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# News Release

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## **Texas Tech Names New Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education**

Juan Sanchez Munoz has been named vice provost for undergraduate education at Texas Tech University.

Munoz, who is also vice president of institutional diversity, equity and community engagement, will oversee the areas of academic advising and retention and community college and transfer relations.

“Dr. Munoz is well suited to this new position because of his academic expertise and his knowledge of the state’s Closing the Gaps initiative,” said Bob Smith, Texas Tech provost. “Juan’s leadership will allow us to directly address our strategic goals for strengthening undergraduate education and improving retention.”

” It is indeed an honor and a privilege to serve in this new role, and I look forward to working with new units and colleagues to further student access and success while at Texas Tech University, ” said Munoz.

Munoz joined Texas Tech in 2004. He was appointed vice president of institutional diversity, equity and community engagement in February 2009. Previously he served as special assistant to the president for institutional diversity and associate vice provost for faculty affairs. As an associate professor in the Department of Curriculum & Instruction, he also served as director of the Center for Research in Leadership and Education and Program Coordinator for Bilingual Education and Diversity Studies in the College of Education. Munoz earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara, a master’s degree from California State University, Los Angeles and his doctoral degree from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Munoz was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to serve on the board of directors for the Texas Department of Housing and Community. As a representative of Texas Tech University, Munoz is a current and founding member of the Board of Directors, National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education, he serves on the Association of Public and Land Grant University’s Commission on Access, Diversity and Excellence. He is a director in the Texas Lyceum, a highly selective leadership organization that brings together diverse opinions and expertise to focus on critical state issues. His academic work on alternative education has appeared at the annual conferences of the American Educational Research Association and the American Educational Studies Association. He is the author of book chapters, academic articles and more than 30 conference papers.



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## **Texas Tech University to Participate in Gulf Project**

Texas Tech University will join several other state universities in a collaborative and intensive research effort to help prevent deep sea drilling accidents and better prepare the state for future environmental and economic disasters, announced today (July 6) by Texas Gov. Rick Perry at the Johnson Space Center in Clearlake, Texas.

“Texas Tech appreciates the governor’s foresight with establishing this collaborative effort,” said Kent Hance, Texas Tech University System Chancellor. “We appreciate the opportunity for Texas Tech to participate.”

The Gulf Project is a coalition of energy and environmental scientists, policy experts, academic researchers, private sector research scientists and state officials. In addition to Texas Tech, the University of Texas, Texas A&M University, the University of Houston, Rice University and Southern Methodist University will participate. The Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America (RPSEA), the Texas General Land Office and the Texas Railroad Commission also are participating in the effort.

At Texas Tech University, more than 25 scientists have dedicated themselves to understanding the science of the oil spill from an ecotoxicological standpoint. Researchers are studying the environmental chemistry of the oil and testing to discover the oil’s impact on Gulf wildlife. Other researchers are determining the oil’s impact on bottlenose dolphins as well as endangered sea turtles and sperm whales, and have discovered a remediation system using nonwoven cotton for absorbing the oil.

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## **Kids Triathlon Set at Texas Tech**

WHO: Texas Tech Recreational Sports

WHAT: Fit4Fun Kids Triathlon

WHEN: 7:30 a.m. July 17

WHERE: Texas Tech Student Recreation Center and leisure pool, Main Street just east of Indiana Ave.

EVENT: The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fit4Fun Kids Triathlon has two age groups, 7-10 years and 11-14 years. The 7-10 age group features a 100-yard swim, 2.5 mile-cycle and one-mile run. The 11-14 age group will participate in a 200-yard swim, 3.75-mile cycle and 1.5-mile run.

The last chance to register is from 4-8 p.m. July 16 in the North entrance of the Student Recreation Center. Registration can be done up until July 16 in person at the Texas Tech Recreation Center, or download the registration form at [www.recsports.ttu.edu](http://www.recsports.ttu.edu) and click on youth activities.

Entry fee is \$15 for the first child in a family and \$10 for each additional child in the family. There is a \$5 late fee after July 12.

For more information go to [www.recsports.ttu.edu](http://www.recsports.ttu.edu) and click on youth activities.

The event is sponsored by Texas Tech Recreational Sports, Body Mind Initiative and Covenant Health System.

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**Texas Tech Hosts Bigger Back to School Fiesta at United Spirit Arena**

Texas Tech University will host the Back to School Fiesta from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday (July 31) at the United Spirit Arena on 18th Street and Flint Avenue.

The free community event celebrates its 10th year with a larger venue and added activities, including an outdoor carnival complete with a bounce house, obstacle course and putt-putt.

Participants will receive free book bags filled with school supplies for students. Other activities include a community fair featuring South Plains organizations, a health fair, guest speakers, college workshops in English and Spanish, free food, entertainment and a chance to win prizes.

Community partners include: the Texas Tech Office of the President, Sam's Club, Workforce Solutions South Plains, Sonic Drive-in, Wal-Mart, Texas Tech Student Government Association, AimBank and Vista Bank. The event is organized by the Office of Community Engagement within the Texas Tech Division of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement.

