

# TCU THIS WEEK



EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR THE TCU COMMUNITY

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## Graduating class of nearly 1,400 due to walk in two ceremonies Saturday

AS OF PRESS TIME, 1,371 STUDENTS ARE expected to graduate during Saturday's split Commencement ceremonies, set for 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Of that number of degree candidates, 1,053 will receive bachelor's degrees (16 will receive double degrees), 277 will receive master's degrees and 10 are Ph.D. candidates. The morning total is 707, while the number graduating in the afternoon is 664.

Brite Divinity School has 31 graduates (three Ph.D. candidates, and the rest receiving master's degrees).

There are 384 students set to graduate with Latin Honors, including 16 with a 4.0 GPA (one of which is also a double degree recipient). For only the second time, TCU will also be awarding three degrees to one student in a single day.

There are 34 international students graduating, representing 32 foreign countries.

Roger Williams, TCU alumnus and former Texas Secretary of State, will deliver the Commencement address at both ceremonies. ♦

## Theme of fall semester to be "Think Purple, Live Green"

TCU IS OFFERING STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF and the community an opportunity to get engaged in sustainability this fall through the University's 2008 Sustainability Theme Semester. The "Think Purple, Live Green" semester will consist of presentations by well-known personalities in sustainability, special classes, symposia and workshops discussing how to make human economic systems last longer and have less impact on ecological systems.

"The primary goal of the theme semester is to encourage members of the TCU community to participate in sustainable activities and learn how they can lower their carbon footprint," said **Keith Whitworth**, professor of sociology and longtime environmental activist, who will be organizing the semester along with **Barbara Brown Herman** (associate vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of student development).

Barbara also coordinated the 2004 theme semester "Politics and Principles" and the 2007 theme semester "Rights. Responsibilities. Respect." According to Barbara, "The Sustainability semester will engage individuals in a broad discussion about the role of sustainable actions in society and the values that those actions create."

Faculty and staff may volunteer to be part of a "Froggle," which is a way to get involved with the efforts of the theme semester without having to be part of a committee. Leaders will identify tasks that are needed and individuals can volunteer for tasks that fit his or her time commitment ability. ♦

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Beginning today, *TCU This Week* will be published every other Monday throughout the summer. We will return to a weekly format on Monday, Aug. 18. Fall semester begins on Aug. 25.

## Sprinkle, Marshall, Carter honored with Brite awards

**STEPHEN SPRINKLE AND JORETTA MARSHALL**, were announced as co-recipients of the Catherine Saylor Hill Endowed Faculty Excellence Award during Brite's recent annual luncheon. Selected by written vote of the Brite faculty, this award recognizes excellence in the areas of teaching, scholarship and service.

Stephen is associate professor in practical theology and director of field education and supervised ministry. Joretta is professor of pastoral theology and pastoral care and counseling.

**Warren Carter**, professor of New Testament, received the Louise Clark Brittan Endowed Teaching Award, given by the Brite student body to recognize superlative teaching performance. ♦

## TCU receives first Community Partnership Award from YMCA

THE YMCA OF METROPOLITAN FORT WORTH honored TCU with its inaugural Community Partnership Award, presented last week during the organization's 118th annual meeting. About 300 attended the event, held at Ashton Depot downtown.

**Chancellor Victor J. Boschini Jr.** acknowledged the citation in a brief videotaped message. **Vice Chancellor Don Mills** accepted the award on behalf of the University.

The honor has been created to recognize an organization or corporation which, through collaborative efforts with the YMCA, has significantly impacted the YMCA and the community.

TCU's outreach to the "Y" includes the TCU Student-Y, founded in 2003, which has steadily built relationships with community organizations and schools while offering leadership opportunities for TCU students. The entity has adopted five YMCA branches around

## EVENTS

### Now - May 31

Fort Worth Contemporary Arts. 2900 W. Berry Street at Greene, exhibition titled "Lifting." Gallery hours are 1 - 6 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays.\*

### Today - May 6

ARTSLAM: 8th annual exhibition of the TCU Honor Society of Artists 7 Designers, University Art Gallery, Moudy Bldg. N., free.\*

### May 6

Herschel Walker to sign books at TCU Bookstore, 6 p.m., TCU Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Call ext. 7844 for more information.

