

TCU THIS WEEK



EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR THE TCU COMMUNITY

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Graduating class of more than 1,400 will walk in two ceremonies Saturday

A TOTAL OF 1,417 STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO graduate from TCU during Saturday's split Spring Commencement ceremonies, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. For the first time in TCU history, the University will award quadruple degrees to one student (English, French, political science and fashion merchandising) and graduate the first Doctor of Nursing Practice class of 23 students.

The morning event will consist of 664 candidates receiving degrees from the Neeley School of Business, College of Education, College of Science & Engineering and the master of liberal arts graduate program. Graduating senior Corrie Donovan will lead the singing of a hymn and the *TCU Alma Mater*. The TCU Commencement Band, under the direction of **Bobby R. Francis**, **Brian Youngblood** and **James McNair**, will play for both ceremonies. The class of 1959 will be in attendance, celebrating the 50th anniversary of their graduation.

The 753 students who will graduate in the afternoon represent AddRan College of Liberal Arts, College of Communication, College of Fine Arts, and Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences. Brite Divinity School will graduate 26 students during the afternoon ceremony.

Graduating senior Jennifer Meyers will lead the singing of a hymn and the *TCU Alma Mater*.

In addition to **Chancellor Victor J. Boschini Jr.** and **Provost Nowell Donovan**, the platform party for both ceremonies will include **Rev. Angela Kaufman**, minister to the University, as well as vice chancellors and deans. **TCU Board of Trustee member Joan Rogers** will attend the morning ceremony and **Trustees Dani Cartwright** and **John Wooldridge** will attend the afternoon ceremony. **Trustee Jerry Ray** will attend both.

Of the total number of degree candidates, 1,114 will receive bachelor's degrees (15 will receive double degrees, one will receive triple degrees and one will receive quadruple degrees), 253 will receive master's degrees (including two double degrees) and 50 will be Ph.D. candidates. Of those graduating, 384 students will receive Latin Honors, including 20 with a 4.0 GPA (one of which is also a double degree recipient in math and physics and one with a double degree in Spanish and political science/international). The geographic makeup of the graduating class will include 574 from Texas, as well students from 43 other states. There are 79 international students graduating, representing 43 foreign countries. ♦

Rich Enos honored with Piper Professor recognition

RICHARD LEO ENOS (ENGLISH PROFESSOR and holder of the Lillian Radford Chair of Composition and Rhetoric) has been selected a Piper Professor of 2009. The program, established by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation of San Antonio in 1958, recognizes outstanding achievement in the teaching profession in Texas colleges and universities.

The committee of judges tries to seek out the well-rounded, outgoing teacher, devoted to the profession, who has made special impact on his students and the community.

Rich also was recipient of the 2008 Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Achievement as a Creative Teacher and School during TCU Fall Convocation last September.

The Piper Foundation presents awards to 15 distinguished professors each year. TCU colleagues who share this honor include: **Don Jackson** 2003 (political science), **Bob Frye** 1994 (English), **Bob Doran** 1989 (mathematics), **Michael Winesanker** 1976 (musicology), **Emmet Smith** 1974 (organ) and **Ben Procter** 1973 (history). ♦

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 Aug. 17.

Watch for changes over the summer as *TCU This Week* evolves into an electronic publication, delivered to your computer.

The conversion allows for timely deadlines to submit your news, the use of photos in each issue and more flexibility all around. And, like so many other areas of campus, we'll be conserving natural resources by eliminating the use of paper.

Please heed flu guidelines for the TCU community

TARRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH LAST WEEK reported more than 10 cases of probable swine influenza in the county. None of these are on the TCU campus. Unfortunately, Texas has also become the first state to report a death attributed to swine influenza. To that end, Human Resources is issuing the following guidelines from local and state agencies for reporting employee illness:

■ Seek immediate medical attention through

EVENTS

Special note: The date for Fall Convocation 2009 has been set for Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 11 a.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Now - May 9

Trash to Treasure activities, for a schedule or to sign up, go to <http://calendar.tcu.edu> or e-mail **Amie Lewis** at a.lewis@tcu.edu.