Visit the website for more information:

[www.depts.ttu.edu/diversity/communityengagement/btsf.php](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/diversity/communityengagement/btsf.php)

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**Texas Tech Honored with Presidential Service Award**

University Student Housing at Texas Tech University was honored with the Presidential Service Award at the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International (ACUHO-I) Annual Conference and Exhibition in Austin.

Twelve members from the department attended the event. Members presented programs, won awards and assisted with the logistics of the conference. The banquet and ceremony was hosted June 26-29.

Members also received the ACUHO-I award for exceptional support and consistent outstanding service to the association.

“We were chosen by outgoing ACUHO-I President Michael Schultz to receive this distinguished honor and award,” said D’aun Green, senior associate managing director at University Student Housing. “It was quite a surprise for those of us at the conference.”

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**Texas Tech University Attorney Dicky Grigg's Response to Leach Lawyer**

This is another desperate attempt by Leach's lawyer to use a situation completely irrelevant to his case to deflect attention from his own client's poor decisions. What we all know from the last several months is the simple fact that the filing of a lawsuit does not mean a case has any merit. Coach Tuberville has worked with Arnold (Gamber) for a number of years and has the highest level of confidence that the well-being of student-athletes is Arnold's top priority. That, in addition to Texas Tech's discussions with people that have worked with Arnold, including the Auburn team physician, leave no doubt that he is an outstanding addition to the Texas Tech Football program.

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### **Midland Reception Honors Philanthropists**

The memory and philanthropy of Foy and Hahl Proctor will be honored at a reception from 4:30-6 p.m. Monday (July 12) in the Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 W. Wall St.

The Proctors' generosity has provided scholarships and professorships for Texas Tech University and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center for more than 20 years.

"We are very grateful to Foy Proctor and his family for their tremendous contribution to Texas Tech University," said Kent Hance, chancellor of the Texas Tech University System. "Their generosity has greatly impacted generations of students for 20 years now and continues to enhance the quality of education at the university through endowments, fellowships and scholarships."

The Proctors established several major ranching operations. The ranch north of Amarillo was bequeathed to Texas Tech upon his death in 1988. The sale of the property and subsequent matching funds established a \$12 million trust that has provided funding for eight of Texas Tech's colleges, the Law School, the Graduate School and students at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Medicine. The trust has been the source of graduate fellowships, scholarships of various types and professorships.

"The Proctors realized that by including Texas Tech in their estate that they could have an impact on the lives of Texas Tech students for years to come," said Kelly Overley, vice chancellor of institutional advancement for the Texas Tech University System.

Proctor received the Golden Spur Award from the National Ranching Heritage Center at Texas Tech in 1984. He was a member of the board of governors of the Midland Memorial Hospital and served on the Midland City Council. He was president of the Citizens Savings and Loan Association and was a director of the Midland National Bank and of the First National Bank of Midland.

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### **Texas Tech Law Negotiation Team Claims International Championship**

A Texas Tech University School of Law student negotiation team has won the 2010 International Negotiation Competition, held on the Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia.

This is the second time that the school's team has won the event. In 2005, the team won the title in Ireland. The competition began in 1998 and has been hosted in eight different countries.

The team consists of third-year law students Allyson Bazan of Lubbock and Michael Martinez of Brownfield, and is coached by Nancy Soonpaa, Legal Practice program director, and Wendy Humphrey, assistant professor of Legal Practice.

Bazan and Martinez were invited to the international competition in June after placing second in February in the national competition.

"This is wonderful recognition of our talented negotiators and their dedicated coaches," said Susan Saab Fortney, interim dean of the School of Law. "The international championship is yet another jewel in an exceptional year of successes in advocacy and lawyer skill competitions. Texas Tech Law School has a top-ranked program, thanks to our students, their coaches and faculty."

The international competition, which develops negotiation skills in the context of international transactions and disputes, included 16 teams from all over the world. Each team was invited based on its performance in a national or a combined multi-nation competition. Nations represented at the competition were from North America, Europe, Asia and the South Pacific. Bazan and Martinez negotiated directly against teams from Japan, Australia and Northern Ireland.

This year's negotiation was focused on a fictional wildlife preserve called Tamazon, based on the Gold Coast's Currumbin Wildlife Preserve, which the participating teams had the opportunity to visit prior to the competition. Each round of competition was judged by a multi-national panel of professors, attorneys, solicitors and barristers.

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### Texas Tech Research Farm Hosts Turfgrass Field Day

New postemergence turfgrass herbicides, evaluation of a salt-resistant fairway turf and spring dead spot control in bermudagrass are some of the topics in the spotlight Aug. 9 during Texas Tech University's Turfgrass Field Day at the university's Quaker Research Farm.

"We're committed to providing the highest standard of excellence in education, research and engagement with current and emerging plant and soil science issues," said Gerald Henry, field day chairman and an assistant professor with Texas Tech's Department of Plant and Soil Sciences.