### May 8 - 12

Exhibition of senior interior design students, University Art Gallery, Moudy Bldg. N., free.\*

### May 8

Koehler Center workshop, preview of .NEXT Generation of eCollege, 3-4 p.m., Smith 104. Call ext. 7434 or visit <http://rsvpregister.com/event.php?682> for more information or to register.

### May 10

Spring Commencement, 10 a.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum (Neeley School of Business, College of Education, College of Science & Engineering, Master of Liberal Arts); 3 p.m. (AddRan College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Brite Divinity School, College of Communication, College of Fine Arts, Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences).

Baseball vs. Texas-PanAmerican, 6:30 p.m., Lupton Stadium.\*\*

### May 11

Baseball vs. Texas-PanAmerican, 1 p.m., Lupton Stadium.\*\*\*

### May 12 - 16

Koehler Center for Teaching Excellence, Professional Portfolio Workshop with Peter Seldin and Associates, for TCU faculty and staff. For more information or to register, call ext. 7434 or visit <http://rsvpregister.com/event.php?682>.

### May 12 - 22

**Richard Sybesma** Intermediate Swim Lessons (ages 3 and up), 4-4:40 p.m., University Rec Center. Call ext. 5646 for more information.

### May 12

2008 Metro Golf Tournament for faculty/staff of area universities, Sky Creek Ranch Golf Course, Keller. Visit [www.uta.edu/campusrec](http://www.uta.edu/campusrec) for details and registration information.

Baseball vs. Texas-PanAmerican, 6:30 p.m., Lupton Stadium.\*\*

\*Call art and art history at ext. 7643.

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

the city and works to provide appropriate programming for underprivileged high school students.

Other areas of the campus also have been involved in YMCA events: The Center for Civic Literacy, Extended Education, Early Childhood Music Program, TCU Leaps, Real World Agency and Athletics, to name a few. ♦



## Pedometer Challenge winners announced

THE FOLLOWING TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS came out on top when the 2008 Frog Legs Pedometer Challenge numbers were tallied.

Overall team winner was the FS Dream Team from facility services, led by **John Hart**. The group walked an average of 915,523 steps during the eight-week exercise program.

Individual winners with the most steps were: First place - **Carla Ayala** (financial services) with 1,953,080 total steps; Second place - **Rebecca Glass** (tech resources) with 1,780,966 total steps; Third place - **Karen Ferguson** (Neeley School) with 1,237,655 total steps.

The "Most Dedicated Captain" Award went to **Sheri Milhollin** (ID card services). The "Walk It Out Wednesday" winner was **Carla Sublett** (vc finance office). ♦

## Free hearing screenings May 20

MAY IS NATIONAL BETTER HEARING AND Speech Month. To recognize that, and to encourage people to incorporate hearing tests into their annual health check-ups, Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic is offering free hearing screenings on a reservation basis Tuesday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. RSVP to ext. 7620.

The 30-minute screenings, available to adults and children ages four and older, consist of a 15-minute preliminary evaluation to determine hearing loss and a 15-minute counseling session to explain test results. Screenings will be conducted by TCU graduate students, supervised by ASHA-certified (American Speech Language Hearing Association) audiologists.

"Hearing loss affects one out of every four persons over the age of 60 and increases to one out of three over age 70," said **Helen Morrison** (associate professor, COSID).

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"With noise exposure (video games, stereos), noise-related hearing loss is appearing as early as school age. Even minimal loss has been demonstrated to affect language development and school performance," she adds.

TCU has offered the free hearing clinic for the past 17 years. Last year, 25 percent of the participants exhibited some sort of hearing problem. ♦

## Nurse Anesthesia grads achieve unanimous pass rate

TCU'S NURSE ANESTHESIA PROGRAM IS beaming with pride after 100 percent of the December 2007 graduating class passed their certification exams on the first try, which exceeds the national average by seven percent.

