Academic Affairs

Points of Pride Spring 2014
Mission:
To Advance Life Long Learning and Discovery

• **French**: Alumnus Landon Haaf, double major in French and Broadcast Journalism, is working as an App Manager for WFAA-TV Channel 8 covering Texas Rangers and Dallas Cowboys and has creative control over their sports social media.

• **Economics**: Nine undergrad participated in the new Aerospace mentorship program with Lockheed Martin in fall 2013.

• **English**: Hosted three nationally or internationally-renowned speakers during 2013-14: Ngugi wa Thiong’o, Prof of English, University of CA; Kim Wallace-Sanders, associate prof of African American Studies, Emory University; Inderpal Grewal, prof of gender studies, Yale University. Works with Paschal H.S. in the Partners in Purple Conference to train, mentor and judge students in media skills and public presentations.

• **Philosophy**: Hosted three distinguished speakers on topics ranging from ‘Darwin & Intelligent Design’ to ‘Affirmative Action’ to ‘Consciousness.’

• **Political Science**: Alumna Stephanie Doherty Wilkinson is now the Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs; Alumna Heather Creek earned Ph.D from Univ. of Maryland and is a Senior Research Associate for Election Initiatives at the Pew Charitable Trusts in D.C. Alumna Candace Ruocco graduated from St. Louis University School of Law and complete Marine Officer Candidate School and is now 2nd Lt Judge Advocate in the USMC.

• **Religion**: Alumna Mechele Smith West published a book called “Fit Your Body to Honor God.”
Dr. Jan Lacina, professor and associate dean of graduate studies was recipient of the Dean’s Award for Research and Creativity during fall commencement.

Alumna Jennifer L. Terry was named the 2013-14 XTO Energy Chair for Teaching Excellence in Early Childhood Education by the Fort Worth ISD.

Launched the new Educational Studies double major program in January 2014. This 40-43 hour program is designed to combine with a major in selected academic areas to achieve a teaching certificate. Areas of study include Math, History, French, German, Spanish, Business, Education, Computer Science, Dance, Journalism and Communication.

Sixty-seven COE students were named to the Dean’s List for fall 2013.

Seven graduate students turned their research findings into a book tentatively titled Not Our Home, Desegregation and the Closing of Como High School.
The College of Communication was renamed the **Bob Schieffer College of Communication** in honor of TCU alumnus and renowned journalist, moderator of CBS’ *Face the Nation* and CBS News’ chief Washington correspondent.

- **CBS Evening News** will broadcast live from TCU April 9 during the 10th Annual *Schieffer Symposium*. Joining Bob Schieffer are panelists Scott Pelley, Bob Woodward, Peggy Noonan & Jane Pauley.

- **Film, TV & Digital Media**: Hosted Leaders in Media Conference ‘14, themed ‘Wide World of Sports Broadcasting’ on Feb 14; Prof Richard Allen’s original play ‘Starbright and Vine’ was performed at Stage West Theatre as part of their 2013-14 season. Prof Gregory Mansur received the Deans’ Teaching Award at fall commencement.

Mission:

To educate students to think, act and communicate effectively, ethically, critically and creatively in a global environment enriching their personal and professional lives.
• **School of Music:** In February the TCU Concert Chorale joined the Baylor Chorale, the Southwestern Theological Seminary Chorus and the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra to perform Mendelssohn’s *Elijah* at the Bass Hall;

• The TCU Wind Symphony was competitively selected to perform a feature concert at the 2014 Texas Music Educators Association conference in San Antonio on February 13. TMEA is the largest music conference in the world, with more than 24,000 music educators attending from throughout the US and abroad.

• **Theatre:** Theatre Department showcases seniors on Broadway, this March, 14 TCU seniors and recent alumni will participate in our first New York Showcase at The Producers Club on W. 44th Street, in the Broadway theatre district on March 13. They will take three days of professional classes, and then perform for and receive reviews from a group of New York agents and casting directors.
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.

