Academic Affairs

Points of Pride Spring 2016
Criminal Justice:
- Will graduate their first class in M.S. in Criminal Justice & Criminology Program at May Commencement. This online graduate program offers students the opportunity to remain employed while engaging in advance justice-based studies.
- Michael Bachmann, Criminal Justice professor, in collaboration with Cook Children’s Hospital, employed data analytics to create the most precise prediction model for child maltreatment in existence today. His work was featured on NPR and has drawn widespread national and international interest.

Modern Language Studies:
- Dr. Marie M. Schein has been selected for induction into the French Republic’s prestigious Order of the French Academic Palms on April 29, 2015 at the grade of Knight. The Palmes Académiques was founded by Napoleon in 1808 to honor educators and is the oldest non-military French decoration. This distinction recognizes the significant contributions of teachers through their teaching, scholarship and leadership over the course of their careers. The Palmes Académiques is awarded by the Prime Minister of France, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Education. The investiture ceremony will take place in the fall of 2016.
- Natalie Sharpe (’13) has been promoted to Associate Equipment Merchant for Global NIKE Running and continues to use her French in this position.
- Laura Adams (’13) has earned a Master’s at the Ecole Supérieure de l’éducation et du professorat in Brittany, France. Currently, she is teaching kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade French at Sacred Heart School in New Orleans.
- Bill Hamlett. After graduation, Bill spent a year in Grenoble, France where he taught English in Elementary schools. In 2014, he was admitted at the prestigious École Normale Supérieure in Paris to work on a Master’s in French Literary Theory and took courses at La Sorbonne in conjunction with his ENS curriculum.

Spanish & Hispanic Studies:
- "Distinción al Mérito Teatral" (Award for Theatrical Merit), in recognition of Dr. Donald Frischmann’s research in community theater. Awarded by the Mexican Association for Theatrical Research, AMIT) at its annual meeting in Culiacan, Sinaloa, November 20, 2015.
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
- The American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) recognized the Early Childhood Education program with its award for Best Practices in Support of Multicultural Education and Diversity.
- The College of Education earned the Certificate of Distinction, the highest award for teacher preparation in reading, from the International TCU is one of two Educational Leadership programs in the nation to provide the option to integrate the MBA and Doctor of Education degrees. The Principal Leadership Fellows is an innovative educational leadership cohort program that is designed to help meet the needs of school districts.
- The College of Education offers multiple opportunities for study abroad, as well as opportunities to student teach in urban, public, private or international settings.
- Education majors spend extensive time in schools and agencies, gaining real-world experience. By graduation, they have spent an average of 500 hours in diverse educational settings.
- The College of Education graduates approximately 100 teachers per year. In the past few years more than 80% of newly certified teachers who began teaching in Texas public schools were hired in the DFW area. Nearly $3 million in College of Education giving in 2014-15.
Mission:
To educate students to think, act and communicate effectively, ethically, critically and creatively in a global environment enriching their personal and professional lives.

- Current Journalism student Abbie Maynard was recognized as the Distinguished Student Award recipient of the 2016 TCU Leadership Awards. The Distinguished Student Award is presented to a junior or senior student who has distinguished himself or herself as an undergraduate at TCU both in academics and in service to the University.
- The College’s alumnus Joel Anderson ’00, a senior national news reporter for Buzzfeed News, visited campus in January to talk with journalism students about his work covering stories involving sports, race and American culture.
- Students from Roxo, our advertising and public relations agency, spent Spring Break in Panama working on business-to-business communication strategies for the emerging nation’s institutions that are focused on balancing economic development and environmental considerations.
- Our forensics and debate team joined an elite list of U.S. colleges selected to host the Japanese national championship debate team for three days of on-campus debates in late February.
- Communication Studies Professor Chris Sawyer’s paper “Individual Differences in Stress Reactivity and Recovery: A Component Analysis of Public Speaking State Anxiety Waveforms” earned the top paper award from the Communication Apprehension and Competence Division of the National Communication Association.
- The Fort Worth Public Relations Society of America bestowed two Worthy Awards on our Roxo student advertising and public relations agency for students’ outstanding work for local small business clients.
Nursing: Moved from #44 to #20 in the US News Best Online Nursing Rankings.

