

TCU THIS WEEK



EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR THE TCU COMMUNITY

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Tara Perez will receive the Michael R. Ferrari Award at Commencement

CHANCELLOR VICTOR J. BOSCHINI JR. HAS chosen **Tara Perez** (groundskeeper, physical plant) as recipient of the Michael R. Ferrari Award for Distinguished University Service and Leadership. The honor is announced annually during Fall Commencement.

This is only the fourth year the Ferrari Award has been presented.

It was established in Chancellor Ferrari's name to recognize a faculty or staff member for leadership in finding a solution to a significant problem, managing an important project, designing a creative new initiative, or reaching out to improve the University or surrounding community. Previous winners are **Leo Munson** (Associate Provost for Academic Support), **José Feghali** (School of Music) and **Ed McNertney** (economics).

Nominated by **Larry Kitchens** (instructional services and chair of Staff Assembly) and **Bob Hansard** (enterprise application service and member, Staff Assembly), Tara spearheaded the creation of the College Resource Committee in 2004 and served as its chair until recently.

Purpose of the CRC is to support and encourage TCU families with children who will be first generation college students.

From her work in physical plant, Tara realized many employees were not familiar with the college admission process and set about fulfilling that need in a number of creative ways. Sessions on freshman admissions, financial aid, academic services and other on-campus resources for students are just part of CRC's extensive outreach that now involves several hundred families at TCU and within the larger community.

Commencement is set for 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

As of press time, approximately 885 students are candidates for graduation, including ten with a 4.0 GPA. About 115 are eligible to graduate with Latin Honors. There are five double degree candidates.

Joe Butler, University organist, will play and **Rev. Angela Kaufman** will deliver the invocation. ♦

Sing in the season with a night of traditional music in the Chapel

THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER to celebrate the holiday season with *Carols by Candlelight*, set for 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15 in Robert Carr Chapel. The event, sponsored by the Office of Religious & Spiritual Life, is an annual campus tradition, begun three decades 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 TCU choir members, directed by **Sheri Neill**.

Cocoa and cookies will be served afterwards. For more information, call **Cindy Rodriguez** at ext. 7830. ♦

TCU This Week taking a holiday break until Jan. 12

THE UNIVERSITY WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 24 - Jan. 2 and will reopen Monday, Jan. 5. Like most of the campus, TCU This Week will take a break for the holiday season.

Today's is the last edition until publication resumes on Monday, Jan. 12. Copy deadline for that issue is Wednesday, Jan. 7. ♦

EVENTS

Today

TCU Combined Choirs – Christmas music, **Ron Shirey** (conductor), 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium.*

Basketball vs. Wichita State, 8 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.**

Dec. 9-10

Last call for yearbook photos, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. outside Market Square, University Union.

Dec. 9

Technology Resources training, Excel I, 10 a.m.-noon, Library 219.****

Technology Resources training, PeopleSoft Student Records, 2-3:30 p.m., Library 219.****

Dec. 10

HR What's On Your Bookshelf – Favorite Christmas Stories, noon-1 p.m., Kelly Center, Cox C.***

Technology Resources training, Power Point II, 2-4 p.m., Library 219.****

KinoMonda Film Series, *Avellanda's Moon*, 6:30 p.m., University Union Auditorium.

Dec. 11

HR Workshop – How to Save Money on Your Income Tax, 8:30-10 a.m., Tandy Boardroom.***

Dec. 12

Koehler Center workshop, Next Hands-on, 9-10 a.m.****

HR – Functional Foods for the Holidays, noon-1 p.m., Kelly Center, Cox C.***

Dec. 14

Chamber Music Roundup Academy, **Misha Galaganov** (director), 3 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall.*

Dec. 15

Technology Resources training, Macintosh Basics, 11 a.m.-noon, Library 219.****

Carols by Candlelight, 9 p.m., Robert Carr Chapel. Call ext. 7830 for more information.

Dec. 16

30th annual Late Night Study Breakfast for students, served by faculty and staff, 10 p.m.-midnight, University Union.

Dec. 17

Technology Resources training, PowerPoint III, 2-4 p.m., Library 219.****

KinoMonda Film Series, *J'tem Paris*, 6:30 p.m., University Union Auditorium

Dec. 20 – Feb. 1

Warhol and The Shared Subject exhibition, Fort Worth Contemporary Arts, 2900 W. Berry Street. Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Dec. 19. Call ext. 2588 for information.

Dec. 20

Commencement, 1 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Dec. 22

Technology Resources training, Macintosh Basics, 3-4 p.m., Library 219.****

Dec. 23

Technology Resources training, Excel IV, 10 a.m.-noon, Library 219.****

Dec. 24-Jan. 2

University closed for holidays.

Dec. 30

Men's Basketball vs. Colgate, 3 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.**

Women's Basketball vs. SMU, 7 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.**

Jan. 3

Men's Basketball vs. Colorado State, 7 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.**

Jan. 5-6

Grant Writing Workshop, University Union, room 3004. Cost is \$425. For more information visit <http://grantwritingusa.com> or call ext. 4877.

Jan. 6

Koehler Center workshop, Managing your eCollege Course, 1:30-4:30 p.m., CIS.****

Jan. 7

Koehler Center workshop, eCollege Basics, 9 a.m.-noon, CIS.

Koehler Center workshop, Managing your eCollege Course, 1:30-4:30 p.m., CIS.****

Jan. 9

Koehler Center workshop, Faculty Open Labs, 1-4 p.m., CIS.****

Jan. 10

Koehler Center workshop, New Faculty Orientation, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., SWR, Lecture Hall 3.****

Men's Basketball vs. UNLV, 4:30 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.**

*Call the School of Music at ext. 7602.

