

TCU THIS WEEK



EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR THE TCU COMMUNITY

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Changes, firsts will make Spring Commencement a super-special event

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TCU HISTORY, Commencement is moving off campus. The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11 at the newly renovated Fort Worth Convention Center downtown.

A record-breaking 1,100 degree candidates will receive their diplomas during the colorful event. TCU alumnus Bob Schieffer, chief Washington correspondent for CBS News and moderator of *Face the Nation*, will deliver the Commencement address.

Honorary degrees will be presented to two campus luminaries. **Bob Bolen**, senior advisor to the Chancellor and former mayor of Fort Worth, will receive a Doctor of Public Service degree. **Jim Wright**, distinguished lecturer in political science and former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, will receive a Doctor of Letters degree.

Members of Air Force ROTC will form the Color Guard. They are Brett Bohn of Houston, Garth Wolber of Colleyville, Chris Lowry of Euless and Josh Grant of Arlington.

All faculty and staff with advanced degrees employed on at least a three-quarter time basis are invited to participate in the Commencement procession. Free parking for participants will be available at the Texas

Wesleyan Law School lots located at 14th and Calhoun, 15th and Calhoun and 17th and Calhoun. Also, there will be a secured room available for faculty participants to change into regalia and leave their belongings.

Faculty are asked to be on site at 1:30 p.m., while graduates and marshals are due to arrive by 1 p.m. Everyone must enter from the Commerce Street side, east of the facility.

Another change in the day's events is the extended time of the pre-Commencement reception at the Kelly Center for graduates, their families, friends and faculty. Hours are 10 a.m. to noon. Two 40x40-foot tents on the lawn will evoke a garden party atmosphere for guests, with music provided by a TCU jazz combo.

This year's Commencement statistics include:

- 15 4.0 candidates
- 12 double-degree candidates
- 208 graduating with Latin honors
- 71 international graduates, representing 34 countries
- 8 Ph.D. recipients ♦

Two finance students get first Meredith Fraker Thompson scholarship

THE HUSBAND OF A 1996 TCU ALUMNA killed by lightning last July has met the first recipients of a \$200,000 endowed scholarship established in his deceased wife's name by her co-workers. Tim Thompson last week congratulated soon-to-be senior finance students Lindsey Biegert and Justin Speer as the first to receive \$6,000 each from the Meredith Fraker Thompson Memorial Scholarship in Finance at TCU.

The two students also will receive prestigious internships at Luther King Capital Management and Simmons & Company International, a Houston-based investment firm. Five TCU finance students vied for the scholarship.

Meredith Fraker Thompson, who graduated from TCU with a degree in finance, was gardening outside her Houston home when she was struck by lightning. At the time,

Fraker Thompson was working at Simmons & Company. Co-workers at the firm established the scholarship to honor her life.

Employees of Luther King Capital Management, where Fraker Thompson interned while at TCU, also donated to the scholarship. ♦

"Texas Bound" is back with celebrities reading short fiction at Scott Theater

"TEXAS BOUND," THE DALLAS literary series which has offered Texas short fiction interpreted by Texas actors since 1992, will return to Fort Worth for its eighth year, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 20 at William Edrington Scott Theater, 3505 W. Lancaster.

The annual event is part of the literary series Arts & Letters Live, presented by the Dallas Museum of Art and Friends of the Dallas Public Library. The Fort Worth program is produced in association with

EVENTS

Today-May 3

Bachelor of Fine Arts graphic design exhibition.***

Today

Harris School of Nursing hosts Dr. Lillian Nail - oncology nurse researcher to speak, 9 a.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall. Call ext. 6749 for more information.

Faculty recital featuring **Brian West** on percussion, 7:30 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall.*

April 30

Wind Symphony and Symphonic band concert, **Bobby Francis** and **Brian Youngblood** conducting, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium.*

May 1

"A Celebration of University Leadership," 3:30 p.m., Sadler Lawn, sponsored by the TCU Leadership Center. Rain location: Student Center ballroom.

KinoMonda film series presents *A Time for Drunken Horses* (Iran), 7 p.m., Sid Richardson LH 1. Call ext. 7292.

May 3

TCU Baseball vs. UAB, 2:35 p.m., TCU Baseball Field.**

May 4

TCU Baseball vs. UAB, 1:05 p.m., TCU Baseball Field.**

May 5

TCU Baseball vs. UAB, 1:05 p.m., TCU Baseball Field.**

*Call the School of Music at ext. 7602.