Registration for the half-day program at 200 N. Quaker Ave. begins at 8 a.m.; the presentations begin about an hour later. The event is sponsored by Texas Tech, Texas Turfgrass Association, C&M Golf and Grounds, ProChem, Anderson's, Monsanto, QualiPro, Bayer CropScience, Estes Chemical, Syngenta and Nufarm.

Among the morning highlights are presentations featuring:

- Preemergence crabgrass and goosegrass control
- Spring dead spot control in bermudagrass
- Importance of spray application techniques in preemergence herbicide efficacy
- New postemergence turfgrass herbicides
- Ecology and control of khakiweed in bermudagrass
- Turf establishment with various soil amendments
- Evaluation of seashore paspalum as a fairway turf in West Texas
- Bermudagrass control in bentgrass putting greens
- Herbicide options for establishment of newly-seeded bermudagrass
- Response of new centipedegrass genotypes to high soil pH
- Effect of roundup applications on partially greened-up bermudagrass

Henry noted that the pre-registration deadline is July 23. The program's cost is \$35 for turfgrass professionals. Participants can earn Texas Pesticide Certification hours (2.5 general, and 0.5 IPM) or Golf Course Superintendents Association of America credit hours (0.5 education). Onsite registration will be an additional \$5. There is no cost to Texas Tech faculty and students and AgriLife Extension personnel.

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### **Texas Tech Hosts Astronaut, Former Regent to Kick off Engineering Camp**

**WHAT:** Media Day for ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp

**WHEN:** 8:45 a.m. – 11 a.m. Tuesday (July 20)  
11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch; Harris will speak  
\*Best visuals between 10 – 11 a.m.

**WHERE:** College of Education, Room 001 (basement) for raft building; Merket Alumni Center for lunch

**EVENT:** Local and area middle school students are abandoning typical summer activities to dive into a two-week math and science camp. The ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp gives students the opportunity to get ahead in math and science, meet inspiring role models and experience college life.

Campers will participate in “Escape from Harris Island,” where they will build rafts from limited supplies and face off to test their newly acquired engineering skills. They also will participate in highly interactive demonstrations, learn about engineering and other science careers with ExxonMobil engineers and scientists and hear from camp founder Bernard Harris, the first African American to walk in space, a former Texas Tech University System regent and a TTU Health Sciences Center graduate.

Studies show that the U.S. is facing a critical shortage of engineers, scientists and other technically trained workers. To help address this crisis, Harris and ExxonMobil are providing 30 free two-week summer camps across the country that offer innovative math and science programs to encourage middle school students to stay in school, develop their knowledge and foster their interest in engineering.

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**Texas Tech Engineering Hosts 18 Solar-Powered Cars Stop in Lubbock**  
Cars are designed and built by high school students from across the nation.

WHAT: Hunt-Winston School Solar Car Challenge

WHEN: 1 p.m. Monday (July 19)

WHERE: Jones AT&T Stadium Parking Lot (west side)

EVENT: The Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering hosts a stop for the 2010 Hunt-Winston School Solar Car Challenge. The challenge is a cross-country solar car race for high school students, featuring 18 solar cars and their teams, which will stop in Lubbock as they race from Dallas to Boulder, Colo. The cars will be on display until 2 p.m.

Each solar car will arrive on a truck/trailer, lead vehicle, chase vehicle and van of team members. This will be an approximate total of 90 vehicles and 216 individuals (students, advisors, etc) arriving on campus.

The Hunt-Winston School Solar Car Challenge was established in 1993 to help motivate students in science and engineering, and to increase alternative energy awareness. The challenge, a part of The Winston School Solar Science Academy, teaches high school students around the world how to build roadworthy solar cars.

For more information, visit the [Hunt-Winston School Solar Car Challenge website](#).

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### **Texas Tech Researcher on NRC Report: Emission Choices Made Now Can Lock in Climate Changes for Centuries to Millennia**

When it comes to our planet's health, a group including a Texas Tech University climate researcher has devised a list of advice and recommendations for possible outcomes to consider when deciding about future emissions targets.

Choices made now about carbon dioxide emissions reductions will affect climate change and its impacts over the next few decades and in coming centuries and millennia, said Katharine Hayhoe, who contributed to a new report from the National Research Council.

The report is titled *Climate Stabilization Targets: Emissions, Concentrations, and Impacts Over Decades to Millennia*.

"Many of us have had the experience of going to the doctor and receiving advice on how to improve our health," Hayhoe said. "Then, it's up to us to decide how much we are willing to change. In a similar way, this report presents the probabilities of certain impacts at different levels of global temperature increase. But we, the scientists, can't make the decisions of how much risk is acceptable. That's a political decision. Rather, we're trying to give policymakers the information they need to make these decisions."

The researchers, led by Susan Solomon of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, sought to quantify the relationships between atmospheric carbon dioxide and warming levels, and between warming levels and future impacts. The report estimates changes in precipitation, stream flow, wildfires, crop yields and sea level rise that can be expected with different degrees of warming.

