**Environmental Science:** Students: Junior ES Major, Brandon Parrish was highlighted as a Big 12 Champion for his work with animals at the Fort Worth Zoo and the Rhino Project in S. Africa with Dr. Mike Slattery.

**Physics & Astronomy:** Dr. Kat Barger is mentoring child prodigy Cannan Huey-You, 11 year old brother of current senior Physics major, Carson Huey-You (aged 14). Cannan will graduate high school this spring and is considering TCU for a double degree in Astronomy and Engineering in hopes to become an astronaut.

Dr. Zygmunt “Karol” Gryczynski, the Moncrief Chair of Physics, and Dr. Clark Jones, Instructor II of Biology, were awarded Dean’s Awards during fall commencement.

**Geology:** Faculty: Dr. Richard Hanson, the Herndon Professor in Geology, was recognized by the International Geoscience Program.

**Chemistry:** Faculty: TCU Press released *Shots of Knowledge: The Science of Whiskey*, co-written by Dr. Eric Simanek, the Robert A. Welch Professor of Chemistry. This book has already won two awards.

**Biology:** Students: Senior biology major Madeline Bush received first place for her presentation at the American Society of Microbiology Texas Brand Fall Meeting at UT Dallas. Two biology undergraduate students, Christy Smith and Gunnar Nystrom, were selected to present at the National College Honors Council Conference in Seattle, Washington. A handful of CSE students had the opportunity to participate in a video chat with International Space Station Astronaut, Col. R. Shane Kimbrough.
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Criminal Justice: Dr. Michael Bachmann’s article, ‘Predicting Child Maltreatment with Risk Terrain Modeling’ was published in December issue of Child Abuse; later picked up by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and Houston Chronicle, and WFAA news. He is meeting with Texas Senators and others and has been invited as expert to speak at Rutgers University, Utah State and other organizations. Texas Senators met and passed Senate Bill 11 based on his research on risk mapping for prevention and early intervention services. (See section 265.0041 of Bill 11).

Philosophy: Student Highlights: Thomas Elias (major), accepted at Law School, DePaul University, Madison Reddick (minor), accepted at Law School, Harvard University, Jordan Reed (major), accepted at Law School, University of Washington, Mary Kate Thompson (major), accepted at Law School, Vanderbilt University. Faculty: Hestir, B. Plato on the metaphysical foundation of meaning and truth. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press


English: Faculty: Dr. Stacie McCormick was awarded a fellowship with Woodrow Wilson Foundation to complete her book ‘A Body Without a Nation: Performing Slavery and Liminality in Contemporary Black Drama.’

History: Faculty: Dr. Max Krochmal’s book Blue Texas: The Making of a Multiracial Democratic Coalition in the Civil Rights Era (University of North Carolina, 2016) has received the Frederick Jackson Turner Award given by the Organization of American Historians for an outstanding scholarly book by a first-time author on any aspect of American history, AND the Coral Horton Tullis Memorial Prize for Best Book on Texas History given by the Texas State Historical Association. Dr. Alan Gallay delivered a series of six lectures on Atlantic World History as the Smithsonian speaker aboard an Atlantic Ocean cruise ship for Regent Seven Seas Cruises. Dr. Kara Vuic was featured in the PBS documentary “USO-For the Troops,” which aired in November. Student: History major Steven Gonzalez was awarded the 2016 Congressional Veteran Commendation honoring the wartime sacrifices and peacetime community involvement of veterans in Texas’s 33rd Congressional District.

Economics: Student: Senior Economics major, Caylin Moore, was named one of 32 2017 Rhodes Scholars. He is scheduled to graduate in May 2017. While at TCU he founded SPARK (Strong Players Are Reaching Kids). Caylin will complete his graduate studies in Oxford beginning next fall.

Spanish & Hispanic Studies: Dr. Donald Frischmann co-authored and published a book entitled The Return of our Word – Voices of Mayan Writers from Quintana Roo, compiling works from various Mayan writers.
Dr. Cecilia Silva was named a 2016 Piper Professor, one of ten professors in Texas recognized for superior teaching.

Dr. Michelle Bauml received the Honorary Leon Jaworski Award for Teaching Excellence in Law Focused Education, presented by Law Focused Education, Inc. of the State Bar of Texas and Texas Young Lawyers Association.

Dr. Curby Alexander and Counseling doctoral student Dr. Brenda Reed among TCU Student Government Association’s 2015-16 Faculty of the Year.

