ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
POINTS OF PRIDE – FALL 2014
Welcome to Rees-Jones Hall
• **Dr. Ralph Carter**, Political Science, won the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation’s ‘Piper Professor of 2014’ Award. This award is given for excellence in the teaching profession.

• **Dr. Layne Craig**, English, was conferred the Women and Gender Studies Program’s Jean Giles-Sims Wise Woman Award for outstanding teaching and mentoring.

• **Dr. Linda Hughes**, Addie Levy Professor of English, is convening an international symposium at TCU in early November and will be delivering a major talk at the event: Nineteenth Century Replication and the Prehistory of Virtual Reality: [http://www.eng.tcu.edu/19th-century-replication-and-the-prehistory-of-virtual-reality-a-mini-symposium-nov-7th/](http://www.eng.tcu.edu/19th-century-replication-and-the-prehistory-of-virtual-reality-a-mini-symposium-nov-7th/)

• Alumni achievements:
  - Lily Toner, VP and Business Analyst Manager, JPMorgan
  - George Ferguson, Sr. Consultant, Deloitte Consulting LLC
  - Thomas Mitchell, Asst. Superintendent, Net Development Company
  - Ryan Hoff, Associate, Alpinvest Partners, NYC
  - Adam Blue, Activation Coordinator for Corporate Partnerships, NHL Anaheim Duck
  - Jeramey Kraatz published third book in trilogy, *Cloak Society*, it is for sale on Amazon
• **Dr. Jan Lacina**, professor and associate dean of graduate studies in the College of Education, was awarded the College of Education 2014 Award for Distinguished Achievement as a Creative Teacher and Scholar.

• **Dr. Sarah Quebec Fuentes**, assistant professor of mathematics education in the College of Education, has received the Outstanding Early Career Scholar Award from the School of Science & Mathematics Assoc. (SSMA).

• The College of Education launched a new graduate program, M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction.

• **Dr. Marla W. McGhee**, associate professor of educational leadership in the TCU College of Education, has been selected to serve on the advisory committee for The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries. In 2014, The Laura Bush Foundation awarded more than $1 million in grants to school libraries across the nation.

• **Dr. Marilyn Tolbert**, director of TCU laboratory schools, was named to the Board of Directors for the International Association of Laboratory Schools (IALS).

• The College of Education hosted Dr. Michael Ungar, expert on parenting, risk and resilience, as our Green Honors Chair.

• In conjunction with the TCU Idea Factory and the TCU LiiNK Project, The College of Education launched the interdisciplinary course, RECESS, in the fall of 2014. The group meets to design the next generation of play equipment for elementary school children.

• **Dr. Becky Taylor** and TCU College Advising Corps (CAC) was awarded $993,385 by the national College Advising Corps to continue and expand the TCU CAC. The CAC advisers work to increase the number of low-income, first-generation college students.

• Morgan Stewart, doctoral student in science education, traveled to Haiti over the summer to conduct a professional development conference with Haitian teachers. The Andrews Institute donated microscopes that were given to the schools who participated in the conference.

• Sam Mosley, senior secondary education major, was selected to receive the Dr. Martha Hackley Salmon Teacher Scholar Apprenticeship. This paid apprenticeship honors a deserving junior or senior education major with an opportunity to enhance their learning experience outside of the classroom.
Mission: To educate students to think, act and communicate effectively, ethically, critically and creatively in a global environment enriching their personal and professional lives.

Journalism:
- One of the Capstone (JOUR 40983) classes teamed with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram to produce a series of stories published over two days on civil asset forfeiture. The series, which was published May 16 & 17, involved 12 TCU students, three professors and multiple editors affiliated with the Star-Telegram.
- In late spring, TCU 360 won best online newspaper for the second consecutive year at the Associated Press Managing Editors’ convention.
- Also, Ryan Osborne, while working part-time at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, won a third place in Class AAAA, competing against sports writers in Houston, San Antonio, Dallas and Austin.