Specific examples of impacts per 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit of global warming include rainfall decreases of 5 to 10 percent in southwest North America, the Mediterranean, and southern Africa; stream flow decreases of 5 to 10 percent in some river basins, including the Arkansas River and Rio Grande; and yield decreases of 5 to 15 percent in certain crops, including U.S. and African corn, and Indian wheat.

In addition, warming of 1.8 F to 3.6 F could increase area burned by wildfire in parts of western North America by two to four times per degree, the report says. Warming of 5.4 F would put many millions more people at risk of coastal flooding and lead to the loss of about 155,000 square miles of wetlands and land area.

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Warming of 7.2 F would lead to far warmer summers; about nine out of 10 summers would be warmer than the warmest ever experienced during the last decades of the 20th century over nearly all land areas.

This report also estimates the average temperature increases that would be likely if carbon dioxide was stabilized in the atmosphere at various target levels. Currently, the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is about 390 parts per million – the highest level in at least 800,000 years. Depending on emissions rates, that level could double or nearly triple by the end of the century, greatly amplifying future human impacts on climate, the report says.

Stabilizing atmospheric carbon dioxide will require deep emissions cuts. Emissions reductions of at least 80 percent relative to whatever peak global emissions rate may be reached would be required to stabilize carbon dioxide concentrations for a century or so at any chosen target level.

However, the report does not recommend any particular stabilization target. Instead, it notes that choosing among different targets is a policy choice because of questions of values regarding how much risk or damage to people or to nature might be considered too much.

The report is sponsored by the Energy Foundation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine and National Research Council make up the National Academies.

Copies of the report are available from the National Academies Press. Call 1-800-624-6242 or e-mail [news@nas.edu](mailto:news@nas.edu) to obtain a copy from the Office of News and Public Information.

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### **Researcher Receives NIH Grant to Improve Accuracy of Child Testimony**

A Texas Tech University researcher received \$311,000 from the National Institutes of Health to investigate the effects of an interview technique to make children more resistant to suggestive questions in the courtroom.

Sarah Kulkofsky, an assistant professor in Texas Tech's Department of Human Development and Family Studies, has found in past research that children who produce longer and more elaborate explanations of an event are less vulnerable to leading questions.

"Although there is an abundance of research showing that the use of suggestive questions can negatively impact the accuracy of children's statements, many forensic interviewers still use these questions, even when they have undergone rigorous training or are using scripted interview protocols," she said. "Thus, there is a critical need to develop methods to inoculate young children from the negative effects of suggestive questions."

Kulkofsky presented her findings in October at the biennial conference of the Cognitive Development Society for an interview procedure that relies on open-ended questions to jog a child's memory.

The current project will further investigate the effects of that technique using three- and four-year old children recruited from childcare programs serving low-income families.

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### **Susan Polgar Named Ambassador of Norway's 2014 Chess Olympiad Bid**

The director of Texas Tech University's Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence and coach of Texas Tech's Knight Raiders chess team signed on as an official ambassador for Norway's bid for the 41<sup>st</sup> Chess Olympiad to be held in 2014.

Susan Polgar joins the world's top-rated chess player, Norwegian Grandmaster Magnus Carlsen, and reigning World Chess Federation (FIDE) women's Chess World Champion, Alexandra Kosteniuk, to bring the chess world's largest event to Tromsø.

"I can announce with great pride that the chess ambassador program for the Tromsø bid now also includes Grandmaster Susan Polgar," said Jøran Aulin-Jansson, vice chairman of the board for Tromsø 2014 and Norwegian Chess Federation President. "A journalist, organizer and promoter of the game, as well as a famous player, Susan brings an impressive range of experience to the team."

Organizers noted Polgar's career credentials, which include winning four Women's World Championships and earning 10 overall medals as a five-time Women's Olympic Champion. Polgar has never lost a game in a Chess Olympiad, they said, and still holds a record 56-game scoring streak on board 1. Susan was the first woman to earn the men's Grandmaster title in regular competition.

In addition to being an award-winning chess journalist, the Hungarian-American Grandmaster is founder of the Susan Polgar Foundation, a non-profit corporation supported by charitable donations that aims to promote chess and its educational benefits throughout the United States for young people – especially girls.

"It is a great honor to have the most famous female chess player and personality in the world as part of our team and we are looking forward to developing this cooperation into a successful partnership for the 2014 Chess Olympiad," said Morten Sand, international advisor for Tromsø 2014.

Polgar said she looks forward to the task of bringing the Chess Olympiad to Norway.

"I have visited Tromsø and can personally say Tromsø is a beautiful city, well equipped to be an excellent choice for the Chess Olympiad 2014," Polgar said.

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**Young Minds Hone Math and Science Skills at Texas Tech Camp**

Hands-on activities quench local students' thirst for knowledge this summer.

While many middle school-aged students are spending their summer days at the pool, those participating in the ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp at Texas Tech University are escaping the heat by diving into a two-week adventure in math and science.

