



50+ recipients of 2006-2007 VIA Strategic Initiative Fund Grants have been announced

MORE THAN 50 TCU FACULTY AND STAFF HAVE been notified that their applications for *Vision in Action's* Strategic Initiative Fund grants have been approved.

Two types of grants exist. "Transformational" grants are given to projects expected to transform the nature of the institution. If proven successful, the University will work toward sustainability in the budget process. It is expected that successful applicants will seek funding from extra-mural sources in subsequent years.

"Pathways" grants are intended to fund smaller projects of short duration. Planning grants, feasibility studies, program start-up costs are examples. The recommended limit for these grants is \$25,000.

The list of recipients:

Transformational Grants

* Cheryl Cantu-Mireles (Center for Academic Services), for a program to enhance student retention in first time/fulltime students who fail to thrive in their first semester.

* Dennis J. Cheek (nursing) and Harriet Cohen (social work), to establish a Center on Healthy Aging in the Harris College of Nursing and Health Science.

* Richard Gipson (School of Music), to fund Internet2-based teaching protocol that is at the forefront of pedagogical application in music.

* Charles Hannon and Antonio Sanchez (computer science), to set up a summer research program for up to 10 graduate students at selected institutions in Mexico.

* Charles Lamb and Chad W. Autry (Neeley School), to establish a Supply Chain Technology Laboratory to provide hands-on training for students.

* Michael McCracken, Mike Slattery and Ray Drenner (College of Science and Engineering), to expand the graduate programs in biology and environmental studies by strengthening cooperation between TCU and the Botanical Research Institute of Texas.

* Bonnie Melhart (academic affairs), to enhance undergraduate research and creativity.

* Nancy Meadows, Marilyn Tolbert and Kay Stevens (education), to achieve national prominence for TCU in the field of special education.

* Ira Silver, Stephen Quinn, George Gilbert and Van Jones (Neeley School, economics and math), to establish a Center for Business and Economic Forecasting, the first in the state of Texas.

* Dan Williams and Steve Sherwood (English), to create The TCU Writing Associates Program to

select and train highly qualified students to work as peer tutors in specific courses.

Pathways Grants

* Tim Barth, Donald Dansereau, Diana Newbern, David Cross and Karyn Purvis (psychology), to establish a Center for Applied Psychology.

* Paulette Burns, Susan Weeks and Rhonda Keen-Payne (Harris College), to establish the TCU Center for Evidence Based Practice and Research to service health care agencies.

* Paulette Burns and Kay Sanders (nursing), to develop a new doctoral degree program in nursing practice.

* Jennifer Engler (theatre), to support a Theatre TCU performance of *Greener* at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

* Joanne Green (political science), to cover start-up costs for the creation of the TCU Institute on Women and Gender.

* Donald Jackson (Center for Civic Literacy), to fund three research projects involving a TCU faculty member, in collaboration with a local government, school or non-profit community organization.

* Rhonda Keen-Payne (Harris College) and Nancy Ramsay (Brite), to plan and offer initial programming in parish nursing.

* Susan Petty (TCU Press), for TCU Press and the Center for Texas Studies to publish a series of seven books by recent Texas poets laureate.

* Ellen Shelton, Susan Douglas Roberts, Elizabeth Gillaspay, Andrea Harris and Roma Flowers (ballet and modern dance), to establish the TCU Dance Center where local and global dance artists, scholars and educators can come together to offer workshops, teacher training, performances, creative exploration and scholarly investigation.

* Tamás Ungár (School of Music), to realize the vision of *PianoTexas International Academy & Festival*.

* Catherine Wehlburg (assessment) and Angie Taylor (alcohol & drug education), to create a campuswide assessment system.

* Keith Whitworth (sociology), Catherine Wehlburg (assessment), Cathy Coghlan (institutional research) and Bonnie Melhart (academic affairs), to develop a retention-oriented undergraduate research and scholarly activities program.

* Keith Whitworth (sociology) and Ed McNertney (economics), to create a one-year pilot test of a cultural awareness "super course" that combines a variety of disciplines.

EVENTS

Aug. 1-3

Faculty/staff parking permits for 2006-2007 available in Student Center lounge, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Aug. 1

Faculty/staff parking permits for 2005-2006 now available from TCU Police, 3025 Lubbock, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Aug. 2

Drive Time Management: Selecting the Right Person in *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, *Crimson Tide* and *Men in Black*, 4-5 p.m., HR Conference Room. For registration or reservations, contact Joanne Lott at ext. 5577 or j.lott@tcu.edu.

