Rayzor elementary schools signed a banner thanking the Denton Area Teachers Credit Union (DATCU) for sponsoring TWU’s 2008 College for a Day. “We hope the youngsters who participate return to their schools with a deeper appreciation of learning and take advantage of educational opportunities available beyond their high school years,” said DATCU President and CEO Dale E. Kimble. More than 700 students throughout the Metroplex have participated in College for a Day since 2001.
**Addressing Commuter Student Needs**

WITH an array of programs designed specifically to meet the needs of commuter students, Texas Woman’s University is helping commuters succeed in their college careers.

About 85 percent of TWU students are commuter students.

Among the services provided for commuter students are:

- convenient park and ride transportation from Dallas to Denton through a partnership with the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA)
- off-campus housing and childcare referral services
- AlterNet — an online carpool connection service
- a scholarship database for non-traditional students and designated commuter parking and student lounges and a special meal plan on the Denton campus

TWU’s innovative Commuter Neighbors Educated Together (NET) program recently received national recognition by receiving the Commuter Student and Adult Learners’ Outstanding Collaboration Award from the American College Personnel Association (ACPA).

Commuter NET students take classes together and participate in campus activities during their first semester to encourage retention, since commuter students have a higher dropout rate than traditional students. The average GPA of Commuter NET students is higher than that of commuter students not in the program.

“With commuters making up the majority of TWU students, it’s crucial that we provide services that help them achieve their academic goals,” said Amy O’Keefe, director of commuter and non-traditional student services at TWU.

**American Democracy Project**

TWU is one of 16 universities in the United States and the only university in Texas selected for the American Democracy Project Civic Agency Initiative, sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

The goal of the new three-year program is to encourage students to be civic leaders in their communities.

“One of the key duties of a university is to teach the importance of civic engagement to its students,” said TWU Provost Dr. Kay Clayton. “This project provides another opportunity to encourage students to make ongoing civic contributions to their professions and communities.”

Dr. Katherine Landdeck, associate professor of history, will coordinate the American Democracy Project Civic Agency Initiative at TWU.

She will be assisted by an advisory board of faculty, staff, students and community members.

**Nursing Doctoral Program Receives $615,000 Grant**

MORE nurses in rural and underserved areas will have access to Texas Woman’s University’s doctor of nursing practitioner (DNP) degree program thanks to a $614,959 federal grant.

The funds will be used to encourage master’s-level and advanced practicing nurses to enroll in TWU’s DNP program. They will be awarded over a three-year period by the U.S. Department of Health Resources and Services Administration’s (HRSA) Advanced Education Nursing Program.

“This grant will help us reach students in remote locations with the use of technology, including online and digital video classes,” said Dr. Peggy Mancuso, director of TWU’s DNP program.

**Kapoor is AAUW Fellow**

Priyanka Kapoor, a master of occupational therapy student at TWU’s Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center, is one of only 75 women in the world to be selected as an International Masters Fellow by the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

Ms. Kapoor was selected from more than 1,000 applicants for the fellowship, which provides an $18,000 stipend for one year. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement and demonstrated commitment to women and girls.

“This fellowship is not only financial assistance to me. Most importantly, it is a means to connect with females around the globe who are working toward the common goal of promoting female equality,” Ms. Kapoor said.

After graduation, she plans to return to her home country of India to promote the inclusion and rights of people with disabilities, especially young girls. These goals, she said, “will be achieved with the quality tools and global perspective I will gain through my education at TWU.”

**Testimonials**

Students ease their commute using the Denton County Transportation Authority’s Commuter Express bus or the METRO system in Houston.

“I can do homework or just relax while riding the bus, and it’s less expensive. With the price of gas, it would cost twice as much to take my car.”

—Lauren Marks, Elementary Education Denton

“I use the bus most of the time. It’s so much easier to travel to and from Dallas.”

—Pauline Ngigi, Master of Business Administration Dallas

“It’s more convenient to ride the rail versus driving my own car. It takes me about five minutes to get to school on the train.”

—Virginia Maldonado, Physical Therapy Houston

**Measure of Excellence**

U.S. News and World Report magazine ranks TWU 2nd in the state and 15th in the nation among universities with the most diverse student populations.

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...attended a reception honoring Caroline Rose Hunt as the 2009 recipient of the Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: Roland Dykes, Virginia Chandler Dykes, Caroline Rose Hunt and Alan L. Miller, president of Texas Private Bank, sponsor of the event.

...co-hosted a luncheon with TWU Regent Virginia Chandler Dykes honoring Dallas Black Dance Theatre founder and TWU alumnus Ann Williams as receiving an honorary doctorate of philosophy from the university. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: Regent Teagwyn Pulley, Ann Williams, Mrs. Dykes and Harry Crumpacker, chair of the TWU Board of Regents.

...reviewed plans for new patio umbrellas at the TWU Institute of Health Science-Houston Center, which will be purchased with funds from the Houston Patio Beautification Campaign. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: Bill Bussman, TWU Houston campus facility operations manager; Robin Britt, Houston senior development officer; Carolyn Ishenhower, executive director of institutional development; and Eric Molberg, Houston campus manager.

...accepted an American Association of University Women of Texas Woman of Distinction Award from TWU faculty who are AAWU Denton branch members. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: Dr. Sarah McIntire, chair of the TWU Biology Department; Dr. Ling Hwey Beng, director of TWU’s School of Library and Information Studies; and Dr. Ruth Johnson, associate dean of the TWU Graduate School.

...viewed the painting “Road Signs” by the late Coreen Spellman, a TWU alumnus, at the Dallas Museum of Art during a private viewing of original jewelry by the late Velma Davis Duster, also a TWU alumnus and co-founder of the Dallas School of Creative Arts. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: TWU Regent Virginia Chandler Dykes and Dr. William Rudolph, the Pauline Gill Sullivan Associate Curator of American Art for the DMA.

...served as the keynote speaker for a Denton Kiwanis Club breakfast meeting. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: Denton Kiwanis Club president Garland Thornton and John Ryan, vice president.

...received a $1 million donation from the Meadows Foundation for the new TWU T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Science-Dallas Center. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: TWU Dallas Building Campaign Co-chair Sheila Marlow and Meadows Foundation President and CEO Linda Perryman Evans.

...struck a ceremonial gong to open TWU’s “Asia & the Arts” celebration—a month-long showcase of Asian art, dance and music. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: Dr. James Chouevert, professor and chair of the TWU music department; Dr. Ann Staten, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Carolyn Gunning, former TWU provost; and Matthew Cumbie, a TWU graduate student in dance.

...joined the Board of Regents in congratulating TWU Drama Program Director Sharon Bengt, fourth from left; and her students on their recent international performance of “Alice in Wonderland” at the Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland.

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**DR. ANN STUART...**

**TWU’s “Chancellor On the Move”**