Communication Studies:
- The National Communication Association has announced that:
  - (1) Adam Richardson will win the Gerald R. Miller dissertation award for the top dissertation last year in the field of Communication.
  - (2) Andrew Ledbetter will win the Outstanding Young Scholar Award from the Interpersonal Communication Division.
  - (3) The TCU Master’s program has been nominated as the top M.S. program in the U.S.
- TCU is hosting two forensic tournaments and will be traveling to compete in over a dozen tournaments.

Strategic Communication:
- The TCU Student Chapter of the American Advertising Federation: Largest AAF Chapter Growth Award, 2013-2014.
- Annabelle Javellana, AAF Most Promising Female Minority Student, 2014.
- Michael Barrera, AAF Most Promising Male Minority Student, 2014.
- 27 graduated from the new Certified Public Communicator Program at TCU in July 2014; this partnership with the school, College of Communication and Extended Education continues to grow.

Film, Television & Digital Media:
- FTDM Assistant PPP, Mike Martin, with assistance from several FTDM Sports Broadcasting majors, has launched the program "Inside TCU Football with Gary Patterson," which currently airs Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. on Fox Sports Southwest.
- The students participating in FTDM’s summer abroad program in Australia and New Zealand spoke with director Peter Weir at the site of his 1975 film "Picnic at Hanging Rock" during their recent visit to Melbourne, Australia.
Mission: To provide students with superior arts education, nurture ethical and responsible leadership, foster excellence in creative discovery and research, and contribute to the cultural enrichment of a global society.

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**Graphic Design:**
- Senior Samantha Schulien created a video as part of her independent study project inspired by TCU’s water initiative.

**School of Music:**
- TCU Orchestra was graciously received as they toured Argentina this summer, led by Dr. German Gutierrez.
- Andrew Eldridge (DMA) and Neil Hoang (Junior; BME) advanced to the semi-final round of the 2014 Southern California International Marimba Competition held in Orange, California; 137 marimbists from all over the world submitted a preliminary tape, and only 15 were selected to attend semi-finals. Additionally, Andrew advanced to the final four, an honor he has accomplished the past two times the competition has been held.
- On August 9th 2014, flutist Dr. Shauna Kay Thompson and pianist Janet Whitcomb Pummill performed a new composition by Dr. Till MacIvor Meyn at the National Flute Association Convention in Chicago, with great success.
- The TCU Orchestra and TCU choruses with community participation will perform Ode to Joy, Beethoven’s 9th at Bass Performance Hall.

**Theatre:**
- Trinity Shakespeare Festival 2014 (The Tempest & The Comedy of Errors) set a record for most income in the 6-year history of the Festival, selling more than 90% of our tickets for the entire Festival, which occurs in the last 3 weeks of June. They received rave reviews.
Mission: To develop ethical leaders with a global perspective who help shape the business environment. To develop and disseminate leading edge thought in order to improve the practice of business.

Faculty:
- **Dr. Bill Moncrief**, Marketing, won the Journal of Personal Selling & Sales Management awards for Practice & Theory. This is a rare achievement to be awarded both awards.
- **Dr. In-Mu Haw**, Accounting, named Neeley Alumni Professor of the Year

School news:
- Neeley Entrepreneurship Program ranked 20th in the nation and tops in the Metroplex.
- TCU MBA ranks #4 nationally for the most competitive students in the 2015 Princeton Review Edition of Best Business Schools.
- Neeley welcomes Mary Uhl-Bien, BNSF Railway Endowed Professor of Leadership.

Alumni:
- Ana Galindo ‘98, BBA, is the Brand Strategy and Insights Manager at UPS Global.
- 94% of graduates are employed or enrolled in graduate school within 90 days of graduation. Average starting salary is $55,300.
Mission: To support the mission of the University; to provide a quality and rigorous education in the sciences, mathematics, and engineering; to conduct an active program of research and discovery while integrating the teaching and research missions; and to provide for all students experiences that will facilitate their becoming and continuing to be scientifically and mathematically literate citizens.

