

TCU RETIREES' MAY LUNCHEON

Come and Meet TCU's New Provost Dr. Teresa Abi-Nader Dahlberg

Dr. Teresa Abi-Nader Dahlberg, TCU's new Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, will speak at the May meeting of the TCURA at 11:30 Tuesday, May 21, in the Kelly Center. Dahlberg most recently served as dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science at Syracuse University (since 2015), and started at TCU in March. Dr. Dahlberg has a proven track record of success, particularly in the areas of research, recruiting high-achieving students, and diversity and inclusion initiatives to benefit both faculty and students. Her strong financial acumen was the impetus to a \$50 million advancement campaign at Syracuse that stabilized the College of Engineering's fiscal health.

Dr. Dahlberg's accomplishments include presiding over significant culture change at three universities, including improving academic excellence spanning liberal arts and professional disciplines; securing external funds for advancement and research; leading and executing an inclusive shared vision, including



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strategic planning; leveraging geographical opportunities for university distinction; and enrollment management. Prior to her role at Syracuse, Dr. Dahlberg served as chief academic officer, dean and professor of electrical engineering at the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York and associate dean of the College of Computing and Informatics at the University of North Carolina. She began her professional career as an engineer with IBM Corporation. Dr. Dahlberg earned a B.S. in electrical engineering at the University of Pittsburgh and an M.S.

and Ph.D. in computer engineering at North Carolina State University.

Chancellor Victor J. Boschini, Jr. said, "I am delighted that Dr. Dahlberg has accepted the position as Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. She is an innovator, a strategic thinker and a leader who is able to mobilize others to reach common goals. Her experience with student success, diversity and inclusion show her commitment to the principles that mirror TCU's strategic priorities, mission, vision and values. I am confident that Dahlberg is well-positioned to propel TCU's academic profile and reputation to the next level."

PLEASE NOTE:

Reservations for the May meeting are due Monday, May 13, so please RSVP as soon as possible online at tcura.tcu.edu or by contacting Joan Yates at j.yates@tcu.edu or 817-292-7087.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Two Extraordinary TCURA Leaders

As I write my final column, I want to thank you for the privilege of serving as President of TCURA this year. I have enjoyed our time together as well as getting to know many of you whom I did not know previously. A special thanks to our Executive Council for their collective wisdom, work, good humor and desire to continue to build on the rich legacy that we inherited.

At the risk of overlooking the work of many others who have served in the past, I want to give a special shout out to two past-presidents of TCURA - Stan Hagadone and Larry Adams - whose terms on the Executive Council will come to an end after many years first as representatives of their respective TCU divisions and later officers of the association.

In 2013-14 when the University tried to reduce prescription drug benefits, the Retirees' Association and others on campus fought to have the current "bridge" program instated through 2019. This past year Stan served as a vital member of the Retirees' Health Benefits Task Force to consider what will happen at the end of this year. The co-chair of the task force said, "Stan came to each of our meetings thoroughly prepared and



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with many useful suggestions. More importantly, Stan had as his focus, not only the current retirees, but soon-to-retire TCU employees, current and future employees. Stan drafted the final report for the Task Force, which was discussed and unanimously supported during our final meeting. In sum, Stan was the most productive member of this task force." Members of the Executive Council always looked to Stan for wise counsel, a balanced perspective and the voice of reason. He will be sorely missed.

Larry Adams' contributions to TCURA are almost too many to count. In 2015, then-president Jean Walbridge appointed Larry to chair an ad hoc Committee for New Directions that reviewed our bylaws,

programming and membership and set the tone moving forward. Larry encouraged TCURA to join AROHE realizing the benefits of association with the national organization. It was Larry who recognized the need to "brand" TCURA to increase our visibility and had our logo designed. Under his leadership, the master roster was developed and our brochure and web site were created. The TCURA cookbook and polo shirts with our logo were Larry's ideas. So was the concept and creation of "A TCU Treasure" award. Larry also realized the importance of bringing high profile speakers to our luncheons, including the Mayor and Superintendent of the FWISD. In short, TCURA would not be where it is today without the leadership, ideas and hard work of Larry Adams.

As their final act of service, Larry and Stan took the lead to create our first successful program for prospective retirees that was held in April. Thank you, Larry and Stan, for all you have done!

I hope to see you at our closing luncheon on May 21 as we celebrate another year in the life of TCURA.

**PLEASE NOTE:
THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE NEWSLETTER IN THE SUMMER IN JULY.
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Two Honored as “A TCU Treasure”

TCURA honored two of its own at the April 16 luncheon. Dr. Ronald B. Flowers and Dr. Charles W. (Chuck) Lamb received “A TCU Treasure” awards in a surprise announcement by president, Janet Herald.



Dr. Ronald B. Flowers has been a part of the TCU academic community for more than six decades. During this period, Ron has taught and mentored thousands of students, has been

recognized for his excellence as a scholar in the field of religion in the United States in general, and especially in the sub-discipline of church-state relations as reflected in federal court decisions. Even in retirement, he has continued to teach on an adjunct basis at Brite Divinity

School, and today he remains active in the life of the TCU Retirees' Association. He was an award-winning teacher - receiving both the Burlington Northern Foundation and Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Awards. Among many acts of service to the University, he directed the MLA Program and chaired the Faculty Senate. He is now working on a history of TCU's Religion Department, which will be yet another signal contribution to his department.