Aug. 3

HR presents "Cooking with Sodexo," a cooking class for staff, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Student Center. For registration or reservations, contact Joanne Lott at ext. 5577 or j.lott@tcu.edu.

Aug. 4

Introduction to True Colors, understanding yourself and improving your relationships, noon-1 p.m., Bass Living Room. For registration or reservations, contact Joanne Lott at ext. 5577 or j.lott@tcu.edu.

Aug. 8

Management Institute Module 6: Basic TCU Processes - HR, Financial Services, Safety, Workers' Compensation, 1-3 p.m., Tandy Boardroom. For registration or reservations, contact Joanne Lott at ext. 5577 or j.lott@tcu.edu.

Aug. 10

Managing Multiple Priorities, an on-campus seminar for administrative assistants, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Kelly Center, Cox C. For registration or reservations, contact Joanne Lott at ext. 5577 or j.lott@tcu.edu.

Aug. 12-14

Frog Camp Quest. Call ext. 7855 for more information.

Frog Camp Challenge B. Call ext. 7855 for more information.

Aug. 13-14

Freshman Orientation. Call ext. 7855 for more information.

* Keith Whitworth (sociology), to assess TCU's level of engagement with issues related to sustainability.

A detailed list of recipients and their projects is available online at www.via.tcu.edu. ♦

New Study Abroad coordinator is hired

LISA ELLOR HAS BEEN NAMED THE NEW Study Abroad coordinator in The Center for International Studies. According to Jane Kucko, director for International Studies, the new position is designed to further promote international education on campus.

(Turn to *Abroad* on back)

(Abroad from front)

"Lisa brings enthusiasm and strong communication skills that will be utilized to articulate the importance of studying abroad to students and parents," Jane says. "She will provide support to faculty with recruitment, pre-departure and re-entry meetings and hosting international delegations that visit TCU."

Lisa recently graduated from St. Norbert College in DePere, WI, with a B.A. in communication and a minor in leadership. She has experience with study abroad offices at St. Norbert and at Baylor University. ♦

Brite adds director for Lay and Continuing Education

DR. EILEN THEILIG THIS WEEK JOINS BRITE Divinity School as its new director of Lay and Continuing Education, a part-time position. She is a recent graduate of the Pacific School of Religion and will be ordained as a Disciples minister on Aug. 27.

A Ph.D. in geology, Dr. Theilig worked for 14 years at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA prior to attending divinity school. She was the engineer/project manager responsible for the Galileo Project, the successful NASA mission to Jupiter. ♦

New library exhibit highlights scholarly work of past TCU professors

LIBRARY ARCHIVIST CLAIRE GALLOWAY has recently assembled a new exhibition for the lobby of Mary Coats Burnett Library, featuring special events and projects of selected former TCU professors.

Using materials from Special Collections, the "Professors of the Day" exhibit celebrates the teaching and scholarship of professors from the 1890s through present day.

Those represented include Dr. Clinton Lockhart (AddRan), Samuel Ward Hutton (Brite), Dr. Rebecca Smith Lee (English), Claude Sammis (music), Mabel Major (English), J. Willard Ridings (journalism), Dr. Cecil B. Williams (English), Dr. William Jackson Hammond (history) and Dr. Paul F. Boller Jr. (history).

The display will be up through late October. For more information, call Claire Galloway at ext. 7611. ♦

Extended Ed catalog out

EXTENDED EDUCATION'S FALL CATALOG is now available and has expanded its offerings of unique courses. Among the new courses are "Hidden Gems of Colonial Mexico" where participants explore history, architecture, culture and arts of colonial Mexico; youth activities including music preparatory programs and Duke Scholar Weekend; and "Civic Literacy Programs and Discussion" for those wanting to learn about the world. Other notable courses include "Classes at the Amon Carter" where participants learn about

interesting art topics; and "Command Spanish," a leading program of customized Spanish language and cross-cultural programs for non-Spanish speakers in the workplace.

A full listing of fall courses can be found at www.lifelong.tcu.edu. ♦

Parking permits available this week in S.C., Police Dept.

