



Academic Affairs

Points of Pride Fall 2015

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College of Liberal Arts

Mission:

To Advance Life Long Learning and
Discovery



- Alumna Kendall Gilfillan, is now attending graduate school in **Philosophy** at King's College in London.
- *The Wish Book*, by Assoc. Professor of **English**, Alex Lemon was named a finalist for the Best Poetry Book of 2014 by the Writers' League of Texas.
- *Teaching Transatlanticism*, edited by Linda K. Hughes & Sarah Robbins was just published by Edinburgh University Press. This innovative collection showcases collaborative, interdisciplinary pedagogy by Hughes & Robbins and includes online resources that were developed by graduate students in the **English** Dept.
- Beth Hessel '15, who earned her Ph.D. in **History** at TCU was named the new executive director of the Presbyterian Historical Society (PHS) and director for church records and history for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in March of 2015.
- **History** major Nick Yerkon '15, is employed as a technical writer with business management consultants PartnerComm in Arlington. He says "one of the biggest reasons they liked me was because of my ability to write and research at high levels."
- Alumna Jenny Nguyen, **Sociology** major and former McNair student, is now ABD in the doctoral program in sociology at the University of Central Florida.
- Alumnus Jordan Mazurek, **Sociology** major and winner of various department awards, is now in the MA program at Eastern Kentucky U.
- Alumnus Miles Davison, **Sociology** major and a former McNair student is now in the doctoral program at University of California, Irvine.
- Joe Blosser '02, **Religion & Economics** (Phi Beta Kappa) is the Robert G. Culp, Jr., Director of Service Learning and Asst. Professor of Religion and Philosophy at High Point University in North Carolina. He earned advance degrees from Vanderbilt Divinity School and University of Chicago.
- Dr. David Aftandilian, **Anthropology**, co-edited a trade book, *City Creatures: Animal Encounters in the Chicago Wilderness*.
- Alumnus Jonathan Sapp, **Criminal Justice** major, is enrolled in the J.D. program at Harvard Law School. Upon graduation in May 2016 he will work as a corporate associate at Vinson & Elkins in Houston.

-- College of Education --

Mission: To Develop effective, ethical educators with a passion for learning

- Dr. Cecilia Silva was awarded the Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Achievement as a Creative Teacher & Scholar in fall 2015
- Dr. Molly Weinburgh won the 2015 Piper Professor for superior teaching
- Students have a consistent 98% pass rate on the Texas teaching certification exams
- Faculty & Staff secured more than \$4 million in funded research & programs in 2014
- The Early Childhood Education program received the award for Best Practices in Support of Multicultural Education and Diversity from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) in February 2015
- TCU is the only university in the nation with two special education laboratory schools – KinderFrogs and Starpoint School



Schieffer

College of Communication



Mission:

To educate students to think, act and communicate effectively, ethically, critically and creatively in a global environment enriching their personal and professional lives



- Dr. Kristie Bunton assumed her position as the new dean of the Schieffer College of Communication in summer 2015.
- **Communication Studies** student Ashley Hodge won this year's Wisdom award for persuasive speaking. Thanks to support from alumnus Steve Lewis, she received a \$1,000 scholarship for her speech on bone marrow donation.
- Clayton Youngman and Richard Escobedo are among several **Journalism** majors interning in Washington, D.C., this fall. Youngman is working for PolitiFact, and Escobido is at the CBS News program "Face the Nation."
- Kelsey Fahler, who graduated with a **Strategic Communication** major in May, won second place for feature writing in the National Federation of Press Women's contest.
- Our **forensics program** hosted the Wildcat Invitational and "For the Sake of Argument Swing" tournaments during Homecoming weekend. The TCU team placed first in individual event sweepstakes and first in team debate sweepstakes.
- **Film, Television and Digital Media** senior Will Forsythe is directing the film competition program for the 2015 Lone Star Film Festival, whose executive director is alumnus Chad Mathews.
- **Strategic Communication** students have traveled this fall to Los Angeles for the Adobe Max creative conference and to Atlanta for the Public Relations Society of America convention.

Social Work:

- The MSW program is now fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.
- The first class of 20 MSW students graduated in May 2015.

Nurse Anesthesia

- Eight students have published this year in peer reviewed journals, and 15 students presented at the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) annual meeting.
- Two students have been appointed to national groups (Student Trustee on the AANA Foundation Board of Trustees & the AANA Public Relations Committee Member).

