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TEXAS WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION E-NEWSLETTER

2015 Texas Women in Higher Education Conference

Save The Date: March 29-31, 2015
Registration will be available in October.

Be sure to plan to attend the Texas Women in Higher Education annual conference in beautiful Galveston, Texas at the historic [Hotel Galvez](#)



The conference will focus on leadership, higher education policy, and gender and work-life balance at every stage of career and personal development.



Conference participants will be exposed to a plethora of networking opportunities while revitalizing, recharging and rejuvenating. This is a chance to get swept up in Galveston's rich [history](#), breathe in the salt air, experience a special event hosted at [Moody Mansion](#) and build professional and personal capacity.

Galveston College, Texas A&M University at Galveston and The University of Texas Medical Branch are working together with the TWHE Board to bring you an excellent lineup of speakers and an opportunity to network with women employed at colleges and universities across the state

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For information on TWHE, see <http://www.twhe.org/>

If you have an article or suggestion that you would like to submit to the TWHE Newsletter, please email: [Nancy KingSanders](#).

Chair's Welcome

Hanging Out with Women Who Jump Right In

Whether this is your first encounter or you are a long-time conference participant, welcome to Texas Women in Higher Education and the American Council on Education (ACE) Women's Network for Texas.

Over the summer I had the opportunity to spend a day with the TWHE Board planning our year, setting goals for our future, and strategizing processes to move TWHE to the next level of excellence in leadership and professional development for women in Texas. I have been involved in TWHE for several years, gaining experience and leadership slowly and deliberately, just the way I like to move through life. You see, I've always been the one to get into the water one toe at a time, sampling and evaluating with each inch of wet; deciding what to immerse next and how I feel about it. I tend to try out (a lot) before committing.

Thankfully, TWHE founding mothers and members of our Board do not share this trait! At last month's meeting and throughout the summer I have asked women all across the state to provide leadership and commitment to TWHE. Each one, without hesitation, accepted my request. I repeatedly heard "sure, I can do that," "well, that would be new for me, how exciting!" and "I'd love to try to get that done." I found their willingness to serve both amazing and inspiring.

Since our retreat in June, I've come to realize that as women in higher education in Texas, we don't have time to sit around and think too much about our needs and opportunities. Instead, we need to get involved, find out, and speak up. As members of the TWHE Board reminded me, in order to make a splash, we need to jump right into the water!

Over the next year TWHE will be dedicated to offering women across Texas opportunities to develop the skills needed to reach leadership positions and enhance leadership skills. Through Institutional Representatives, Regional Meetings and our annual conference, we'll offer programs that identify, develop, encourage, link, and support women in higher education careers. We are beyond trying this out – we are going to jump right in and get it done!

[Kristin Harper](#), Executive Director for Undergraduate Studies, Texas A&M University



**Texas Women in Higher Education ...
TWHE is the American Council on Education (ACE)
Women's Network state organization for Texas**



Am I a member of TWHE?

The clear answer is yes! By virtue of expressing your interest in TWHE, through participating in the annual conference or providing us with your email address, you are considered a member. TWHE does not charge membership dues. The organization is supported through the successful operation of the annual conference and the sponsorships and donations received in conjunction with the conference. Individuals interested in joining TWHE may visit the website: www.twhe.org

Check out TWHE "Friends"

For the latest news and information on TWHE and other topics related to women's leadership, "LIKE" us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TexasWomenInHigherEducation?ref=ts&fref=ts>

Texas Women in Higher Education (TWHE) Institutional Representatives (IRs): Making a Difference

Every institution of higher education in Texas has the opportunity to designate an Institutional Representative (IR) to keep women administrators on her respective campus up to date with information from the state and national organizations and to create local opportunities of interest with women on her campus. At this time, there are 108 IRs through the state of Texas representing two- and four year, private and public institutions of higher education. IRs are undertaking many wonderful and creative ways to connect, empower, and support women in higher education. The IR team is dedicated to expanding the number of institutional representatives from two-year and private institutions of higher education. Additionally, the team gathers, shares, and promotes local and regional events and activities conducted by the Institutional Representatives that support the advancement of women in higher education at their institutions and in their regions. We welcome your ideas and suggestions of women leaders on the numerous campuses that are not affiliated with Texas Women in Higher Education. To find out how to connect with your institution's IR or to get involved as an IR, contact one of the following members of the IR team:

