Catholic Foundation to honor Ursuline head

The Catholic Foundation announced that Sister Margaret Ann Moser, president of Ursuline Academy of Dallas, will be honored with an Award. The award, which recognizes her commitment and service to Catholic education and the Dallas community, will be presented at a Dinner Feb. 10. Visit catholicfoundation.com.

Exchange groups seek area host families

AFS Intercultural Programs each year welcome more than 2,500 international high school students to the U.S. Hosts are asked to provide support and comfort. To host an AFS exchange student, call Erika Dani at 800-876-2377, ext. 2919, or email edani@afs.org.

Share, an international student exchange program, needs parents to host students for the 2011-12 fall semester. Host families are asked to provide a warm and welcoming home for high school boys and girls, who come from more than 20 countries and speak English. Call 800-941-3738 or visit shareouthwest.org.

Academic Year in America seeks families to host exchange students for the 2011-12 school year. Host families receive a $50 weekly stipend. Call Dorothy Brown at 972-846-2631 or email dorothybrown34@aol.com.

ALLEN ISD

Golf tournament is set for next month

The Allen school district transportation department will host its annual Allen Open Golf Tournament at 8 a.m. Sept. 17 at Chas Blvd. The tournament is played in a four-person scramble and costs $85 per player, which includes green fees, cart, range balls, and a $10 registration fee. The tournament proceeds benefit the Foundation for Allen Schools and are given in the name of the Office of the Superintendent. Visit www.allenisd.org for the registration form. Call 972-727-0542.

CARROLLTON-FARMERS BRANCH ISD

Public hearing set for Thursday’s meeting

The Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD board will hold a public hearing from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday during its regular meeting on Thursday at the Administration Building, 1445 N. Perry Road. Visit cfbisd.edu.

COLLIN COUNTY

Junior League giving $35,000 to 4 districts

In honor of its 35th anniversary, the Junior League of Collin County announced a donation of $35,000 to the education foundations of Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD and Frisco ISD. The donation will fund fourth-grade class field trips to the Sci-Tech Discovery Center in Frisco.
FRISCO ISD

Law teacher honored by bar association

Ben Ewald, a teacher at the Career and Technical Education Center in Frisco ISD, was named the 2011 High School Law-Rel: the American Bar Association Convention. He was honored at a luncheon and received $1,500 through the American Lawyers creation of the district’s legal curriculum.

IRVING

Reunion for Class of ’61 set for October

Irving High School Class of ’61 will hold its 50th reunion at 7 p.m. Oct. 22 at the Westin Hotel, 4545 W. Carpenter Freeway in I advance and $75 at the door. A meet and greet will be from 7 to 10 p.m. Oct. 21. Contact Jackie Lane Dale at jackielanedale ( removed for privacy).

LEWISVILLE ISD

GED preparation

classes scheduled

The Lewisville school district will offer GED preparation classes Sept. 13 through Nov. 3. Classes will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Lewisville Learning Center, 1601 S. Edmonds Lane. The fee is $95. Call 469-713-5997 or visit lisd.net/css.

McKINNEY ISD

Webb teacher a finalist in state competition

Six educators have been named finalists in the Texas Teacher of the Year program. Three elementary and three secondary sc 40 regional Teachers of the Year from each of the state’s 20 education service center areas.

The elementary school finalists are:

Karen Morman, reading specialist at J.W. Webb Elementary School, McKinney ISD

Erika Pierson, a first-grade teacher at Live Oak Elementary in Round Rock ISD;

June Shanahan, fifth-grade teacher, Scobee Elementary in San Antonio’s Northside ISD.

The secondary finalists are:

Tracy Pippins, a chemistry and biology teacher at Graham High School in Graham ISD;

Stephanie Stoebe, a reading teacher at Round Rock High School in Round Rock ISD;

Steven Singleton, a biology teacher at Randall High School in Canyon ISD.