Through July 30, campers will delve into relevant topics such as sustainability, energy, clean water and robotics as they learn about exciting career opportunities available to them through science, technology, engineering and math.

Former astronaut Bernard Harris and ExxonMobil have partnered since 2006 to provide the two-week residential camp free of charge to underserved middle school students at 30 college campuses across the country, including Texas Tech.

"ExxonMobil is committed to engaging the next generation of creative minds, thinkers and developers who will keep the United States competitive," said Suzanne McCarron, president of ExxonMobil Foundation. "By partnering with Dr. Harris, we are able to reach talented students and provide them with an experience that could lead them to pursue a career in math, science, engineering or technology."

Campers are taught by university faculty, attend daily classes in natural science, engineering, mathematics and technology, and enjoy activities including classroom study, experiments, individual and team projects, weekly field excursions and inspirational guest speakers. As part of their educational experience, the campers also work side by side with engineers and other professionals who are accomplished in their chosen technology-related careers.

"Texas Tech is honored to host the ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp," said Beccy Hambright, camp director and program manager for Texas Tech's T-STEM Center.

"Not only are we providing these students with two fun-filled weeks on our campus and offering many students the unique opportunity to experience a college campus for the first time, we are investing in our community by encouraging the next generation of innovative problem solvers."

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For more information, visit the ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp website, [www.theharrisfoundation.org](http://www.theharrisfoundation.org)

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### **Faculty From Texas Tech Center Travels to Washington, D.C.**

A faculty member from Texas Tech University's Virginia Murray Sowell Center in the College of Education prepares for a trip to Capitol Hill for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Amy Parker, research assistant at the Virginia Murray Sowell Center and members of Deaf-Blind Young Adults in Action will celebrate on the White House lawn on July 26.

"We are honored to attend this momentous commemoration of a law that affected the lives of millions of Americans by offering increased access to community, employment and transportation as a civil right," Parker said.

Earlier this summer, Parker and her students traveled to Washington, D.C. for a unique five-day program. Young adults who are deaf-blind participated in an advocacy and leadership course. Partnering with the Helen Keller National Center, Parker was involved in teaching, mentoring and research with 12 young adults from across the nation.

Participants also had the opportunity to meet prominent representatives from the U.S. Office of Special Education Programs and the Federal Communications Commission.

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**Texas Tech President Named to NCAA Board of Directors**

Guy Bailey, Texas Tech University president, has been appointed to represent the Big 12 Conference on the NCAA Division I Board of Directors. Bailey replaces University of Nebraska Chancellor Harvey Perlman.

“I am honored that my colleagues chose me to represent the conference on the NCAA board,” said Bailey. “I’m also proud to represent Texas Tech University in this prestigious position. I am looking forward to serving with the other board members.”

The board is the division’s principal leadership body, establishes general policy for the NCAA and has the final vote on measures affecting the membership. The board comprises presidents and chancellors from 18 conferences.

“This appointment is reflective of the strong leadership we have at Texas Tech University,” said Gerald Myers, Texas Tech director of athletics. “The NCAA Division I Board of Directors is the most powerful group within the NCAA structure and Dr. Bailey is a strong choice to represent the Big 12 Conference.”

Bailey is the fifteenth president at Texas Tech and has served the university in that role since August 2008. Bailey came to the university from University of Missouri, Kansas City, where he was president from 2006-08.

Among other duties, the board oversees the Infractions Committee and the Committee on Academic Performance.

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**Governor to Announce ETF Award to Texas Tech**

- WHAT: Emerging Technology Fund award announcement
- WHEN: 2 p.m. Monday (July 26)
- WHERE: McKenzie Ballroom of the Merket Alumni Center
- EVENT: Gov. Rick Perry will be on campus to announce funding to Texas Tech University.

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### **Gov. Perry Announces \$8.4 Million Award to Create Renewable Energy Institute Texas Tech takes the lead in solving challenges in wind power industry**

Texas Tech University and the National Institute for Renewable Energy (NIRE), a non-profit, public/private collaboration, will receive \$8.4 million from the Texas Emerging Technology Fund (TETF) allowing them to help resolve key scientific and technology issues facing the wind power industry.

The announcement came today (July 26) from Gov. Rick Perry, the Texas Tech University System, the Innovate Texas Foundation and The Wind Alliance.

“Texas is home to some of the brightest minds in the energy business, both in the private sector and at our world-class universities, like Texas Tech,” Gov. Perry said. “This TETF investment will ensure that Texas can continue to add wind capacity and prepare to connect wind farms to the grid and our major cities, helping address the growing energy needs of a population that is expanding by about 1,000 people per day.”

Texas Tech and its wind research organizations will receive \$6.4 million of the award.

“We are thrilled to receive this Texas Emerging Technology Fund grant,” Texas Tech University System Chancellor Kent Hance said. “Texas Tech is nationally recognized as a leader in wind-energy research. As our country moves toward energy independence, Texas Tech will continue to create innovative solutions and make advancements in all areas of the power generation sector. Because of the Texas Emerging Technology Fund, consumers will benefit more quickly from the ever expanding investments in wind power generation technologies.”