- As part of its **Tandy Executive Speaker Series**, Alex Smith, CEO of Pier 1 Imports spoke on Feb 26; Luther King, Jr., Founder & President, Luther King Capital Management will speak on April 23.
- Neeley hosted the **12th Annual Investment Strategies Conference** on March 6, keynote speaker was David Bonderman, Co-Founder, Founding and Managing Partner, TPG Capital, L.P.
- Hosting the **4th Annual Richards Barrentine Values & Ventures Business Plan Competition**.
- **MBA Program Jumps in The Economist World Ranking and Ranks No. 1 for Faculty Quality**
  - The Economist ranks the Neeley School of Business at TCU No. 1 in the world for Faculty Quality, and overall the MBA program ranks No. 35 in the U.S. and No. 61 in the world, up ten places from last year to make it one of the fastest-rising MBA programs on the worldwide list. Only four Texas MBA programs were included: UT Austin/McCombs at No. 31, Rice/Jones at No. 39 and SMU/Cox at No. 93.
- **Neeley School Honors Matt Rose with Bob Bolen Civic Leadership Award**
  - Matt Rose, executive chairman of BNSF Railway, has been honored with the **Bob Bolen Civic Leadership Award by the Neeley School**, named for former Fort Worth mayor and longtime civic leader Bob Bolen, to honor a civic or corporate leader of national stature for his or her contributions to the building and stewardship of our communities and nation. Rose joined Burlington Northern in 1993 and was appointed chief operations officer of BNSF in 1997, CEO in 2000 and executive chairman January 1, 2014. Rose is a member of the Texas Governor’s Business Council, Boy Scouts of America National Executive Board, Business Roundtable and The Business Council. He serves on the board of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Nat’l Assoc. of Manufacturers, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, AT&T, Assoc. of American Railroads, and Center for Energy & Economic Development. He has served as chairman of the Southwest Region and member of the board for Boys & Girls Clubs of America. In 2011, he was appointed to President Barack Obama’s Council on Jobs and Competitiveness.
College of Science & Engineering

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)-Fulbright Fellowship to study in Spain.
- Dr. Sue Staples (Mathematics)-Teaching Award; given by the Mathematical Association of America
- Dr. Bruce Miller (Physics & Astronomy)-Distinguished Service Award, given by Texas Section of the American Physical Society
- Dr. Stathis Michaelides (Engineering)-Fluids Engineering Award, given by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Faculty receive research grants from agencies such as the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, and Welch Foundation:
- Drs. Greg Friedman (Mathematics), Sarah Hill (Psychology), Liran Ma (Computer Sciences), Peter Frinchaboy (Physics and Astronomy), Shauna McGillivray (Biology), Jeff Coffer (Chemistry), Kayla Green (Chemistry)

Students continue to actively participate in faculty search:
- The College provided over $50,000 to support student research projects
- Over 300 students presented at the college Student Research Symposium
- Ten senior dietetics students are providing instruction to first-year medical students in an innovative partnership between TCU, TCOM and Moncrief Cancer Institute.
On April 3 former President of Mexico, Vicente Fox gave the keynote address at **Honors Convocation**. Mr. Fox is one of the world’s most important voices on the contemporary geo-political landscape and the role of business in developing worlds.

Honors Week was April 7-11, throughout the week 120 graduating Honors students, representing 40 majors, presented and defended their Honors thesis.

Four out of five student body officers are Honors College students, showing the college’s mission of supporting and encouraging students in both curricular and co-curricular areas of the TCU experience.
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

- The Ranch Management Institute: Missy Bonds, Ranch Management Class of 2001, received the Mitzi Lucas Riley Award at the Cowgirl Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon in October of 2013. The Mitzi Lucas Riley Award recognizes young professionals who promote and preserve Western Heritage through education and volunteerism. Missy works closely with her dad, Pete Bonds, in managing Bonds Ranch, and is the ranch’s assistant general manager and export program manager. Missy also serves on the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Board of Directors.

- Pete Bonds, Ranch Management Class of 1973, was named President of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association this past fall. Pete is the owner and manager of Bonds Ranch in Saginaw, Texas.

- John Merrill, Ranch Management Director Emeritus, will receive the BRIT Regional Award of Excellence in Sustainability for an Individual on March 28. Mr. Merrill was director of Ranch Management for more than 30 years.

- In January, Jeff Geider, Institute of Ranch Management Director led a group of Ranch Management professors and alumni to Panama to conduct a Beef Cattle Seminar for Panamanian Ranchers.

- Intensive English: The TCU Rwanda Student Committee members, sponsored by the Intensive English Program at TCU, have won a QEP grant for a world-wide, TCU Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the Genocide in Rwanda, on April 7. In preparation, (1) TCU faculty members of multiple disciplines are teaching units on Rwanda in the spring 2014 semester; and in participation (2) a group of their students will travel to Washington DC for the events there while others in Rwanda will skype with them during the international commemoration.

- The Center for International Studies: TCU Abroad Women’s Studies - The inaugural TCU Global Academy will occur this spring when 17 TCU students along with TCU faculty/staff embark upon interdisciplinary study of sustainability in conjunction with the City of Knowledge Foundation in Panama. TCU and The City of Knowledge Foundation, comprised of over 200 NGOs will study sustainability through the lens of various disciplines. TCU students studying the environment, political science, design, communication, women studies, geoscience, and sociology will come together to discover global issues.

- The William L. Adams Center for Writing conducted a record-setting 8,948 consultations with student and faculty writers last year and a single-semester record of 5,283 in fall 2013. They hosted renowned author T.A. Barron in September 2013 as part of the Green Honors Chair program.