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SCHOOL OF NURSING DONOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

WHAT: Faculty, administrators, staff and students will join together to honor donors of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) School of Nursing.

WHEN: 11:30 a.m. Feb. 23 (Wednesday)

WHERE: International Cultural Center Hall of Nations, 601 Indiana Ave.

EVENT: Texas and the nation are facing a critical shortage of registered nurses. Texas schools turned away 41 percent or 8,734 qualified applicants to nursing schools in 2009, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. To meet projected demands for RNs, Texas licensure educational programs must generate 15,199 new graduates by 2013 and 25,870 by 2020.

This donor appreciation luncheon will honor donors who have supported student scholarships, research, programs and faculty development for the TTUHSC School of Nursing. Scholarships in particular enable the school to address the nursing shortage by giving students the opportunities to pursue a nursing education.

Scholarship recipients Mike McMurry, R.N., ACNP, alumnus and Doctor of Nursing Practice student; and Adelyn Mitchell, second degree BSN student, will speak about the impact scholarships had in their lives. Other speakers include TTUHSC President Tedd L. Mitchell, M.D., and SON Interim Dean Yondell Masten, Ph.D.

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