FACULTY/STAFF PARKING PERMITS FOR 2006-2007 may be purchased from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week in the Student Center lounge. All permit types, except reserved, will also be available at the TCU Police Department, 3025 Lubbock, between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on those days.

Beginning Friday, all permits will only be available at the Police Dept. office.

Permit fees are \$250 for space in a reserved lot and \$75 for a faculty/staff lot. The fee can be paid by cash, check or credit card in Financial Services (Sadler 104) prior to obtaining the permit, or by pre-tax payroll deduction.

The "X" permit is free to faculty/staff and allows parking only in Lot 2 west of the stadium. An application must be completed to receive this permit.

Questions regarding parking permits should be e-mailed to d.jones@tcu.edu. ♦

NEW FACES

Mireya Blanco is a new service assistant in residential housekeeping.

Gregory P. Burdick has joined physical plant as an equipment operator in groundskeeping.

Kerrie Conover has been hired as instructional design assistant in the Center for Teaching Excellence. She earned a BFA degree in photography from TCU in 2001 and has been working as a temp in CTE since last summer.

John Cunningham is the new assistant director of athletics compliance. A graduate of TCU, he earned the JD degree from University of Nebraska and was formerly employed at the University of Maryland.

Eleanor Ford has joined residential services as hall director of Colby Hall. A graduate of the University of the South, she has a M.Ed. degree from University of Florida where she formerly worked.

Erin M. Goodhart has been hired as assistant swimming coach (athletics). She is a 2004 graduate of Shippensburg University.

Mindy Holland has joined residential services as assistant director of assignments. She has BA and MA degrees from Louisiana Tech University. She formerly worked at Vanderbilt University.

Casey Huff is a new horticulture assistant in grounds. He formerly worked for the Texas Rangers.

Heather McDermott has been hired as assistant director of residence life (residential services). She has a BA degree from Loyola University in New Orleans and a MS in higher education from University of North Texas. She comes to TCU from Austin College.

Kelly T. O'Brien is the new director of the Center for Professional Communication at the Neeley School. A graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, he has a master's degree in communications studies from TCU and was last employed at Bear Stearns Mortgage.

Jeremy Steidl has been hired as a hall director (residential services). A history graduate of Jacksonville University, he has a master's degree from Georgia College & State University where he was employed as a residence director.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Craig Allen (residential services) and wife, Shannon, on the birth of their son, Seth Robert Allen, on July 20. Seth weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 in. long.

Maricia Reeves (financial aid) announces the birth of a grandson, Aiden, on July 18. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. His parents are Susan and Kivett Gresham.

DEATHS

Sympathy is extended to Scott Williams (modern languages and literatures) on the death of his father, George H. Williams Jr. on July 9. A memorial service was held July 15 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Dallas.

Condolences also to Robert Vann (Center for Writing) whose mother, Katherine Vann, died July 17. Services were held in Foley, AL, on July 22.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of July 26. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

Academic Technology Specialist - Associate Provost
Accompanist - Ballet and Modern Dance
Administrative Assistant - Advancement Operations
Administrative Assistant - Center for Business & Economic Forecasting
Administrative Assistant - Chemistry
Administrative Support Assistant - Health Center
Assistant Dean - Campus Life
Assistant Director - Center for Professional Communications
Assistant Director - Neeley Entrepreneurship Program
Assistant Director - University Career Services
Assistant Director of Marketing - Athletics
Associate Campus Minister & Chaplain - University Ministries
Computer Hardware Technicians - User Services (Temporary)
Coordinator, Student Disability Services - Academic Services
Customer Support Specialist - Neeley School
Director, Center for Teaching Excellence - Center for Teaching Excellence
EMCS Technician - Physical Plant
Graphic Artist (lab coordinator) - Schieffer School
Journeyman Electrician - Physical Plant
Postdoctoral Fellow - Chemistry
Program Manager - English/Writing Center
Project Manager - Physical Plant
Service Assistant - Facility Services & Residential Services
Supervisor Craft - Facility Services
Systems Librarian - Library
Technical Services Analyst - Advancement DIS
Web Graphic Designer/Developer - Marketing and Communication
Web Services Coordinator - Student Affairs Information Services

To view the latest details on campus construction and parking, go to the TCU homepage and click on Campus Construction, listed under Featured Links on the lefthand side.