Kinesiology

- Kinesiology professor, Phil Esposito, served as the Global Clinical Advisor for North America during the Special Olympics World Games this summer, working alongside other Global Clinical Advisors to provide health screenings to over 5,000 athletes from over 170 countries.
- The LiNK Research Project (Four recesses daily and character lessons weekly) has been implemented into kindergarten and first grade classes in four public schools, and outcomes are indicating monolingual and bilingual students are playing and socializing together the children are more focused in class.
- Two students were named Students of the Year through the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.
- In the past year, 20 students presented research findings at national conferences, and 15 students have been included as coauthors with faculty mentors on peer reviewed scientific publications.

COSD

- An ongoing collaboration with the Fort Worth ISD, called “Ranitas en El Campo”, serves both the school district and the Spanish-speaking and bilingual community, providing services for Fort Worth ISD students as well as distinctive and innovative clinical learning opportunities for graduate students in speech-language pathology.
- Seven of our Habilitation of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing graduates have been selected as “Teachers of the Year” from their respective school districts.

Nursing

- A graduate student completed an internship at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland this past summer. TCU is one of a very small and select group of U.S. universities from whom student interns are selected.
- A new undergraduate curriculum is being instituted to maximize the benefits of the new Health Professions Learning Center consisting of over 15,000 square feet of simulation space.

Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences

Mission:

The mission of Harris College is to enhance the human condition by preparing graduates who think and practice as ethical leaders, and by advancing knowledge of health and human development within the global community. Faculty fulfill this mission by offering a dynamic curriculum that is responsive to the local and global communities. Students are prepared for a variety of professional roles, including clinical and generalist practice, teaching, or further study in graduate programs. Faculty provide exemplary education in the context of the highest standards, preparing students to enter careers that will benefit society.



College of FINE ARTS

Mission: To provide students with a 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



- Dr. Anne Helmreich began her tenure as dean of the College of Fine Arts in summer 2015.
- For the fourth straight semester, all of the BFA graduates of the Department of Graphic Design have found employment at top firms across the county.
- Dance TCU graduates have been hired by *Sleep No More* in NYC, Garth Fagan Dance, and Metropolitan Opera Ballet.
- Dance graduate Alex Masi was awarded a Fulbright grant to India, combining her studies in dance and religion.
- TCU Interior Design major and lighting minor Gabrijela Korac was awarded a scholarship for her prize-winning work at the Illuminating Engineering Society, Dallas Section, Student Lighting Design Competition.
- Fashion Merchandising was recognized as #7 in the Southwest by Fashion-Schools.org.
- The first cohort of doctoral students graduated from the School of Music.



NEELEY

School of Business

It's more than business. It's Personal.

- **Undergraduate Placement Within 90 Days of Graduation**
\$56,736 average starting salary; 96% employed or continuing on to graduate school
- **Graduate Placement Within 90 Days of Graduation**
\$89,579 average starting salary; 93% employed
- **Neeley School Hosts Big 12 MBA Business Case Competition:** Neeley MBA team wins second place and \$3,000
- **TCU MBA Teams Wins Texas Real Estate Challenge:** TCU MBA students came away with a first-place finish and \$5,000
- **PepsiCo Awards \$15,000 to Winners of MBA Case Competition:** Neeley MBA students on second and third place winning teams
- **Alumnus Creates Student-Run Venture Capital Fund for Budding Entrepreneurs:** Bill Shaddock BBA '73 made a \$250,000 commitment
- **Rankings:**
 - *The Economist* Ranks TCU Executive MBA 12th in the World and 5th in the U.S.
 - CNN *Expansion* Ranks TCU MBA No. 51 in the World
 - U.S. News Ranks TCU's Neeley School of Business No. 63 out of 464 for 2016 Top MBA Programs
 - TCU Accounting Ranks Top 15 and Top 40 in the Nation

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.



College of

Science & Engineering

Mission: To foster knowledge of and curiosity about science, mathematics and engineering by offering personalized, rigorous instruction that emphasizes research and internship opportunities.