Higher Education Leadership graduate Chris Hightower was accepted for publication in a book titled Intercultural Competence in International Higher Education.

Master’s in Educational Leadership graduate Paige Zinsou named Campus Teacher of the Year for Wedgwood Middle School.

Curriculum Studies doctoral candidate Julie Vu named Saginaw Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year for her contributions as English Language Arts & Reading curriculum specialist in Eagle Mountain Independent School District.

The Language & Literacy Program received the Wisniewski Teacher Education Award in Spring 2016, an honor presented annually by the Society of Professors of Education (SPE) to recognize an outstanding teacher education program at a college or university.
Dr. Johny Garner, associate professor of Communication Studies, and Parker Ragland BS ’12 MS ’14 received top paper in the Group Communication division at the National Communication Association’s recent convention for their work titled “Tabling, Discussing, and Giving In: Dissent in Three Workgroups.” The paper and Mr. Ragland’s master’s thesis focused on effective conflict management during organizational meetings.

Our Film, Television and Digital Media Department hosted Steve Wilson, curator and author of The Making of Gone with the Wind, who engaged with students and community members regarding the casting of one of cinema’s most iconic heroines during his talk “The Search for Scarlett O’Hara.” His insights were based on his research in the archives of the film’s producer, David O. Selnick.

For the first time in TCU’s recent history, the entire Forensics Team qualified to compete at the finals for Pi Kappa Delta and the National Forensics Association.

Our Journalism Department hosted the 2017 Southeast Colloquium of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. Dr. Daxton “Chip” Stewart, associate professor of Journalism, coordinated and chaired the regional conference that is known as “the oldest and most successful regional journalism and mass communication meeting in the United States.”

Our Strategic Communication Department hosted 21 students and two faculty members from two South Korean universities - Sookmyung Women’s University and Keimyung University. Exchange students audited courses, conducted field research regarding retail consumer behaviors, met with TCU students and toured locally-headquartered global corporations and agencies (e.g., PMG Agency; Mary Kay, Inc.).

Margaret Ritsch, instructor of Strategic Communication, joined Dr. Amiso George, associate professor of Strategic Communication, and Dr. Doug Newsom, Professor Emerita of Strategic Communication, when she was elected to the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) College of Fellows. The prestigious, honorary organization includes more than 350 senior practitioners and educators, each of whom has left a significant footprint on the public relations profession.
• The PhD in Health Sciences degree was recently approved by the TCU University Council. This innovative degree program will prepare health scientists to serve as clinical researchers and faculty members in a collaborative manner to improve the safety and quality of healthcare delivery.
• Harris College faculty members were among the winners for two prestigious TCU awards given during the fall 2016 TCU Commencement. Dr. Jo Nell Wells was selected as a recipient of the Deans Award for Outstanding Research/Creative Activity, and Ms. Teresa Gonzalez was selected as a recipient of the Deans Award for Outstanding Teaching.
• Three faculty members serve on hospital Boards of Trustees: Dean Susan Weeks is the current Chair of the Board of Trustees for Texas Health Harris Southwest Hospital. Dr. Suzy Lockwood is on the board of Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center. Professor Marinda Allender is on the board of Medical City North Hills Hospital. The Athletic Training program had 2 students complete NFL internships during the summer of 2016, one with the Dallas Cowboys and one with the Baltimore Ravens.
• Dr. Emily Lund was recognized as a 2017 Healthcare Hero by the Fort Worth Business Press.
• Social Work faculty member Dr. Nada Elias Lambert is providing Bystander Intervention training to TCU students, faculty, and staff members in support of TCU’s efforts to eliminate sexual violence on campus.
• The TCU School of Nurse Anesthesia was selected by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists to offer an accredited Advanced Chronic Pain Management certification program.
• Two TCU Nursing faculty members, Dr. Carol Howe and Dr. Gina Alexander, are engaged in an innovative service-learning research project at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History focused on food choices by children.
• The TCU Family Nurse Practitioner program is enjoying success in its first year of implementation.
• Kinesiology: The Sports Concussion Research Group, under the direction of Dr. Jonathan Oliver, has forged collaborations locally (Texas Health Ben Hogan Sports Medicine Concussion Center), nationally (University of Wisconsin La Crosse and George Mason University), and internationally (University of Gothenburg, Sweden) to identify novel ways to detect and treat concussive and sub-concussive injuries in athletes. To date, the Research Group has worked with approximately 900 athletes of all levels in hopes of improving athlete brain health. Under the direction of Dr. Phil Esposito, TCU Kinesiology students conducted almost 600 health screenings for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities as part of the Special Olympics Healthy Athletes initiative. Dr. Debbie Rhea (Harris College Associate Dean and Kinesiology faculty member) has been recognized in the national media (The Today Show, NBC Nightly News, NPR, etc.) for her innovative research project titled LIINK (Let’s Inspire Innovation 'N Kids) that seeks to improve childhood health and academic performance through recess and character development.