Wind power will fuel more than high-paying jobs by providing incremental power production and expanding rural community and school district tax receipts. When combined with other forms of energy, wind power expands energy independence and extends Texas’ global energy leadership.

NIRE will receive \$2 million in support of its plans to design, construct and operate research wind farms, selling the power generated in the commercial marketplace to fund a non-profit research center. NIRE also will provide services to industry partners and offer an industry consortium, which will be managed by The Wind Alliance.

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National organizations supporting NIRE include the American Wind Energy Association, The Wind Alliance and The Wind Coalition. They will be joined by as many as 30 private-sector firms with large investments in renewable energy projects.

Organizational planning support for the initiative was provided by Innovate Texas Foundation, a non-profit institution that serves as a catalyst for collaboration and transactions among universities, industry, investors and government enabling them to engage with the global economy more efficiently and effectively.

Two significant private-sector NIRE partners include Vestas Wind Systems, a leader in the wind sector with more than 40,000 turbines deployed worldwide, and Alstom Power Inc., a global leader in power generation.

“Vestas congratulates Texas Tech University for receiving support from the Texas Emerging Technology Fund,” said Carsten Hein Westergaard, director of global technology for Vestas. “These funds will go a long way toward furthering public academic research in wind energy. Vestas is also committed to supporting Texas Tech in the field of wind energy research, and we look forward to a meaningful collaborative relationship.”

“We are excited about the development of NIRE and appreciate the leadership of Texas Tech University in research and work force development within the wind power sector,” said Philippe Cochet, senior vice president of Alstom wind and hydro business divisions. “We view our collaboration with NIRE and Texas Tech as another key step in our commitment to work with R&D leaders in the wind industry as we enter the North American market.”

The National Wind Resource Center (NWRC), established by Texas Tech University, will serve as the research center with support from many of the nation’s leading research universities, each utilizing its unique areas of expertise within the renewable energy sector. The consortium also includes several nationally recognized workforce development leaders. Additional information about the research center will be announced within the coming month.

Initial plans for the Texas Tech-led coalition and national institute include:

- Facilitating technology development to further decrease the cost of wind energy and other renewable energy sources and to develop and optimize energy storage technologies
- Hiring additional world-class renewable energy scientists at Texas Tech to direct research
- Purchasing mobile equipment to map wind flows and help design more efficient commercial wind farms

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### **Texas Tech Club Celebrates 80 Years**

On a fall evening in 1930, Texas Tech University faculty members' wives addressed tea-party invitations with their best pens. The women could not have foreseen the success of the club 80 years later.

Today, more than 200 members participate in the club. It continues to grow considerably, while keeping the same principles and values envisioned by its early members, but allowing women faculty to join the organization.

“Over the years, we have developed various fundraisers that include selling reusable bags, silent auctions, Christmas poinsettia sales and raffles,” said Julie Smith, president of University Women’s Club. “This year, we will create a cookbook to celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.”

Participating in a wide range of activities is a priority for this booming club. Women enjoy raising scholarship funds, hosting various retreats and luncheons, reading literary classics for its book club, participating in charity functions and playing a friendly game of bunko.

Mrs. John Granberry, Mrs. A.W. Evans, Mrs. R.E. Garlin, Mrs. A.B. Cunningham and Mrs. R.C. Goodwin sipped tea while creating the Texas Tech’s University Women’s Club for wives of faculty. The founding women were known by their husbands’ identities, and there is no record of their real names. In the organization today, women are known on a first-name basis.

“Those women in the 1930s had a good plan for the organization’s structure,” Smith said. “Lubbock was their home and they wanted it to be a welcoming place for faculty wives. Women followed their husbands and missed family and friends, so the Women’s Club was a support base for community and friendship.”

The University Women’s Club is a source of friendship for many of its members, Smith said. It allows members to discover creative outlets and develop life-long relationships.

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**Bernard Harris Science Camp Middle Schoolers to Launch Rockets**

**WHAT:** Students attending Texas Tech University's ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp will launch rockets made and designed as a camp activity.

**WHEN:** 6-8 p.m. today (July 26)

**WHERE:** Urbanovsky Park (18<sup>th</sup> Street and Flint Avenue)

**EVENT:** Nearly 50 students entering the 6th, 7th and 8th grades in Lubbock, Crosby, Floyd, Hale, Hockley, Garza, Lamb, Lynn and Terry counties are taking part in the free two-week camp. Texas Tech is one of 30 universities in the nation offering the camp this year.

The camp offers underserved middle school students opportunities to engage in classroom study, experiments, individual and team projects, field excursions and guest speakers.

Studies show that the U.S. is facing a critical shortage of engineers, scientists and other technically trained workers. To help address this crisis, Harris and ExxonMobil are providing camps across the country that offer innovative math and science programs to encourage middle school students to stay in school, develop their knowledge and foster their interest in STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering and math).