[Dani Day](#), Associate Vice President for Teaching and Learning, Collin College

[Jean Keller](#), Vice President for Community Engagement, University of North Texas, IR Chair

[Cissy Matthews](#), Vice President of Instruction, Galveston College

[Renee McDonald](#), Professor and Associate Dean of Research, Southern Methodist University



Articles of Note about Women in Higher Education

[TWU briefs](#)

(Denton Record-Chronicle © 05/08/2014)

TWU administrator receives regional award Jennifer Martin, senior associate provost at Texas Woman's University, received the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Graduate Education from the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools, a peer-nominated award. Martin previously served as the dean of the TWU Graduate School, and her successor Larry DeFlore nominated her for the award.

[Grating Expectations](#)

(Inside Higher Ed © 04/24/2014)

By Ry Rivard A new study examines some of the problems faced by female college administrators and details their feelings that women face more scrutiny and different expectations than men. Thirty-five female college leaders, including 15 presidents and chancellors, told their stories to researchers from the the Center for Creative Leadership, the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and...

[Julia Garcia to Be Honored by the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute](#)

(Women in Academia Report © 07/02/2014)

Juliet V. Garcia, president of the University of Texas at Brownsville, has been selected to receive The Chair's Medallion Award from the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute. She will be honored at the group's 37th annual awards gala in Washington on October 2. President Garcia is being honored for her leadership and service to the Latino community. Dr. Garcia has served as the university's...

[ACE Fellows Program Creating Pipeline to Presidency for Women, Minorities](#)

(Diverse Issues in Higher Education © 07/20/2014)

At 37 years old, Dr. Joseph L. Jones has accomplished more than some seasoned college educators twice his age. As the founding director of the Social Justice Initiative (SJI) at Philander-Smith College, the Black political scientist, whose groundbreaking research focuses on the intersection of race, gender and politics, currently oversees service learning programs and other initiatives aimed at...

[Stuart to be in Texas Woman's Hall of Fame](#)

(Denton Record-Chronicle © 05/06/2014)

Ann Stuart, the outgoing president and chancellor of Texas Woman's University, will be inducted into the Texas Woman's Hall of Fame today alongside eight other Texas women, including first lady Anita Perry. The ceremony will be conducted in the Texas Capitol's Senate Chamber, where Gov. Rick Perry will serve as host. Stuart and the other inductees will later be added to the permanent Texas Women'...

[UT History: Women and the University](#)

(University Texas Daily Texan © 06/13/2014) By Dan Resler In our new series, The Daily Texan will be tackling several aspects of UT's long history. In this episode of UT History we cover women students at The University of Texas from its founding until today....

[UTSA Women's Professional Advancement and Synergy Academy presents program](#)

(University of Texas at San Antonio © 07/15/2014)

(July 14, 2014) -- The UTSA Women's Professional Advancement and Synergy Academy (WPASA) recently presented its second program with 24 women staff and faculty representing each of the vice presidential areas and the president's office. The academy began with a keynote delivered by Gage Paine, vice president for student affairs at UT Austin, who was introduced by Marjie French, UTSA vice president ...



Promotions and Hires for Women in Higher Education

[UTB president looks on to new role as director of UT Institute of the Americas](#)

(Brownsville Herald © 06/02/2014)

For 22 years, Juliet V. Garcia has served as president of the University of Texas at Brownsville. On Sept 1, she will begin a new chapter of her career as executive director of the UT Institute of the Americas. Garcia has been with the university since 1991. In her time at UTB she became the first Hispanic women to lead a college or university in the United States..

[Prairie View A&M names Nave provost, senior vice president](#)

(Prairie View A&M News © 57/12/2014)

Prairie View A&M University officials recently named Felecia McInnis Nave as the provost and senior vice president. Texas A&M System officials, however, must still approve the appointment of Nave before she assumes her new duties. Previously a professor of chemical engineering at Prairie View...