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.
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.
TCU Accounting Ranks Top 15 and Top 40 in the Nation
Of the top 25 schools in the nation of similar size, the TCU Master of Accounting ranks 12 for 2015 after being unranked in 2014. The undergraduate TCU accounting program jumps to 13 in the U.S., up from 17 in 2014.
Of the top 50 colleges and universities in the U.S. offering accounting degrees, the TCU Mac ranks 35 in the nation after being unranked in 2014. The undergraduate TCU accounting program escalates to 36 in 2015 from 43 in 2014.

TCU MBA Ranks Top 10 in the Nation for Most Competitive Students Four Years in a Row
For four years in a row, the TCU Neeley School of Business ranks in the Top Ten Most Competitive Students (No. 7 for 2016) based on TCU MBA students’ assessments of their classmates’ focus on learning and success, the challenging workload and the academic rigor of the program. The TCU MBA program also ranks in the Top 10 Best Administered at No. 9.

The Economist Ranks TCU MBA Faculty No. 2 in the World Second Year in a Row
For four years in a row, the TCU MBA program is ranked one of the best in the world according to The Economist, at 63 in the world and 38 in the U.S., and again this year is second in the world for MBA faculty quality and in the top 25 for career services.

Full-time TCU MBA Jumps 11 Spots to 38 in the 2015 Bloomberg Business National Ranking while Part-Time MBA Debuts at 26
The TCU Neeley School of Business full-time MBA program improved on past Bloomberg Business rankings, jumping from 49 in 2014 to 38 in the nation in the 2015 ranking of the best graduate business schools in the U.S. Harvard ranks first. The part-time TCU MBA for working professionals made Bloomberg Business’ rankings for the first time this year, debuting at No. 26 in the nation.

TCU Entrepreneurship Program Ranks Top 25 in the Country Five Years in a Row
The TCU Neeley School of Business is recognized as No. 20 in the U.S. for our strength and value in teaching and supporting entrepreneurial thinking, and for the success and achievements of our students, alumni and faculty.

TCU Neeley Faculty Members Receive High TCU Honors
Morgan Swink, Suzanne Carter and Eric Yorkston have been singled out with high honors for their contributions to the fields of supply chain, strategic management and marketing.

TCU MBA Student Partners with TCU Design Students for New Biz Idea
When TCU MBA student Nick Fender needed designs for his app idea, he looked in his own backyard to the TCU Department of Graphic Design. Students Jessie Edwards and Brooke Davis proved more than worthy for the job.

TCU MBA and EMBA Rank Top Tier Globally in CEO Magazine
CEO Magazine’s Global MBA Rankings canvassed more than 300 business schools on their learning environment, class sizes, tuition fees, faculty, delivery methods, international diversity, gender make-up and more, and ranked them with Tier 1 or Tier 2. TCU MBA and EMBA programs both ranked in Tier 1.

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.
Students in Assistant Professor of Environmental Science Omar Harvey’s Chemical Analysis of Environmental Systems course conducted research analyzing soil chemistry on the Botanical Research Institute of Texas’ (BRIT) campus. They presented their research findings in December to BRIT.

A group of TCU students, led by Professor Mike Slattery, 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 enrolled in a fall follow-up course to develop useful projects to promote awareness locally and sustain a working relationship with the teams on the ground in South Africa.

Students and faculty in the CSE partnered with the College of Fine Arts through a zoo enrichment course made up of interdisciplinary students tasked with creating enrichment toys for zoo animals at the Fort Worth Zoo. Five student teams created and delivered the toys to the zoo in the fall semester under the direction of Cameron Schoepp, associate professor of art, and Victoria (Tory) Bennett, assistant professor in the School of Geology, Energy & the Environment.

The second CSE Three-Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition in November 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 finalists presented to a lay audience at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.

Sarah Hill, associate professor of psychology has been published in the Association for Psychological Science regarding her recent research on connections between childhood environment and resulting eating habits in adulthood.

Anne VanBeber, department chair and professor in the Department of Nutritional Sciences, is now a Fellow of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. She has been a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for 27 years.
Mission: Dedicated to enriching the intellectual life of TCU, the John V. Roach Honors College seeks to empower, inspire, and motivate high-achieving students to become leaders in our global society.
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