- Winton-Scott Hall, home to the **biology and psychology** departments, received significant renovations over the summer, particularly to the second floor, which now includes dedicated student study areas and innovative classroom learning technologies.
- TCU's Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Chemical Society (**Chemistry Club**) has been selected to receive an Outstanding Chapter Award for the fourth consecutive year.
- A group of TCU students traveled to South Africa via the Institute for **Environmental Studies** for a summer study abroad course focused on community ownership, wildlife security, demand reduction and cyber-awareness. The students also had the opportunity to work hands-on with rescued rhinos on the Amakhala Game Reserve in South Africa.
- The College successfully concluded nine faculty searches this past year, yielding another outstanding group of new faculty.
- The Science and Engineering Research Center (SERC) awarded 26 student research grants of up to \$1,500 during the spring, allowing them to conduct independent research as mentored by CSE faculty.
- **The Institute of Child Development** (ICD) continues to change the world for children across the globe through their therapeutic model, Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI®), which is taught and utilized across 42 states and in 13 other countries.
- The inaugural CSE Three-Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition in the spring challenged graduate students engaged in research to present a compelling oration of their thesis/dissertation topic, and was open to graduate or doctoral students who had completed a minimum of one year of studies at TCU.
- The spring yielded 176 poster presentations during the 13th Annual Michael and Sally McCracken Student Research Symposium.



Mission: To assist high-achieving students in reaching their full intellectual potential through challenging academic endeavors, a unique residential component, and community involvement.

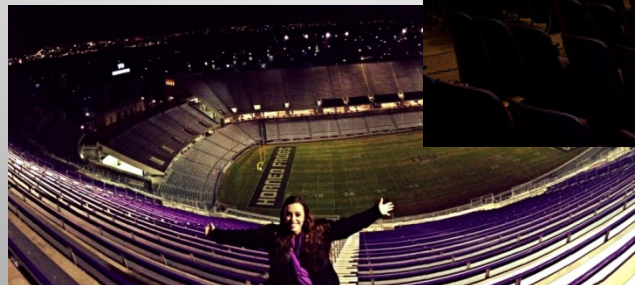
To promote critical thinking and creative inquiry, an understanding of world cultures, and an appreciation of ideas across disciplines. To foster student collaboration and strive to ingrain inquiry as an authentic, integral, and enduring aspect of students' identities. To enrich the intellectual life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

New upper-division courses on diverse interdisciplinary topics being taught by faculty selected from across campus

New books published by Honors faculty, including Darren Middleton's *Rastafari and the Arts: An Introduction* and Dan Williams's *The Lords of Absence*

New research support funds provided by the Board of Visitors for senior projects Psychology student Erin McKay's thesis exploring the impact of babies' crying on young adults and Allison Badar's creative project, "Dance on the Political Stage"

New Honors Abroad opportunities coming for summer 2016 to expand the choices open to students for experiential global learning



TCU University Programs

...Make the Difference...

Mission: Crossing boundaries between colleges and schools, to offer a broad collection of unique, flexible academic experiences with multi- and inter-disciplinary curricula that advocate global citizenship and ethical leadership

- **Intensive English**
- **The Center for International Studies: Study Abroad**
- **TCU MLA**
- **Ranch Management**
- **TCU Women & Gender Studies**
- **William L. Adams Center for Writing**

- Discovering Global Citizenship and the **Center for International Studies** is pleased to announce the first full-scale Global Academy in Panama! This is an exciting, unique program that is fully interdisciplinary, transpires during the spring 2016 term including three weeks in Panama and concludes back at TCU with a capstone project. The program includes in the field experience with NGOs, the University of Panama and a robust agenda.
- The Fort Worth Farm and Ranch Club gives an award (Bill King Award) annually at the Livestock Appreciation Day Luncheon each year during the Stock Show. This year they have chosen **TCU Ranch Management** (60th anniversary of the program). Chancellor Boschini will attend and accept the award on January 21, 2016.
- **TCU Women & Gender Studies** will host the Provost from West Virginia University, former law dean Provost Joyce McConnell. She will be with us for “pre- and post-game” classes on October 29 and 30th, and then will give a public lecture on Women and the Constitution on October 30. Provost’s are really busy, so we are honored that she will spend these two days with TCU WGST.
- Carl Wilkens, an aid worker who was one of only two Americans to stay in Rwanda during the genocide visited the TCU campus in early October. Carl is the author of *I’m Not Leaving*, full of powerful stories of hope and resilience based on his time in Rwanda. The **Intensive English Program** currently offers a TCU Carl & Teresa Wilkens Award, a scholarship for an academic year of residential English language studies. Carl and Teresa Wilkens visited to continue their collaboration with TCU on behalf of Rwandan students.