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.
School of Music: Faculty: Dr. Richard Gipson was named Music Administrator of the Year by the College Orchestra Directors Association at their 2017 annual conference in Washington DC. Alum: Alum Haley Woodrow (MM ’16) received the National Band Association Award in the "NBA/Alfred Publishing Young Band" category at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic for her composition “And It Begins.”

Graphic Design: Students: TCU Graphic Design students were awarded the 2016 Helen Hamilton Award for Excellence in Creative Expression for their work on eleven40seven which promotes artistic and creative endeavors of TCU undergraduates. Graphic design students were awarded 14 medals and 46 merit awards at the international Graphis New Talent Annual.

Dance: Alums: Dance alums (’16) have been hired as dancers for elite dance companies & Walt Disney World. Faculty: Adam McKinney is one of nine choreographers in the United States invited to create new work for the Atlanta dance company, Dance Canvas.

Theatre: Faculty: Dr. T. J. Walsh, Theatre, published his book Playwrights and Power: The Making of the Dramatists Guild with Smith and Kraus (2016). Murell Horton, Theatre, designed the costumes for The Liar (’17) at the Classic Stage Company, New York. Alums: Four theatre alums (’16) have been cast this year in national tours of Fun Home, Rent, Dirty Dancing and Thoroughly Modern Millie.

Interior Design: Students: Six Interior Design students won awards, including first place, at the Dallas Section of Illuminating Engineering Society’s 2016 Student Lighting Design Competition.

Art: Student: Art history master’s candidate, Janelle Montgomery, was awarded the Romney Society essay prize for “Every Picture Tells a Story: A Family Chronicle in George Romney’s Lady Mary Every,” (a painting owned by TCU) published in the Transactions of the Romney Society, 2017. The work of Casey Leone (BFA student, Art) was selected for an exhibition at the CICA Museum, South Korea.
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.

• TCU Accounting Grads Rank First in Texas for CPA Exam Pass Rate  
  Halfway through the 2016-17 school year, TCU Neeley is in first place among Texas accounting BBA and master’s graduates taking and passing the CPA exam.

• Tom and Marilyn Sumner Make $5.5 Million Gift Commitment to TCU Neeley  
  Tom Sumner BBA ‘67 MBA ’68, a leading Houston business executive and TCU trustee, and Marilyn TCU ‘68, have made a significant leadership gift to support the planned expansion of TCU Neeley.

• Jobs Are Waiting for All TCU Master of Accounting Students in May  
  All 61 of the TCU MAc students graduating in May have signed full-time job offers as of December 2016.

• TCU Neeley Ranks 18 in the World and First in Texas for Supply Chain  
  Supply chain is one of the most vital, innovative, fastest-growing fields in business, and TCU Neeley is among the best in the world at delivering supply chain talent.

• PepsiCo Named TCU Neeley Business of the Year  
  TCU Neeley honors PepsiCo for the company’s long-lasting success in quenching thirsts and quieting growling stomachs, and its ongoing support of TCU Neeley students, alumni and programs.

• TCU Neeley Ranks 21 in the Nation and 14 for Job Placement in New Undergraduate B-School Ranking  
  TCU Neeley is No. 21 in the nation, No. 14 for job placement, No. 6 by alumni and No. 3 among Texas business schools in Poets & Quants’ first ranking of the best undergraduate business programs.

• Six Years in a Row and Counting: Top 25 in the Nation for Entrepreneurship  
  Want to start your own business? You’ve come to the right school. TCU Neeley is once again ranked one of the best schools for entrepreneurship out of thousands of schools across the U.S.

• TCU Accounting Students Win First Place in Grant Thornton Competition  
  A stellar team of TCU Neeley accounting students brought home the trophy and $7,500 in a competition that focused on accounting issues and current events.

• PepsiCo Awards $15,000 to MBA Students in a Case Competition at the TCU Neeley School  
  TCU MBA students were on the top three winning teams at the second annual competition sponsored by PepsiCo and held at TCU.