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

***Call ext. 5103 or enroll through employee self-service at my.tcu.edu.

****Call ext. 7434 or visit www.cte.tcu.edu/workshopsevents.html.

*****Register at tr.tcu.edu/training_schedule.htm.

Nutcracker tickets can be a boon to TCU Fine Arts

IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING A PERFORMANCE of Texas Ballet Theater's production of *The Nutcracker* this holiday season, you can benefit TCU at the same time. Thanks to a challenge grant from The Friends of Texas Ballet Theater, every dollar spent on an individual ticket will be matched one-for-one as a donation to the TCU College of Fine Arts.

Simply call the TBT box office toll free at 1-877-828-9200 and mention "the TCU program." And if you've already purchased season tickets or individual tickets for TBT this year, let the box office know and they should apply the matching amounts retroactively.

Last year, the College of Fine Arts received more than \$27,000 through this program. Performances of *The Nutcracker* are scheduled now through Dec. 21 at Bass Hall or Dec. 23-28 at Fair Park Music Hall in Dallas. ♦

Nominate outstanding library staff member

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 11th annual Library Staff Recognition Award, sponsored annually by the Friends of the TCU Library. The honoree will receive a certificate of merit and a monetary award at a holiday gathering in January.

Go to the Web page at <http://lib.tcu.edu/www/staffaward.asp> <<http://lib.tcu.edu/www/staffaward.asp>> and make your recommendation by the Dec. 19 deadline. An appointed committee of four, along with

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the Dean (none of whom are eligible to receive the award or to submit recommendations), will make the decision. ♦

Faculty/staff will serve breakfast to studybugs

TCU'S TRADITIONAL LATE NIGHT BREAKFAST for students during Finals Week will be held from 10 p.m. to midnight Tuesday, Dec. 16 in the University Union ballroom. This is the 30th year for the annual event.

Servers for the free breakfast buffet include Chancellor **Victor J. Boschini Jr.**, along with vice chancellors, faculty and staff. The event is sponsored by Union Programming Board. For more information, call ext. 7281.

A New Wellness Program

AT THE BEGINNING OF 2008 THE CHANCELLOR appointed a Wellness Committee to develop a wellness culture for the University. This committee has met on a monthly basis throughout the year and gathered information from the TCU community to use in the design of a program.

The wellness Web site was one of the initiatives accomplished in 2008. You can visit it at www.wellness.tcu.edu. There you'll find information on a wide variety of topics with links to a variety of health-related sites sponsored by major health organizations. Take a look and let us know what you think. Send your comments to d.edwards@tcu.edu.

For the first year of the wellness program, we selected a theme and have planned programs, events and/or challenges for each month. Many of the challenges are designed to be carried out at the department level and departments can pick and choose which challenges they want to participate in. You will see a number of familiar faces in the pictures used for our 2009 calendar. We asked many members of the TCU community to allow us to photograph them in situations that are health-related. A copy of the calendar will be distributed to all faculty and staff in January. ♦

KUDOS

TCU's Institute of Child Development has received a \$2 million grant from The Rees-Jones Foundation. **Karyn Purvis**, director of the Institute, said the grant will be used to hire additional staff and develop training tools for families with children who are developmentally challenged due to trauma and to professionals serving at-risk children throughout the United States. A DVD series, "Healing Families" will be produced and distributed to families and professionals across Texas and the US.

"This gift from The Rees-Jones Foundation is absolute life giving for us. It's going to empower us to reach tens of thousands of at-risk children and their families," Purvis said.

Karen said the gift will allow the ICD to not only enrich the lives of underserved people around the country, but it will enrich the classroom experience for TCU students.

NEW FACES

Tammy Harding has been hired as administrative assistant in Brite advancement. She was formerly administrative manager of an elementary school in Kentucky.

Sam Stratton is the new stage technician employed by the School of Music. A journalism graduate of the University of Kansas, he previously worked as an audio engineer in the KU Dept. of Music.

BIRTH

Congratulations to **Libby Eddins** (registrar's office) on the birth of her newest grandson, Gentry Hayes Eddins, born on Nov. 20 in Grapevine, TX. Gentry weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 in. long. Proud parents are Scott (2003 TCU alum) and Tara.

DEATHS

Condolences are extended to the family of **Patsy Cole** (AddRan) who passed away on Nov. 26. Services were held Dec. 1 at Thompson's Harveson & Cole Funeral Home.

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Salvador Raso** (athletics) who passed away Nov. 29 in Fort Worth. Funeral services were held on Dec. 3 at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

JOBS

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of Dec. 3. For more information on any of these positions, go to www.hr.tcu.edu.

Accompanist - Classical & Contemporary Dance

Admin. Asst. - Brite Admissions

Admin. Asst. - University Career Svcs.

Advisor - International Student Services

Assoc. Director Programs & Mktg. -

University Career Svcs.

Career Advisor - University Career Svcs.

Computer-Aided Design Tech. - Physical Plant

Dean - College of Education

Dean - College of Science & Engineering

Director/Brite Admissions - Brite

Director of Development/Regional -

Advancement

EMCS Operator - Physical Plant

EMCS Tech - Physical Plant

Hall Director - Residential Services

KTCU Asst. Station Mgr. - KTCU

Lab Assistants - HCN Learning Lab

Librarian I/Social Sciences - Library

Licensed Vocational Nurse - Health Center

Police Officer (2) - TCU Police

PRN-On Call - Health Center

Program Coordinator/Temp - Leadership Center

Registered Nurse - Health Center

Registered Nurse/Partial Year - Health Center

Security Guard (1 FT, 1 PT) - TCU Police

Structural Maintenance Technician (2) - Physical Plant

Temporary Stitcher - Theatre

Web Applications Developer/Analyst - Academic Affairs

Writing Consultants (2)/PT-Temp - Writing Center