

TCU THIS WEEK



EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR THE TCU COMMUNITY

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United Way campus campaign tops this year's \$115,000 goal

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS YEAR'S UNITED WAY campus campaign total \$117,139.98 in pledges from 698 donors. And donations are continuing to trickle in, according to **Nancy Styles** (marketing and communication), campaign coordinator. The total is approximately 1.85% over the announced \$115,000 goal.

"Thanks so much to everyone who contributed to this effort. In these challenging times, we can all be proud that members of the University family reached deep in their pockets to help other members of the Tarrant County community who are in need," says **Don Mills**, vice chancellor for student affairs and the University's United Way Campaign chair. "We are grateful to all for their generous spirit and support."

Nancy also notes that \$13,260 of the total was received from 39 retired faculty and staff. ♦

Are we having a snow day? Consult TCU homepage, e-mail or call 817-257-INFO (4636)

ON DAYS WHEN THE UNIVERSITY IS OFFICIALLY closed because of bad weather conditions, all students, faculty and staff members will be excused from reporting, except for those employees providing essential services related to (1) health and safety, (2) the presence of a residential student community and (3) agreements with the public for the use of University facilities.

The decision to close the University will be made by 6:30 a.m. on the day in question and posted on the TCU homepage as soon as possible. Closure information also will be given to the TCU switchboard. There also will be a recorded message, available by calling 817-257-4636.

In addition, a campuswide e-mail will go out, and pertinent news will be relayed to the local media. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to check one of the internal sources (Web, phone, e-mail) first rather than relying only on radio and television announcements.

Although all Metroplex radio stations and television channels 4, 5, 8, 11 and 23 will have received the information, their broadcast updates of TCU's situation could be delayed by the volume of weather-generated news they must deal with. ♦

EVENTS

Today - Dec. 2

Bachelor of Fine Arts exhibition of works by seniors in studio art, University Art Gallery.*

Today

Crucial Conversations Reunion Breakfast, 8:30-9:30 a.m., HR training room. Call ext. 5577 for more information.

American Music Month event, Faculty Recital with **Misha Galaganov**, viola, and **John Owings**, piano, 7:30 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall.**

Nov. 29

Module VII of the Management Training Institute: "Managing Conflict: Mediation, Negotiation & Agreement," 8 a.m.-noon, Smith Entrepreneurs Hall, room 104 A. Call ext. 5577 for more information.

American Music Month event, annual Fall Jazz Big Band Concert with the award-winning TCU Jazz Ensemble, **Curt Wilson**, conductor, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium.**

Nov. 30

KinoMonda International Film Series presents *Confidences Trop Intimes* (France/2004), Sid Richardson, LH 4. Call ext. 7292 for more information.

American Music Month event, TCU Chamber Choir, **Ronald Shirey**, conductor, 7:30 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall.**

Holiday Tree Lighting, 9 p.m., front steps of Sadler Hall.

Dec. 1-2

Holiday Craft Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Student Center lounge.

Dec. 1

Christmas Shopping on the Web with **Carlene Coover** (user services), noon-1 p.m., Mary Couts Burnett Library, Room 219/Computer Lab. Seating is limited. Call ext. 5577 to reserve your seat.

School of Nursing educational session II, Dementia with a focus on Alzheimer's with a speaker from the Alzheimer's Association, 4-5 p.m., Annie Richardson Bass Living Room.

TCU Bookstore shopping event for faculty and staff, 5 - 7 p.m., offering 10% discount, in addition to regular 10% discount. Customers must show TCU faculty/staff ID. Textbooks, food and technology items are excluded from the sale.

Dec. 2

TCU Opera Studio presents *The Proposal*, a one-act comic opera, directed by **Richard Estes**, 7:30 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall.**

The Friends of the TCU Library and TCU Press present "A Visit with Santa Claus" featuring Mr. and Mrs. Claus interviewing Jeff Guinn, author of *The Autobiography of Santa Claus* and *How Mrs. Claus Saved Christmas*, 5 p.m., Fort Worth Botanic Garden auditorium, 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd. (off University Drive).