Finalists will be in Austin for interviews Sept. 10 before judges. One of the top winners will be selected to be considered for Na winners, as well as all of regional honorees, will celebrate at a luncheon Oct. 14 in Austin.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Foundation receives $20,000 donation

The Grainger Foundation donated $20,000 to the Dallas County Community College Foundation. Half will fund 20 new schola
program students at Brookhaven College. The remaining $10,000 will help fund the North Texas Tech Prep Consortium, an ed students for emerging, technologically advanced careers.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Austin College sets lecture-recital

Austin College will present “A River of Words Song Cycle,” a lecture-recital by baritone Bruce Cain and guitarist David Asbury Hall. The presentation includes a new song by John McGinn, assistant professor of music. Admission is free. The campus is at austincollege.edu.

Northwood University to open new dorm

Northwood University along with the Cedar Hill Chamber will hold a ribbon cutting at noon Thursday to celebrate the opening of the facility. The facility provides housing for 62 students. The university is at 1114 W. F.M. 1382 in Cedar Hill. Visit northwood.edu.

Students receive diocese scholarships

The School of Ministry at the University of Dallas awarded two students from the Diocese of Dallas four-year, full tuition Hispanic Scholarships. The students are Patricia Vasquez of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Dallas and Jose Chavarria of Sacred Heart Parish, which start this fall, are donated by Jerry Sanchez, a student in the School of Ministry Adult Faith Formation program. The School of Ministry also offers one-year, half-tuition waivers for the 2011-12 Spanish Catholic Biblical School to 17 other recommended students. Visit udallascholarships.com.

TWU offers new certificate program

Texas Woman's University is offering a certificate in Science, Society and Sustainability for upper-division undergraduate students. The program requires students to take 15 to 18 hours of approved courses and complete a capstone project on civil engagement to receive the certificate. Visit twu.edu.

UNT features litho prints from Mexico

Lithographic prints from five students at the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico will be on display at the University of North Texas. UNT sent an exhibition of ceramics by students and faculty members to UAEM, one of the largest public universities in Mexico. The exhibit, "Piedra y Espejo/The stone and the mirror," will be open through Friday at the Cora Stafford Gallery in Oak Street Hall. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday to Friday. gallery.unt.edu.

TWU receives grant from state board

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has awarded Texas Woman's University a two-year $300,000 grant for the G-Force program, designed to increase college enrollment among first-generation college students in Texas. The grant supports the G-Force members who mentor high school students, participate in college enrollment workshops and help staff TWU-sponsored G-Force Center, a physical space in a high school that offers students admission and financial aid application assistance and other in-person services for first-generation college students. Visit twu.edu.

Texas Wesleyan adds assistant dean

Texas Wesleyan School of Law welcomes Rosalind A. Jeffers as assistant dean for student affairs and director of the Equal Justice Corps, a program that offers admission and financial aid application assistance and other services for potential first-generation college students. Visit texaswesleyan.edu.
UT System professors win teaching awards

Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award recipients are faculty members at the nine University of Texas System academic institu
extraordinary classroom performance and innovation in undergraduate instruction. The award is the Board of Regents’ highes
Honored professors receive a range of cash prizes: tenured faculty members receive $30,000, tenure-track faculty members r
members receive $15,000.

Winners from the University of Texas at Arlington and University of Texas at Dallas were:

Stacy Alaimo*, Department of English, UTA
Monica Ramirez Basco**, Department of Psychology, UTA
H.W. Corley*, Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering, UTA
Lee Ann Frederick, Biology Department, UTA
Donald K. Granvold*, School of Social Work, UTA
Jennifer S. Holmes*, School of Economic Political and Policy Sciences, UTD
Laura Kopchick, Department of English, UTA
Peggy Pritchard Kulesz, Department of English, UTA
Candice Mills**, School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences, UTD
Robert G. Morris**, School of Economic, Political & Policy Sciences, UTD
Lawrence J. Overzet*, School of Electrical Engineering, UTD
Matthew M. Polze, School of Management, UTD
Kenneth M. Roemer*, Department of English, UTA
John W. Sibert*, Department of Chemistry, UTD

Visit www.utsystem.edu/teachingawards for a detailed list of winners. (*tenured; **tenure-track)