May 6

Faculty/Staff computer training, Access 2007-Advanced Reports, 10 a.m.-noon, Library 219. See schedule and register at www.tr.tcu.edu/training_schedule.htm.

May 7

HR Management Institute-Employment Law II, 8 a.m.-noon, Kelly Center, Cox A. Call ext. 5577 for more information.

Caregiver Resource Group monthly meeting, 5:30-7 p.m., Bass Living Room (ARB 212). Contact **Laurie Burton** at l.e.burton@tcu.edu for more information.

May 8

Baseball vs. Utah, 6:30 p.m., Lupton Stadium.*

May 9

Spring Commencement, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Call ext. 7802 for more information.

Baseball vs. Utah, 6:30 p.m., Lupton Stadium.*

May 10

Baseball vs. Utah, 1 p.m., Lupton Stadium.*

May 11 - 21

Richard Sybesma's Learn to Swim the Olympic Way. Visit gofrogs.com/fan_center/camps for more information.

May 11

HR-Lose Weight with Ch'i Kung, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Campus Rec Center, room 48. Call ext. 5577 for more information.

May 12 - 14

Koehler Center workshop, eCollege Boot Camp, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., CIS.

May 12

HR-Swing into Summer with Swing Dancing with **Chandler Smith** and **Ellen Shelton**, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Ballet Studio B, Ballet Building. Call ext. 5577 for more information.

May 13 - June 7

Piano Texas International Academy & Festival. Visit www.pianotexas.org for more information.

May 13

"What's on Your Bookshelf?" with **Mary Rogers**, noon-1 p.m., Kelly Center, Cox C. Call ext. 5577 for more information.

*Call the athletic ticket office at ext. 7967.

your personal physician, or local clinics or hospitals if you are exhibiting flu-like symptoms. Flu-like symptoms can include: fever of 100 degrees or greater, body aches, cough, and sore throat

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■ Do not come to campus if you are ill. Phone your supervisor and report your absence.

■ You must be symptom and fever free for 48 hours before returning to work.

Faculty and staff are also reminded to continue practicing good hygiene including:

■ Washing your hands frequently with soap and water or alcohol-based hand cleaners (those containing at least 60 percent alcohol)

■ Covering your mouth with a tissue or your sleeve if you sneeze or cough

■ Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth

Family members

If a family member is exhibiting flu-like symptoms as described above, you are not to return to work until you and all household members are symptom and fever free for 48 hours.

Travel to Mexico

If you have returned from travel to Mexico, the CDC recommends monitoring your health for a period of seven days and immediately seeking medical attention if you begin to exhibit flu-like symptoms. The CDC also recommends that all non-essential travel to Mexico be cancelled for the time being.

For more information, call HR at ext. 7790.

More information on swine influenza

■ CDC Website: www.cdc.gov/swineflu/investigation.htm <<http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/investigation.htm>>

■ WHO Website: www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html <<http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>>

■ Tarrant County Public Health 817-321-4700 ♦

May tips for wellness

THIS MONTH'S EVENT AND CHALLENGE are part of a four-week behavior change program designed to help participants consume a minimum of 64 oz. of water and exercise at least 30 minutes per day. The four-week behavior change program runs May 4 -29. You will be responsible for tracking how many days you walk and how many days you drink 64 oz. Are you up to the challenge?

Wednesday Walks

Walking every day is a part of our exercise goal. Try to walk 30 minutes every day. **Wednesday Walks** are another way to keep the momentum going from the Pedometer Challenge. You can continue to track your steps using **Wednesday Walks** as a way to get out this month and enjoy our beautiful campus. The flowers are blooming, the ever-changing landscape is worth checking out if you haven't seen it recently, and temperatures are still in the reasonable range.