Faculty receive prestigious awards, including:

- Dr. Mauricio Papini (Psychology) won the college nomination for the Chancellor’s Award this fall at Convocation.
- Dr. James Comer (Computer Science) was named the recipient of the 2014 Abacus Award awarded by Upsilon Pi Epsilon. This is UPE’s most prestigious annual award.
- Dr. Efstatios Michaelides (Engineering) was presented the 2014 Fluids Engineering Award by the American Society of Mechanical Engineering.
- Dr. Michael Chumley (Biology) was presented with the 2014 Wassenich Award for Mentoring in the TCU Community. Dr. Clark Jones, biology, was among the four finalists for this award.

College news:

- A generous gift to the College of Science & Engineering was made on behalf of Dr. Yuri Strzhemechny (Physics & Astronomy) for his mentorship to a former student. The gift allowed the installation of a high-end research spectroscopic system that provides analysis of optical and electronic properties of materials as well as their microscopic structure.

- This fall, graduates of the Pre-Health Professions Institute will be present at two of the three dental schools in Texas, and all nine medical schools in Texas.

- The College launched a new five-part series, Fireside Forum, designed to help CSE students develop specialized skills and knowledge to succeed as professionals across various STEM disciplines. This event is moderated by Dean Hartman, and invites two TCU alums back to speak per topic.
Mission: To assist high-achieving students in reaching their full intellectual potential through challenging academic endeavors, a unique residential component, and community involvement.

To promote critical thinking and creative inquiry, an understanding of world cultures, and an appreciation of ideas across disciplines. To foster student collaboration and strive to ingrain inquiry as an authentic, integral, and enduring aspect of students’ identities. To enrich the intellectual life of the University and promote lifelong involvement with local, national, and global issues.

- Increase in number of entering students (for fall 2014, 320 new students) and a current overall enrollment in the Honors College of 1187.
- Increase in the number of theses and senior projects by graduating seniors. In 2013-14, 119 students completed senior theses or creative projects.
- Growing number of students presenting their research to audiences beyond the campus.
- TCU Press is providing a laboratory for student learning through individual internships and several publication projects linked to honors courses.
- Honors College and the Neeley School of Business have strengthened ties between the Neeley Fellows program and the Honors College.
- Honors students have been highly involved in piloting TCU’s FrogFolio e-portfolio program, and several members of the Honors team are teaching sections of the pilot UNPR course.
Mission: Crossing boundaries between colleges and schools, to offer a broad collection of unique, flexible academic experiences with multi- and interdisciplinary curricula that advocate global citizenship and ethical leadership.

**Intensive English**

**The Center for International Studies: Study Abroad**

**TCU MLA**

**Ranch Management**

**TCU Women’s Studies Program**

**William L. Adams Center for Writing**

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**University Programs**

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**TCU Global Academy**

- The TCU Global Academy is a holistic approach to study abroad designed to bring faculty, students, and communities together to explore global issues. A Global Academy is thematic in nature—various themes or global issues that could be studied include sustainability, social justice, ethical leadership, healthcare, and many other topics. The Global Academy is also designed to move to various corners of the world where the chosen theme is most paramount. Global Academies must integrate:
  - Exploration of a global issue in an interdisciplinary context
  - Interaction with the culture including students, faculty, and community leaders.
  - An interactive teaching/learning environment. Professors guide in the learning process while collaborating, teaching, and simultaneously learning along with the comprehensive team (faculty, students, and community leaders).
  - May lead to faculty and student exchanges.
  - The first TCU Global Academy was piloted March 7 – 14, 2014 in Panama at the City of Knowledge. Interdisciplinary teams of students worked with NGOs at the City of Knowledge to explore sustainability in Panama. Students explored:
    - The depth and complexity of sustainability and the critical aspects involved to developing successful models for sustained implementation.
    - What the United States can learn from the leadership of Panama with regard to sustainability.
    - The rich and sustained dialogue between the U.S. and Panama is a necessary link to the study of sustainability in the Americas.
    - How sustainability impacts every discipline and therefore is a natural for interdisciplinary learning.