Dec. 3

Teddy Bear Concert, 2 and 5 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium. Unwrapped toys are being accepted for local charities. Tickets, \$10 for children and \$20 for adults, may be purchased at the door or in advance through TicketWeb at 866-468-7621 or www.ticketweb.com.

TCU Men's and Women's Choirs, conducted by **Sheri Neill**, 7:30 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall.**

TCU Faculty/Staff Appreciation Night at the Brahmas vs. Oklahoma City Blazers hockey game, 7:30 p.m., Fort Worth Convention Center.

Dec. 5-9

Bachelor of Fine Arts exhibition of works by seniors in graphic design, University Art Gallery.*

Dec. 5

TCU Combined Choirs and Symphony Orchestra, conducted by **Ronald Shirey** and **Germán Gutiérrez**, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium.

*Call art and art history at ext. 7643 for more information.

**Call the School of Music at ext. 7602 for more information.

Library asking for nominees for its annual Staff Award

ATTENTION TCU FACULTY, STAFF AND students! Here's your chance to thank a library staff member who has been especially helpful to you or to honor someone who has distinguished himself/herself as an outstanding library employee.

Mary Couts Burnett Library is currently accepting nominations for its Library Staff Recognition Award, sponsored annually by the Friends of the TCU Library.

Nomination forms and guidelines are available at the library information desk and online at <http://lib.tcu.edu/www/Award2005>.

Return nominating forms to **Sallie Wilmoth**, chair of the Award committee, TCU Box 298400, by Wednesday, Dec. 14. ♦

Annual Holiday Craft Fair set for late this week

TAKE CARE OF LOTS OF HOLIDAY SHOPPING in one convenient (and very nearby) location! It's the annual Holiday Craft Fair, Thursday and Friday in the Student Center lounge.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Craft vendors will have jewelry, clothing, Christmas ornaments and TCU novelty items on display. ♦

Connections gives a nod to faculty and staff who helped out this fall

THE STAFF OF THE TCU LEADERSHIP CENTER and the 2005 Connections student mentors would like to thank 21 faculty members who volunteered time each week this fall to take part in the Connections program.

Their role was to assist new students in their transition to TCU, providing a vital link to campus resources, leadership development opportunities and academic and study skills information.

Those volunteers are: **Giridhar Akkaraju** (biology), **Patrick Nuss** (management), **David Grant** (religion), **Alan Dettlaff** (social work), **Teresa Blackwell** (Spanish & Latin American Studies), **Bob Akin** (marketing), **David Jenkins** (social work), **Nancy Meadows** (education), **Paul Witt** (communication studies), **Steve Levering** (journalism) and **Eric Cox** (political science).

Also **Jane Kucko** (design, merchandising & textiles), **John Breyer** (geology), **John Tisdale** (journalism), **Tracy Dietz** (social work), **Pamela Stuntz** (psychology), **T.J. Walsh** (theatre), **Carrie Currier** (political science), **Nadia Lahutsky** (religion), **Claire Sanders** (history) and **Mark Bloom** (biology). ♦

Dec. 3 Brahmas game for TCU Employees' Appreciation

TCU EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION NIGHT AT the Fort Worth Brahmas hockey game is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 when the team takes on the Oklahoma City Blazers at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Tickets for TCU faculty and staff will be offered at the discounted price of \$10 each (regularly \$13), and are available for sale at the Student Center Information Desk.

The first 2,000 fans at the game will receive a free Brahmas hat. The evening also will include a "Teddy Bear Toss" to collect stuffed animals for Toys for Tots. Bring a new or gently-used

teddy bear or stuffed animal to toss onto the ice when the Brahmas score their first goal.