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### **Quantifying Sobriety on Campus**

Book discusses strategies for supporting collegiate recovery programs.

The statistics are, well, sobering.

More than 80 percent of college students are drinking. A third of them do drugs, and nearly a quarter of them meet diagnostic criteria for substance abuse or dependence.

Universities from Vanderbilt to the University of Texas at Austin have begun implementing recovery communities on campus to stem a tide that not only wrecks academic careers, but torpedoes retention rates and tuition revenue.

“Substance Abuse Recovery in College,” published by Springer, is the first book to detail collegiate recovery communities and the services they provide.

The book draws largely on data gathered through Texas Tech University’s Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery (CSAR).

CSAR provides peer-based support and academic services for more than 100 students in recovery from drug and alcohol addictions. Students enrolled in the program maintain an average 3.34 GPA, 80 percent graduation rate and only seven percent have suffered relapses.

“Substance Abuse Recovery in College” relates the experiences of these students using information gathered through surveys, focus groups and a study in which students entered thoughts into Palm Pilots at the end of their day.

The book covers other topics, such as strategies for building abstinence support into an academic curriculum and challenges to establishing recovery communities on campus.

Texas Tech has helped replicate its curriculum at schools like the University of Mississippi and Vanderbilt University.

Center officials are helping establish programs at schools such as the University of Connecticut, University of Michigan and the University of Alabama.

Book editors include Kitty Harris, director of the Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery, H. Harrington Cleveland, with the Department of Human Development and

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Family Studies at Pennsylvania State University, and Richard Wiebe, with the Department of Behavioral Sciences at Fitchburg State College.

For more information and to read a sample of the book, visit

<http://www.springer.com/psychology/child+%26+school+psychology/book/978-1-4419-1766-9>

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### **Texas Tech Launches K-5 Distance Learning Program**

Texas Tech University Independent School District (TTUISD) and Calvert Education Services (CES) announced a partnership for the State of Texas, in which students will benefit from a customized world-renowned curriculum.

The modified curriculum offered by TTUISD and CES is for kindergarten-through-5th-grade students.

“The long-standing reputation of TTUISD to provide quality and service will be enhanced through Calvert’s online platform,” said Matt Baker, dean of Texas Tech’s University College. “This innovative partnership will provide world-class online education to Texans and students outside of the state seeking a high-quality online experience through one of the largest state-accredited school district’s in the world.”

Beginning in the fall, selected Texas school districts and open-enrollment charters may provide online learning options to public school students in grades 3-9 through the Texas Education Association’s Electronic Course Program. Those districts may offer the TTUISD/Calvert program.

“TTUISD and Calvert share an educational vision that embraces inspiring the best in each student through supervised instruction, engaging curriculum and successful academic outcomes,” said Brady Locher, CES’s director of partnership development. “We are excited to be able to offer this program in Texas.”

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### **Texas Tech Graduate School Dean Stepping Down**

Officials at Texas Tech University have announced that Fred Hartmeister, dean of Texas Tech University's Graduate School, is stepping down from his position.

Hartmeister's resignation is effective Aug. 31. Following a leave of absence for professional development during the fall semester in 2010, he will return Jan. 1, 2011, to his former position as a professor of education and law in the College of Education.

"It has been my distinct privilege to work with an outstanding and dedicated Graduate School staff that is second to none," Hartmeister said. "I have appreciated working collaboratively with other deans at Texas Tech and outstanding professors, researchers and staff members. Particularly noteworthy has been the opportunity to get to know phenomenal graduate students from across Texas, the nation and around the globe as they complete their studies in one of the more than 185 graduate degree and certification programs offered at Texas Tech.

"I am pleased to have had a role in helping Texas Tech's graduate enrollment grow by nearly 800 students in the past three years while, at the same time, maintaining high standards of academic excellence and integrity."

Provost Bob Smith said he is proud of the work that Hartmeister accomplished since becoming Graduate School dean in August 2007.

"The record shows that Dr. Hartmeister has given three years of dedicated and unselfish service to the Graduate School and the university during his years as dean," Smith said. "On behalf of Texas Tech, I wish to express our gratitude for his efforts to assist the university during a time of unprecedented growth and development. As Dr. Hartmeister transitions to a new role, we wish him every measure of success in his pursuit of integrated teaching, research and service contributions to our students and our institution's continuing movement toward Tier One status."

Hartmeister earned a master's degree in business administration in 1979 from the University of Denver. He received a doctorate in educational administration in 1986 and a law degree in 1990 from the University of Wyoming.

He came to Texas Tech as an assistant professor in 1993 with the primary goal of teaching aspiring school principals and superintendents while engaging in related lines of research.

Throughout his career, he has published more than 300 books, book chapters, refereed journal articles, monthly columns, commentaries and other scholarly articles. In October 1999, he received a \$300,000 Sid W. Richardson Foundation grant to support “Establishing a Preparation Model for the 21st Century Texas School Superintendent.” He earned the Texas Tech President’s Academic Achievement Award in 2007.