Get out of your office and walk around, you will see many fellow staff members doing the same. ♦

Neuger, Kang receive awards at Brite spring luncheon

CHRISTIE COZAD NEUGER WAS ANNOUNCED the recipient of the Catherine Saylor Hill Endowed Faculty Excellence Award during Brite Divinity School's recent annual luncheon. Selected by written vote of Brite faculty, the award recognizes excellence in the areas of teaching, scholarship and service. Christie is professor of pastoral theology and pastoral counseling.

Namssoon Kang, associate professor of World Christianity and Religions, received the Louise Clark Brittan Endowed Teaching Award, given by the Brite student body to recognize superlative teaching performance. ♦

College of Education earns International Reading Association recognition

THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION WILL RECEIVE the highest award bestowed upon any university in the field of undergraduate reading education from the International Reading Association. The award will be presented on May 5 at the 53rd annual International Reading Association conference in Minneapolis.

The College of Education is only the third recipient of the International Reading Association's prestigious Certificate of Distinction, which honors outstanding preparation of future reading teachers.

The International Reading Association is a nonprofit, global network of individuals and institutions committed to worldwide literacy. The organization's 85,000 members represent every United States university and most international universities with teacher education programs, as well as major school districts in the U.S.

A campus visit by evaluators cited numerous reasons why TCU's College of Education is distinctive, including

* Commitment to individualizing its teacher education program

* Requiring each student to have a specialization in either special education or English Language Learners upon graduation

* Providing diversity through each course, sequencing a highly effective practicum experience and the high quality of teaching and faculty research

Each graduate of TCU's Early Childhood to Grade 6 program from 2009-2016 will receive an International Reading Association Certificate of Distinction with his or her TCU diploma.

Because the ability to teach reading and math are the most important qualities that school districts are seeking, TCU graduates will be among the most sought after throughout their careers, according to **Cathy Block**, professor of Educational Psychology. ♦

CLARIFICATION

Two recent TCU retirees' names were inadvertently omitted from the list that was published in the April 20 issue of *TCU This Week*.

They are: **John Koechel**, counseling, testing & Mental Health Center (2000-2009) and **Floyd Outcalt**, building & equipment maintenance 1981-2009.

Casual dress policy for summer begins May 11

DURING THE PERIOD MAY 11 THROUGH Aug. 14, employees can once again wear casual clothing for the warm summer months. 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. ♦

BIRTH

Congratulations to **Rebecca Dority** (nutritional sciences) and husband, Jason, on the birth of their daughter, Ella Grace, on April 22. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 inches long.

CLASSIFIEDS

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED: First Christian Church in downtown Fort Worth is hiring nursery workers at \$10/hr for Sundays 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Contact tomplumbley@sbcglobal.net.

FOR SALE: 1996 Avalon XLS, \$4999, 95150 miles, one owner, excellent condition. Contact karenavtx@gmail.com or 817-371-3833.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of April 29. For more information on any of these positions go to www.hr.tcu.edu.

Accompanist - Classical & Contemporary Dance

Acting Director of Episcopal Studies - Brite

Admin. Asst. - Neeley School

Admin. Asst.-Long Term Temp -School of

Nurse Anesthesia

Admin. Asst.-Long Term Temp -Sponsored

Research

Asst. Athletic Coach - Men's Basketball

Asst. Director - Athletic Marketing

Asst. Director - Campus Recreation

Assoc. Director - Residential Services

Electrician - Physical Plant

Equipment Operator - Physical Plant

Lab Assistants - HCN Learning Lab

Library Specialist (2) - Library

Office Support-Long Term Temp - Institute

of Child Development

Police Officer - TCU Police

PRN-On Call - Health Center

Psychologist II - Counseling Center

Research Asst. Temp - Slattery Research

Research Assts. (8) - Geology

Structural Maintenance Technician -

Physical Plant

Summer Art Adventures Counselor and

Instructor - Art Camp

Summer Temps - Upward Bound

Temporary Stitcher - Theatre

Think Purple, Live Green Tip: The average American generates 4.5 pounds of trash every day, almost twice the average amount per American in 1960.