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## News Briefs

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VP for public affairs appointed

Amanda Oneacre Rockow was appointed UTD vice president for public affairs Sept. 7, and will join the university Oct. 9.

Reporting directly to President David Daniel, Rockow aims to build UTD's reputation on the regional, state and national front.

She will serve as the chief governmental and community relations liaison for the university.

Rockow replaces Carlos Pena, who left in July for another career.

Rockow is currently vice president of government relations with the Greater Dallas Chamber, a job she has held for 10 years.

Callier Center director named

Thomas Campbell, director and professor at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, has been named executive director of UTD Callier Center beginning Oct. 1.

Campbell holds a doctorate degree in communicative disorders from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

He will replace Ross Roeser, who served as director since 1988 and worked at the center more than 35 years. Roeser will remain at the center as director emeritus and professor of communication sciences at the university.

The Callier Center focuses on human communication and communication disorders. It is part of the university's School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences.

Faculty authors recognized

Campus officials will highlight faculty members who have written or edited books at the first Faculty Author Reception, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Oct. 12 in the McDermott Suite of the McDermott Library.

"Libraries are about books and we have many faculty members and editors who have contributed to that endeavor," said Dean of Libraries Larry Sall.

The event is organized by Sall and Provost Hobson Wildenthal.

The library regularly displays faculty books, but this is the first event to celebrate faculty authors since the university began in 1969.

The reception will focus on those who have written books since 2000, but Sall said the library plans to honor those who have published works more recently.

Career events hosted for women

The UTD Galerstein Women's Center will host networking and professional events during September.

The Career Center will sponsor a communication strategies workshop for working women 1 - 2:30 p.m. Sept. 19 in MC 1.608.

A faculty networking tea will take place 10 a.m. Sept. 20 and 3 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Women's Center in MC 1.204.

"Expect Respect," a discussion on relationship violence and verbal abuse in relationships will take place from noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 27 the Women's Center.

To register for the events, call 972-883-6555. For more information on the Women's Center, visit [utdallas.edu/womensctr](http://utdallas.edu/womensctr).

#### Academic Bridge Program awarded

The Academic Bridge Program (ABP) won the "Tech Titan of the Future Award" Aug. 18 for achievements in preparing UTD students to work in the technology industry.

The seven-year-old program provides tutoring and mentorship to UTD students who graduated from Dallas-area urban high schools, especially those who are the first in their family to attend college.

An honorable mention was also awarded to UTD's Center for Information, Technology and Management.

ABP was founded by School of General Studies Dean George Fair. For more information, contact Soli Ghirmai at 972-883-2655 or [solig@utdallas.edu](mailto:solig@utdallas.edu).