Dr. Chuck Lamb arrived at TCU in 1981 as the M.J. Neeley Professor of Marketing and served in The Neeley School of Business

as the Chair of the Marketing Department twice as well as Chair for Information Systems and Supply

Chain Management from 2003 until shortly before retiring. In both cases, he was the inaugural chair of a new department. He served multiple times as a Visiting Professor primarily at international institutions furthering his academic reputation as well as TCU's. He received the Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity in 1997. During the entire period of his tenure at TCU he never said no to University Committee assignments outside of Neeley and served his fellow faculty colleagues as a member of the Senate. Chuck has remained active in producing scholarship focused on teaching in addition to scholarship that has a tremendous amount of relevance for helping scholars in the field. His Marketing Principles textbook is widely distributed and loved by students and faculty.

Congratulations to Ron and Chuck for being named “A TCU Treasure.”

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Retiree Spotlight



In retirement, Jane Mackay stays busy doing what she loves best – traveling, especially to Camden, Maine, where she can now spend five months a year at the condominium she owns near the harbor. A native of Pennsylvania, she and her 13-year-old Westie, Daisy, drive the 2000 miles each way, visiting friends along the way.

Jane doesn't spend her vacation sleeping late or relaxing – she volunteers at the Camden Public Library doing historical projects. Last summer she was presented with a volume of photos from 1895 to

1900 and asked to identify the people and locations in this one small area of the town.

"In the process of determining who the people were," she said, "I located the granddaughter of a couple in one of the photos. It was a wonderful communication and identification process as she had no knowledge that her grandparents had even had a home in the area."

A project working with original deeds from 1795 to the mid 1800s led to her doing a lot of oral history work for the town. An avid photographer, Jane attends workshops

at Maine Media in Rockport, Maine, each summer, and once participated in a photography sailing trip along the Maine coastline.

Jane has combined her passions for travel and photography on trips to London and New York City, a cruise on the Adriatic from Athens to Venice, as well as trips to Newfoundland and Mexico. She retired in December 2017 as director of the Business Information Systems Program, Information Systems and Supply Chain Management Department of the Neeley School,

and held various positions in the School since she came to TCU in 1986. She said the most rewarding part of her career was the creation, implementation and directorship of the Business Information Systems program.

"When I came to TCU, the only courses in Information Systems were service courses for the business school," she said. "In 1999 I was asked to develop a degree program in E-Business. In the first year of our degree it was ranked 7th in the nation. Over the course of my time leading the program, we placed students in top corporations and consulting firms and had an Executive Advisory Board with many Fortune 500 companies. Watching the growth of these students was very rewarding."

Her favorite and least favorite parts of retirement?

"I don't have to grade papers way into the night or figure out what students have done wrong on their database projects! I don't have to set an alarm clock! However, I miss seeing students all the time and I now have the time to face house projects that I have been putting off for years. Perhaps I'll finally get a gorgeous yard!"

Jane holds a bachelor of science degree in botany from the University of Massachusetts and a Ph.D. in information systems from the University of Texas at Austin. She is volunteering on the cookbook committee for TCURA.

TCURA Executive Council Slate Announced for 2019-2020

The Nominating Committee's slate of officers and other Council members was announced at the April 16 luncheon. It will be voted on at our May luncheon. Additional nominations may be brought forward at the May meeting. Thank you to the following members for agreeing to serve in 2019-20. The new term begins on June 1, 2019.

Officers:

President – Linda Moore
Vice President – Suzanne Huffman
Secretary – Donna Johnson
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Membership Chair – Richard Sybesma
UCAC Representative – Arturo Flores
Development Coordinator – Paul Hartman
Newsletter Editor – Nancy Madsen
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Special Interest Group Announcements

Bridge will meet Friday, May 10, at 1 p.m. at Nancy Madsen's home, 3936 Stonehenge Road, Fort Worth 76109. We will continue meeting through the summer on the second Friday of each month at 1 p.m. at alternating houses: June 14 at Julie's house, July 12 at Nancy's house, and

August 9 at Julie's house.

Coffee, Books & Conversation will meet in May on Wednesday, May 22, at 10 a.m. at Judy and Emmet Smith's home, 3635 Hilltop Road, Fort Worth 76109. We will discuss the novel, "Where the Crawdads Sing," by Delia Owens.

There will not be a second spring meeting of the **Arts & Antiques Interest Group**. Stay tuned for the details of the 2 fall meetings.

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The Texas Christian University Retirees' Association exists to provide opportunities for fellowship, to promote lifelong learning, to advocate for fair benefits, to recognize the accomplishments of its members, and to strengthen the relationship between the retirees and the University.



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Photos from the April TCURA luncheon (from top left): 1) Richard Sybesma and his daughter at the April meeting, where he was the featured speaker 2) TCU Treasure Chuck Lamb poses with family and friends at the April luncheon. 3) TCU Treasure Ron Flowers with his son and daughter at the April luncheon 4) New retiree Charlene Smith with Kathryn Schrub 5) John Denton and Dee Dodson 6) Dave and Sharon Edmondson 7) Julie Baker, Bill Moncrief and Suzi Adams 8) Stan Hagadone visits with Susan Oakley and Sandy Record at the April luncheon. 9) Bob Garwell, Kay and Curt Wilson and Jack Hesselbrock *All photos taken by Deana Ray*

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