

TCU THIS WEEK



EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR THE TCU COMMUNITY

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TCU teacher preparation program among top in Texas

TCU'S SCHOOL OF EDUCATION HAS announced that a combined 96 percent of its graduates from the 1999-2000 school year passed one or more ExCET (Examination for the Certification of Educators in Texas) exams required for initial teacher certification. The School of Education is releasing the pass rates in compliance with a new federal guideline called Title II aimed at creating more accountability and support for the nation's teacher preparation programs. The 96 percent pass rate places TCU in the top quartile of Texas teacher preparation programs.

The pass/fail rates of TCU students taking one or more ExCET exams in five key testing categories (basic skills, professional knowledge, academic and other content area, and the teaching of special populations) were aggregated and summarized over the summer by TCU and the state. Federal guidelines require that single assessment tests be summarized to show graduates' overall testing success and the strength of teacher education programs. Texas ranked teacher preparation programs in the state into four different quartiles based on the summarized pass rates. Final rankings were released by the state this week.

"We are extremely pleased that we are in the top quartile of teacher preparation programs in the state of Texas," said **Sam Deitz**, dean of the School of Education. "We will continue to develop our program to ensure students are effectively prepared to meet the challenges of teaching in today's classrooms."

TCU had a single assessment pass rate of over 90 percent for all students who took an ExCET related to their academic teaching area in all reportable categories.

According to federal rules, reportable categories are those in which 10 or more individuals took the same test. The pass rates and an overall description of TCU's teacher preparation program have been compiled in a report that is available to the public on TCU's School of Education's Web site at www.sed.tcu.edu/. A state-sponsored Web site at www.sbec.state.tx.us also will house TCU's report as well as the reports and pass rates of other state teacher preparation programs. TCU also will make available a printed version of the report for the public.

Information on all Texas teacher preparation programs, as well as those of

other states, eventually will be sent to the federal government, but comparisons between states cannot be made due to the variance of each state's testing standards.

Congress amended the Higher Education Act in 1998 to provide institutions of higher education and other teacher preparation programs with more money to recruit students into teaching careers and to ensure preparation programs are adequately equipping students to teach in the classroom. According to the federal government, in the next 10 years, more than half of the nation's 2.2 million teachers will be first-time teachers. ♦

Sing in the season with a night of traditional music

THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY COMES together to celebrate the holiday season with Carols by Candlelight, set for 10:30 p.m. tonight in Robert Carr Chapel. The event is an annual campus tradition, begun more than 24 years ago.

University organist **Joe Butler** will play and has arranged the musical program, which includes the congregation singing traditional Christmas hymns. There also will be a scripture reading and music by the TCU Chapel choir, directed by **Sheri Neill**.

Hot cider will be served outside on the chapel steps after the service. ♦

Faculty/staff will serve breakfast to studybugs

TCU'S TRADITIONAL LATE NIGHT breakfast for students during Finals Week is set for 10:30 p.m. until midnight Tuesday, Dec. 11 in The Main. This is the 23rd year for the annual event.

Those joining Chancellor **Michael Ferrari** in dishing up the feast include **Anantha Babbili, Lance Brown, Carol Campbell, Sam Deitz, Bronson Davis, Dave Edmondson, Roger Fisher, Roby Key, Penny Woodcock, Angie Taylor, Larry Lauer, Steve McGee, Carrie Zimmerman** and **Kay Higgins**.

Also **John Singleton, Larry Markley, Susan Adams, Mike Russel, Glory Robinson, Shelley Story, Tom Sullivan,**

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EVENTS

Today

Carols by Candlelight with the TCU Chapel choir directed by **Sheri Neill** with organ accompanist **Joseph Butler**, cider on the steps of the Chapel immediately following. Call ext. 7830 for more information.

Dec. 11

Doris Kupferle Mobile Mammography on campus, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Call 1-888-442-7747 for appointment.

Late Night Study Breakfast, 10:30 p.m. to midnight, The Main. For more information, call ext. 3080.

Dec. 12

Olympic Torch Relay, approx. 8:55 a.m., S. University Drive through campus.

Doris Kupferle Mobile Mammography on campus, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Student Center visitor parking lot. Call 1-888-442-7747 for appointment.

Dec. 13

Rickel Building closing until Oct. 2002.

Dec. 15

Women's Basketball - TCU vs. Southwest Missouri State, 6 p.m. Fort Worth Convention Center.**

Dec. 15

Fall Commencement, 1 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Chancellor's reception begins at 11 a.m., Kelly Center. For more information, call ext. 7808.

Men's Basketball - TCU vs. UT-San Antonio, 8:05 p.m., Fort Worth Convention Center.**

**Call the athletic ticket office 817-257-7967 for more information.

Four minutes and it's history...



Don't miss the
Olympic Torch Relay
8:55 a.m. Wednesday
S. University Drive

(Breakfast from front)

Rick Barnes, Mary Ruth Jones, Trey Doty, Stephanie Williams, Tracy Tucker and Grant Wietzel. Santa and Mrs. Claus, in the persons of Howard and Mildred Payne, also will be there. Cost of the buffet is \$3.50.