Before the search for a new dean begins, Smith said he will discuss with members of the graduate school the plans for naming an interim dean.

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### **Grant Will Purchase Digital Art and Architecture Archive**

The Helen Jones Foundation Inc. awarded a grant of \$45,000 to the Texas Tech University Architecture Library to purchase the Inter-American Institute digital image collection of architecture, art and culture of non-Western origin.

This international collection will assist the University Libraries in instruction, research and study of architecture, art, design, history, landscape architecture and archaeology for the Texas Tech community by improving the coverage of Asian, African and Mesoamerican subjects.

Images are an essential part of architecture and visual arts education, said Melanie Clark, architecture image librarian and grant recipient.

“Professional-quality image collections include coverage that is rarely found on the World Wide Web, such as extensive details, interiors not accessible to the general public, and photographs of archived items such as architectural drawings and other documents relevant to the study of architecture and culture,” she said. “This makes an extensive digital image collection paramount.”

In addition to architecture, the Inter-American Institute collection includes sculpture and other cultural artifacts, which would be broadly applicable to other departments at Texas Tech, Clark said, including the School of Art and the Departments of Design, Landscape Architecture, English, Philosophy and History.

Funds will be used to purchase a permanent license for the Inter-American Institute digital image archive, a collection of 13,000 high-quality digital images of the architecture and culture of Spain, Mexico, Northern Africa, Middle America and Turkey with upcoming additions from Asia and the Middle East. The new image collection should be available in January 2011.

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**Texas Tech Hosts Susan Polgar Girls Invitational**

- WHAT: Susan Polgar Girls Invitational
- WHEN: 1-5 p.m. today (July 29) and 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Friday (July 30)
- WHERE: Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Rotunda
- EVENT: Susan Polgar will host the seventh annual Girls Invitational, which is the most prestigious all-girls chess championship in the U.S.

Thousands of girls compete annually in local, state, regional, national and world events to earn invitations. This year nearly 45 participants from all across the U.S. came to Texas Tech to battle on the chess board. In addition to the championship, competitors will compete for chess prizes and scholarships.

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**After 10 Years, Back to School Fiesta Bigger than Ever**

WHAT: Back to School Fiesta

WHEN: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday (July 31)

WHERE: United Spirit Arena

EVENT: The free community event celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> year in a larger venue with added activities, including an outdoor carnival complete with a bounce house, obstacle course and putt-putt.

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### **Texas Tech, ASU Colleges of Education Collaborate to Train Educators** San Angelo school administrators offered convenience of degree program at home.

School administrators and educators in the San Angelo area will have the opportunity to complete a Texas Tech University doctoral degree program without having to leave San Angelo.

Texas Tech's College of Education is working with Angelo State University's College of Education and College of Graduate Studies to offer a doctor of education in educational leadership degree from Texas Tech completely on the ASU campus.

Interested candidates can apply now through Oct. 15 on the [Texas Tech College of Education website](#) and are invited to an informational session from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 11 in Room 101 of the Carr Fine Arts Building on the ASU campus.

"This collaboration is an outstanding example of how the universities within our system work together to provide accessibility to higher education," said Texas Tech University System Chancellor Kent Hance. "The Texas Tech University System is committed to ensuring every student and working professional has the opportunity to further their education, whether it is in a classroom, through online courses or distance learning."

JoAnn Klinker, associate professor of educational leadership at Texas Tech and doctoral program coordinator, said this is a convenient way for principals and superintendents to continue their education without leaving the San Angelo area.

"Educators can use this degree to stay current on educational issues, learn what's new in educational theory and practice, to seek employment in a position that requires this degree, or just for personal satisfaction. Some will use it to become college professors," Klinker said. "We're excited to offer the opportunity in the San Angelo area."

Klinker is working closely with Charles Ruch, interim dean of Texas Tech's College of Education; John Miazga, dean of the ASU College of Education; Brian May, dean of the ASU College of Graduate Studies and Jim Summerlin, head of ASU's Department of Curriculum & Instruction.

“We are delighted to join with our system partner in offering this opportunity to regional educational leaders to peruse an advanced graduate degree,” Ruch said.

Miazga, Ruch’s counterpart at ASU, said ASU is looking toward a rich relationship among students, faculty, and college to the benefit of both institutions.

“The College of Education at Angelo State University sees collaboration with TTU’s College of Education as a great opportunity for students in the Concho Valley. This is the beginning of many collaborative interactions between the colleges,” Miazga said.

May said that ASU’s primary responsibility is to provide hosting duties.

“Our first official act will be to hold the informational session in September. We want people to come learn about the program, and to meet the Texas Tech faculty and ask questions.”

The program, which is slated to start in January 2011, will consist of a first cohort of 15 student professionals. The basic course structure is two classes each semester followed by work on the dissertation. Participants must be accepted into Texas Tech’s Graduate School and College of Education, and must have experience in education administration to apply for the degree. Required courses will be offered in a combination of face-to-face, online and interactive television options.

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