[UTMB names new chief business and finance officer](#)

(Friendswood Journal © 08/15/2014)

GALVESTON — Cheryl A. Sadro will join the University of Texas Medical Branch community as executive vice president and chief business and finance officer, effective Oct. 13. She previously had been a senior executive with a health care system in Tennessee. Sadro, a certified public accountant

[Thompson chosen associate vice president at UH-Clear Lake](#)

(newsroom.uhcl.edu/news/uhcl-welcomes-new-advancement-associate-vice-president © 05/30/2014)

University of Houston Director of Foundation Relations Rhonda Thompson has been selected as the new associate vice president for university advancement at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Thompson's career includes 15 years of management, fundraising and organizational development in higher education and with nonprofits and health organizations.

[SMU Law Dean Jennifer Collins On Moving The Needle](#)

(KERA (PBS) 13 - Dallas © 07/18/2014)

Jennifer Collins is the first permanent female dean in the history of the Dedman School of Law. Krystina Martinez KERA News There's a new face leading the top law school in North Texas for the first time in nearly two decades. Jennifer Collins becomes the first female dean of SMU's Dedman School of Law ...

[Sherry Yennello-TAMU and Tommye Lou Davis-Baylor Univ](#)

(Women in Academia Report © 07/17/2014)

Sherry J. Yennello, Regents Professor of Chemistry at Texas A&M University, was appointed director of the Cyclotron Institute, which conducts research in nuclear physics and chemistry as well as radiation testing. The institute is supported with grants from the U.S. Department of Energy. Dr. Yennello joined the faculty at Texas A&M University in 1993. She earned a Ph.D. from Indiana University...

[Anita Hufft named dean of TWU's College of Nursing](#)

(TWU News Press Releases © 07/25/2014)

Hufft chosen as new dean of TWU's College of Nursing A new dean of the Texas Woman's University (TWU) College of Nursing is a TWU alumna. Dr. Anita Hufft, will serve as dean of the College of Nursing for the university's Denton, Dallas and Houston campuses. She is a former dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences for Valdosta State University in Georgia.

[Caroline Levander is the new vice president for digital education](#)

(Women in Academia Report © 07/02/2014)

Caroline Levander is the new vice president for digital education and interdisciplinary initiatives at Rice University in Houston, Texas. She had been serving as vice provost for interdisciplinary initiatives and digital education and holds the Carlson Chair in Humanities. She joined the faculty at Rice in 2000 and was promoted to full professor of English in 2006.



[LSC-PA has new president](#)

(Beaumont KFDM (CBS) 6 © 06/19/2014)

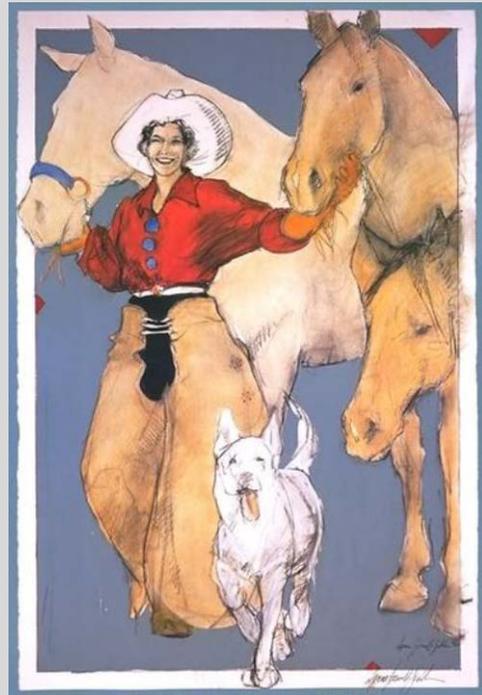
Lamar State College-Port Arthur has a new president: Dr. Betty Renard. The Texas State University board of regents confirmed it Wednesday. Reynard is currently the vice president for academic affairs at Lamar Institute of Technology. She began her career as a faculty member at Lamar in 1979. Reynard was the sole finalist for the job and she take over as president on September 1..

TWHE 2014 Conference Overview

Building Bonds, Blazing Trails

Building Bonds, Blazing Trails was the perfect theme for the 2014 conference held on the beautiful campus of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. 176 women, representing all sectors of higher education, joined together to engage in networking, learn from state and national leaders, and find common interests and themes from which to build bonds and blaze new trails. Many thanks and congratulations to TCU's own Mary Martin Patton, Dean of the College of Education and Associate professor, and her team, for a great conference. For more information, the entire conference program is available.

[2014 Conference Program](#)



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