"Our students receive a quality experience both academically and clinically," **Kay Sanders**, director of the School of Nurse Anesthesia explained. "It also means that our selection standards are appropriate, and that our program produces competent beginning-level CRNAs (Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists)."

Fifty-five students took and passed the National Certification Examination given by the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists after graduating from the 28-month program, which is a requirement in order to become a CRNA.

Currently, all of the students are working both locally and across the nation in states including Oklahoma, California, Louisiana and North Carolina. ♦

## Volunteers needed to help with August move-in duties

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES IS LOOKING FOR volunteers to assist with residence hall move in Monday, Aug. 18 and Wednesday, Aug. 20. Volunteers can serve in two-hour shifts on either or both days between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to greet parents and students, unload vehicles, or move items. There will be a volunteer orientation and luncheon in August. If you are interested in helping, look for more information in July. ♦

## KUDOS

Over 107 school district representatives from 38 North Texas districts came to TCU for the College of Education's recent annual "Metroplex Interview Day," making this year the largest turnout in the event's history. The school district representatives interviewed 100 TCU education students, including 10 alumni members, to potentially hire them for teaching positions in their districts.

"This was a very successful event," said **Dale Young**, director of College of Education's Student Teaching and Career Services. "We had more district representatives than students. One hundred percent of the students will get job offers, with an average starting pay of \$44,920."

The Metroplex Interview Day offered the opportunity for students and alumni to interview up to 20 times during the event, with each interview lasting for 28 minutes. A ringing bell

indicated the end of the interview, at which time the students/alumni rotated to the next district's table.

When asked why so many districts participated in the event, Young responded, "The districts think TCU's education students are very well-informed, the best prepared first-year students and the most well-rounded."

"The districts also like how well-organized the event is and they appreciate actually getting to interview the students," said Young.

## DEATH

Sympathy is extended to **Veleria Cowsen** (DIS) on the death of her husband, Arthur James Cowsen Sr., on April 28 in Fort Worth. Funeral services were held May 3 at Berea Baptist Church, Forest Hills.

## CLASSIFIEDS

HOUSE FOR SALE: By owner, warmth and charm, in prime TCU/Colonial location. 2526 Boyd Avenue. A must see! Call 817-690-4006 for more information.

SUMMER NANNY: Wanted for 11- and 8-year-olds in Berkeley neighborhood. Will be responsible for managing daily activities, play dates, transportation, as needed. Hours are 8 - 6:30 Monday-Friday. Must have valid driver's license and own transportation. Contact [sue\\_boggs@msn.com](mailto:sue_boggs@msn.com).

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of April 30. For more information on any of these positions go to [www.hr.tcu.edu](http://www.hr.tcu.edu).

- Accompanist - Classical & Contemporary Dance
- Administrative Asst. - Center for Teaching Excellence
- Asst. Coach-Women's Track - Athletics
- Asst. Coach Men's Basketball (2) - Athletics
- Asst. Coach Weight Training - Athletics
- Assistant to the Director/Tennis Professional - Athletics
- Associate Athletics Director-Senior Women's Administrator -Athletics
- Athletic Trainer (2) - Athletics
- Asst. Director - Neeley Center Professional Communications
- Consulting Psychiatrist - Mental Health Center
- Coordinator of Disability Services - Center for Academic Services
- Data Control Specialist - Admission
- Horticultural Assistant (2) - Physical Plant
- Instructional Design Asst. - Center for Teaching Excellence
- Lab Assistants - HCN Learning Lab
- Maintenance Specialist - Facility Services
- Program Specialist - Student Affairs
- Alcohol/Drug Education
- Service Asst. - Residential Services
- Structural Maintenance Technician - Physical Plant
- Summer Temps - Physical Plant
- Supervisor Craft - Facility Services
- Supervisor-Service Assistants - Facility Services
- Teacher - KinderFrogs School
- Teacher - Starpoint
- Temporary Stitcher - Theatre
- TRIO/Upward Bound Summer Programs (18) - TRIO/Upward Bound
- Web Services Manager - Advancement Operations
- Wedding Organist - Office of Religious & Spiritual Life

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