For more information, call 817-336-4423. ♦

TCU Opera presenting a one-act comedy, *The Proposal*

THE PROPOSAL, A COMIC OPERA IN ONE ACT with text and music by Milton Granger, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday in PepsiCo Recital Hall by six TCU students in **Richard Estes'** Opera Studio. He is directing the presentation which will have sets and costumes. Admission is free.

The cast includes **Joanna Fernandes**, **Annie Laing**, **Leah Barnett**, **Paige Myrick**, **Suzanne Vinnik** and **Silvia Nunez**.

Granger, who has penned five one-act chamber operas, often performed throughout the U.S., is currently acting as associate conductor of Andrew Lloyd Webber's new musical *The Woman in White*. ♦

TCU hosts Teddy Bear Concert on campus Dec. 3

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH A unique dance and music performance hosted by the department of social work. Ballet Concerto joins the Fort Worth Civic Orchestra in presenting the 7th annual Teddy Bear Concert Saturday, Dec. 3 at 5 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium. There will be a special show at 2 p.m. for TCU faculty, staff and students.

Unwrapped toys will be accepted for local charities. Admission is \$10 for children, \$20 for adults. Limited complimentary tickets will be available by calling TicketWeb. Tickets for the 5 p.m. show are available at the door or through TicketWeb at 866-468-7621 or at www.ticketweb.com. ♦

Counseling Center to offer suicide intervention skills

AN APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS Training (ASIST) workshop is scheduled to be offered on campus from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Dec. 8 - 9 in the Student Center, rms. 205-206.

Monica Kintigh (counseling center) reminds that the sessions are free to TCU faculty and staff, \$150 to outside participants. Space is limited to 20 per workshop.

"Participation in this workshop provides the non-professional with the tools to recognize and estimate risk, and become more effective in helping people who are at risk of attempting suicide," says Monica.

It is suitable for faculty, university support staff, counselors, mental health professionals, nurses, physicians, police, clergy and community volunteers. LPC and Social Work CEUs are available.

For more information, or to reserve a space in the workshop, contact Monica today at m.kintigh@tcu.edu. ♦

NEW FACES

Noemi Camacho and **Abigail Rojas** are new service assistants for residential services. Noemi formerly worked in rehab for the Huguley system. Abigail was previously employed at Sack 'n Save.

Julie Jordan has been hired as administrative program specialist in the registrar's office. She attended TCU and comes here from Gastroenterology Associates of North Texas.

MARKETPLACE

TCU Bookstore will have a faculty/staff appreciation night from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, offering a 10% discount off purchases, with the exception of textbooks, food and technology items. This is over and above the usual 10% discount granted faculty and staff with TCU ID. For the first time, the discounts will also be applied to sale merchandise.

Parkhill Jewelry and Gifts, 2751 Park Hill, also offers unique Horned Frog merchandise for those on your holiday shopping list. Take 15% off your entire purchase any day with your TCU ID.

DEATH

Sympathy goes to **Shari Barnes** (human resources) on the death of her mother, **Wilma Eurich**, Nov. 13 in San Diego, CA. A memorial service was held there on Nov. 19.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of Nov. 23. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

Accompanist - Ballet and Modern Dance
Administrative Assistant II - Athletics
Administrative Assistant II - Advancement
Annual Fund Officer - Advancement
Archivist - Library
Assistant Director of Alumni Relations - Advancement
Assistant Director for Financial Aid - Scholarships and Financial Aid
Associate Director - University Career Services
Director of Development (Regional) - Advancement
Director of Development (Schools) - Advancement
Director of Mental Health Services - Counseling Center
Financial Assistant - Financial Aid
Postal Assistant - Post Office
Postdoctoral Fellow - Chemistry
Service Assistant - Facility Services
Web Services Coordinator - Advancement
Web Services Coordinator - Student Affairs Information Services

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Gardening tip from Robert Sulak (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 a hole in the bottom of pot.