**Call the athletic ticket office at ext. 7967.

***Call the Dept. of Art/Art History at ext. 7643.

TCU Press and the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth.

Academy Award winner Marcia Gay Harden will read a surprise selection.

Barry Corbin of TV's *Northern Exposure* fame will read *The Chamber of Commerce Bull* by Houston Chronicle columnist Leon Hale and *The Public Apology* by Steve Martin. Dallas actor Constance Gold will read *Lois in the Country* by Mary Ladd Gavell.

Tickets are \$14; \$12 for students, teachers, librarians, seniors and members of the Dallas Museum of Art, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth or members of the Friends of the TCU Library and Friends of the Dallas Public Library. They are available by phone Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 214-922-1220 or 888-684-3362 ext. 1220, or visit the website at www.DallasMuseumofArt.org/artsandletterslive.htm. ♦

Casual dress policy for summer begins May 13

JOHN WEIS (HUMAN RESOURCES) HAS announced May 13-Aug. 23 as the designated period during which employees may wear casual clothing to work.

Appropriate campus apparel during the summer months includes slacks, nice jeans, walking shorts and dress sandals. Please avoid short shorts and sleeveless blouses or shirts.

Good judgment should dictate wardrobe choices during this period. Unit heads may decide what is appropriate for their individual departments, including areas where uniforms are worn. Anyone wishing to wear regular business attire during this time should feel free to do so. ♦

TCU Press volume part of Book and Author Luncheon Wednesday

JIM LEE (TCU PRESS) WILL BE A featured speaker at the Book & Author Luncheon at noon Wednesday in Amon G. Carter Jr. Exhibits Hall. He and TCU Press director **Judy Alter** are co-editors of *Literary Fort Worth*, a collection of essays, poetry, short stories and excerpts from novels about Fort Worth, most written by one-time residents.

The book was recently reviewed in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* by writer Carlton Stowers, who called it "a lyrical and fascinating collection of writings by authors, journalists, poets, historians, playwrights and essayists with ties to Fort Worth."

For more information about the luncheon or the book, call ext. 7822. ♦

Human Resources announces holiday schedule through the coming year

THE FOLLOWING IS THE SCHEDULE OF upcoming holidays and closing days through the 2002-2003 academic year.

May 27, 2002 - Memorial Day

July 4, 2002 - Independence Day

Sept. 2, 2002 - Labor Day

Nov. 28, 2002 - Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 29, 2002 - Closing Day

Dec. 24, 2002 - Closing Day

Dec. 25, 2002 - Christmas Day

Dec. 26, 2002 - Closing Day

Dec. 27, 2002 - Closing Day

Dec. 30, 2002 - Closing Day

Dec. 31, 2002 - Closing Day

Jan. 1, 2003 - New Year's Day

Jan. 20, 2003 - Martin Luther King Day

April 18, 2003 - Good Friday

May 26, 2003 - Memorial Day

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KUDOS

Curt Thompson (School of Music) was invited to teach violin this semester at Indiana University School of Music, one of the top music conservatories in the country. He has divided his time between teaching duties here and at the Bloomington campus, making several round trips there over the course of the spring.

BIRTH

Congratulations to **Anne Lucchetti** (speech communication) and her husband, John Geary, on the birth of their son, Patrick William Geary, on April 18. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Futon (couch/bed) wood, with blue upholstery, \$100; Santa Fe style writing desk, \$90; fireplace tools, \$15. Call 817-258-0811.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of April 24. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

Accompanist/Ballet/temporary staff - Ballet/Modern Dance
Assistant to Director of TCU/Clibum Institute - TCU/Clibum Piano Institute
Annual Fund Officer - Annual Fund
Assistant Men's and Women's Track Coach - Athletics
Assistant Basketball Coach - Athletics
Admissions Counselor - Admissions
Postdoctoral Research Associate - Chemistry
Athletic Video Intern - Athletics
Administrative Assistant Harris School of Nursing
Computer Technical Specialist - User Services
Service Assistant - Residential Services
Service Assistant - Facility Services
Service Assistant (50%) - Facility Services
Craft Tech - Residential Services



Gardening tip from Robert Sulak (physical plant): Start hanging baskets of petunias and other annuals for another dimension of landscape color.