• TCU MBA Faculty Rank Top 5 in the World Three Years in a Row  
  Out of 100 MBA programs around the world, The Economist ranks TCU Neeley No. 4 in the world for faculty quality, higher than any other Texas school. TCU Neeley also ranks No. 24 nationally for career services.

• TCU Neeley Ranks Top 10 in the Nation for Competitive MBA Students and Administration  
  For five years in a row, Princeton Review’s annual edition of best U.S. graduate business schools ranks TCU Neeley tops for Most Competitive MBA Students, plus Best Administered MBA Program.
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.

Skyping with Space: Honors Students Video Chat with International Space Station Astronaut, Col. R. Shane Kimbrough

Students from the John V. Roach Honors College and peers had the opportunity to enjoy a video chat with Col. R. Shane Kimbrough, currently working on the International Space Station (ISS). Col. Kimbrough is the father of TCU Freshman, Taylor. Dean of the Honors College, Dr. Diane Snow, who currently conducts research with Kentucky Space related to the effects of microgravity on nervous system function, and serves on the Advisory Board for Space Tango, Inc., a for-profit company focused on the commercialization of space, facilitated the event. Dr. Snow encouraged students to be open to opportunities in space science. “Our life paths are rarely linear, and you just never know where an opportunity might take you!”

A New Honors College Initiative – Snow Storm Series: Brainstorming with Dr. Snow and Friends

On Wednesday, December 7, the Honors College initiated a new evening program held in Milton Daniel Hall called the “Snow Storm Series: Brainstorming with Dr. Snow and Friends.” The goals of the initiative are to maximize student access to faculty, and to give students a chance to reflect on important topics in the world, with feedback from experts. Dr. Snow’s inaugural guest was Chancellor Boschini, whose title was, “How Will the TCU of Tomorrow Resemble the TCU of Today?” He wanted to challenge Honors students to imagine and consider deeply the changes occurring at TCU, and how they might affect their education and life at TCU. This and other new programming in the Honors College is designed to entice students to engage in deep, meaningful conversation with some of our greatest minds on campus about current, relevant, and challenging topics.

2nd Annual Honors Faculty Institute – May 18-20, 2017

TCU will be hosting the 2nd Annual Honors Faculty Institute on May 18-20, 2017, sponsored by the National Collegiate Honors Council and the European Honors Council. This innovative professional development conference for honors faculty is packed with three days of engaging activities and allows up to 25 participants to experience being an honors student. Along with TCU’s Dr. Beata Jones from the Neeley School of Business, guest facilitators for the conference will be: Dr. Marca Wolfensberger, Hanze University of Applied Sciences and Honors Director, and Geoscience Faculty at Utrecht University, and Dr. John Zubizarreta, Professor of English and Director of Honors and Faculty Development at Columbia College. For more information, see https://goo.gl/fbsWwV.
We were recently informed that TCU has been named the recipient of the Senator Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization. The Rhino Project, under the direction of Dr. Mike Slattery, was singled out as a project that contributes to the broad internationalization efforts on our campus. TCU’s article about the award: https://newsevents.tcu.edu/stories/tcu-receives-2017-senator-paul-simon-award-for-campus-internationalization/

The WGST Program’s dynamic growth in recent years holds steady, with more than 115 faculty/staff affiliates across the university and more than 100 students pursuing its programs. 534 students enrolled in WGST courses carrying the WGST attribute in fall 2016.

Physics graduate student, Hung Doan, winner of the 2016 TCU 3-Minute-Thesis competition, was a contestant at the regional level. Doan traveled to Annapolis, Maryland in March 2017 to represent TCU. It was the first time we have been represented at the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools meeting.

In January 2017, International Studies brought Ambassador Mary Ann Peters, CEO of the Carter Foundation, to campus as the Frost Foundation speaker. Peters interacted with graduate students, undergraduate students, and faculty during the day, sharing information about the outlook for international cooperation especially related to education and health.

In 2015-2016, Dr. Babette Bohn was selected to receive WGST Faculty Research Award. She conducted a workshop and gave a lecture during her award year based on her work regarding women arts in early modern Italy. Based in part on this project, she has been awarded a full year’s senior fellowship at CASVA (Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts, the research institute at the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C.) for 2017-18. We are extremely proud of our WGST affiliated faculty member!

The Intensive English Program at TCU is a major support for campus diversity. TCU constituents’ hosted exchange students, world class musicians, a three-time Olympian, a record-holding TCU athlete, a university president and provost, physicians and nurses, and many more from all over the world - in our Honors College.