For more information, contact Tracy Tucker at ext. 3080. ♦

TCU This Week taking a holiday break until Jan. 14

THE UNIVERSITY WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 24 through Jan. 1, and will reopen Wednesday, Jan. 2. Like most of the campus, TCU This Week will take a break for the holiday season.

Today's is the last issue until publication resumes Monday, Jan. 14. Copy deadline for that issue is Wednesday, Jan. 9. ♦

American Airlines vice president joins Neeley IBOV

HENRY JOYNER, SENIOR VICE president of planning for American Airlines, has been appointed to serve a four-year term on the Neeley School of Business' International Board of Visitors. In May, Joyner will become an active member of Neeley's 38-member IBOV, which consists of local, national and international business executives.

As an advisory board member, Joyner will function as a consultant to Neeley by providing development guidance for future and current Neeley programs, identifying internship and employment opportunities for students and identifying trends in the corporate world that could ultimately impact business students.

"We're pleased Mr. Joyner has agreed to share his insight and expertise with Neeley faculty, students and staff," said Bob Lusch, dean. "His leadership skills and industry experience will allow us to continue establishing a strong business school that is

adaptable and able to meet challenges in both the business education and corporate world."

Joyner first began working for American Airlines in 1980 as a financial analyst and then moved to the marketing department where he was involved in the development of the AADVANTAGE frequent flyer program. In 1987, Joyner became managing director of airline planning and was named vice president of personnel resources in 1989. ♦

A superlative experience: Senior Conference 2002!

ALMOST ANYONE SETTING OUT IN "THE real world" could use a crash course in life skills and, at TCU, that opportunity exists.

Career Services' annual Senior Conference is scheduled for Jan. 19 - 20, 2002 at the Arlington Hilton Hotel. The theme is "New Directions, New Beginnings" and is designed to assist seniors in successful transitions to life after TCU with sessions on budgeting an entry-level salary, surviving the first year on the job, adjusting to graduate/professional school, networking, conducting a professional job search and more.

Highlights of the conference are a seven-course fine dining experience with guidance by an etiquette expert, and two motivational presentations by Patrick Combs, author and television personality on *Hard Copy* and *Real TV*.

Registration fee is \$100 and includes meals, refreshment breaks, hotel accommodations for Saturday night, speakers' fees and conference materials. All seniors are encouraged to attend. A limited number of need-based scholarships are available. Registration deadline is Dec. 14.

If you know any students whom you feel could benefit from this event, have them contact TCU Career Services at ext. 7860. ♦

Nominees for Distinguished Student being accepted

EACH YEAR THE TCU ALUMNI Association honors a junior or senior for their academic performance and service to the University and community. A National Alumni Board committee selects the winner for recognition during Homecoming the following fall.

Faculty and staff who would like to nominate a student with high academic achievement and outstanding service should contact Kevin Nicoletti at ext. 5039 or e-mail him by Dec. 21. Please include the student's name, address, phone number and two or three sentences about his or her attributes. ♦

KUDOS

Chief Steve McGee (TCU Police) was sworn in as president of the Texas/New Mexico Association of College and University Police Departments during a ceremony Dec. 6 in San Antonio.

John Giordano (School of Music) represented TCU at the recent Kennedy Center Honors gala which paid tribute to Van Cliburn, Jack Nicholson, Julie Andrews, Quincy Jones and Luciano Pavarotti. President and Mrs. George W. Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Colin Powell also were in the audience.

The event was taped for television and will be broadcast on KTVT/Channel 11 on Dec. 26 at 8 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dan Southard (kinesiology) and his wife, Kari, on the birth of their first grandchild, Cooper Thomas Goggans, on Nov. 30. Proud parents are Heidi and Matt Goggans. Cooper weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 21" long.

DEATH

Sympathy is extended to Debbie Coleman (financial services) in the death of her husband, Bob Coleman, on Dec. 1 in Grand Prairie. Services were held at the Open Door Baptist Church in Grand Prairie on Dec. 8.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Blue and cream couch and two matching easy chairs for sale, \$150. Call 817-921-6676.

FOR SALE: 1996 Isuzu Rodeo, 76.4K mi., 5-speed, black, good condition, \$6K. Call Dustin Salter at ext. 5197.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of December 5. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

Director - Center for Teaching Excellence
Accompanist/Ballet/temporary staff - Ballet/Modern Dance

User Services Consultant - User Services
HRMS Administrator - Human Resources
Postdoctoral Research Associate - Chemistry
Assistant Men's and Women's Track Coach - Athletics

Head Volleyball Coach - Athletics
Postdoctoral Research Associate - Chemistry
Hall Director - Residential Services
Administrative Assistant - Physical Plant
Service Assistant - Student Center
Service Assistant - Residential Services
Service Assistant / 75% - Facility Services
Electronic Locks Technician - Physical Plant
Craft Technician/Boiler - Physical Plant
Craft Technician / EMCS - Physical Plant
Craft Technician/HVAC - Physical Plant
Craft Technician - Facility Services
Security Guard - TCU Police

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Gardening tip from physical plant: Poinsettias and other holiday plants will last longer by placing them away from heating vents and drafts. Don't over water and make sure there is good drainage through hole in bottom of pot.

