



# SCHOOL OF NATURAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES

## POINTS OF PRIDE

- 100 percent of the School of Natural & Social Sciences 32 full-time faculty members hold doctoral a degree or the highest degree in their field.
- Christopher Parker, Ph.D. was chosen as one of 20 **biology** educators from across the nation to participate in an assessment residency as part of the Biology Scholars Program.
- Maggie Scribner was awarded a second research grant from Beta, Beta, Beta, the National Honors Biology Society to study the behavioral neuropsychopharmacology of the planarian flatworm with Biology Faculty sponsor Benjamin Miller, Ph.D.
- Texas Wesleyan University's Sigma Theta chapter of Beta Beta Beta was awarded 2nd place for Outstanding Chapter in Region 2 at the April 3, 2016 regional conference.
- Bruce Benz, Ph.D., in collaboration with John Tandy of the Friends of Tandy Hills Natural Area were awarded a grant to conduct a Bioblitz, two day rapid inventory, at Tandy Hills Natural Area.
- Conservation Biology students published their findings on the population viability of white Rosinweed in *Post Oak and Prairie Journal*.
- Biology students won second and third place at the regional TriBeta conference.
- The Robert A. Welch Foundation undergraduate research opportunity grant, which the **Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry** has received since 1984, has allowed more than 100 undergraduate and high school students to participate in faculty-mentored research projects, resulting in professional publications and presentations at national meetings.
- The experiential-learning based **computer science** curriculum provides students opportunities to develop smartphone applications for Android phones (Windows OS and Java) and iPhones (iOS and Object C language).
- **Political science** students are perennially competitive in regional and national Moot Court and Mediation Events, and can participate in the Council on U.S.-Arab Relations' Model Arab League to learn about the history and politics of the Arab world.
- Program faculty are active members of both regional and national Pre-Law Advising Associations which sponsor over 120 law school representatives visiting Texas undergraduate programs each fall.
- The **Psychology Department** prepares students for human service careers and for graduate study in Psychology. Psychology majors have the opportunity to participate in research and present their work at regional and national conferences. Our majors have recently won regional research awards.
- **Sociology** majors get engaged by participating in Sociology Club and National Honor Societies; acquire real-life skills through internships; and help develop *Social Facts*, the Sociology program's newsletter.
- **Criminal Justice** majors take provocative classes on "Infamous Murder and Unsolved Crime," "International Gangsters" and will soon have a new special topics class entitled "Homicide: Theories, Patterns & Motives."
- **History** students seeking secondary certification have a 100 percent pass rate on the TExAS History Content Exam.
- The History program's endowed Pate professorships provide student scholarships, and research and travel support for student field trips, competitions, and conference presentations.
- The **Paralegal Studies** program is a member of the American Association for Paralegal Education and is one of only two programs in Texas that offers a bachelor's degree in paralegal studies.
- The new **health science** program prepares nurses for graduate programs in nurse anesthesia and for advancement in allied and public health fields.

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