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**Texas Wesleyan University gives back to the community through
University College Day**

FORT WORTH, March 26 – Texas Wesleyan University gives back to the community by participating in the annual University College Day, April 6 at the historic campus located at 1201 Wesleyan. University College Day celebrates the scholarly activity of students and faculty by providing them with the opportunity to take part in presentations, panel discussions, art projects and multi-disciplinary events. The program attempts to answer basic philosophical questions posed by a liberal arts education such as: what is worthy of belief and how should I treat others?

“It’s an opportunity to allow our students to really go beyond the classroom and show what their interests and talents are. It’s about how you can take it out to the community. It’s about the community connection. So many people leave (the University) and never look back. The idea is to go off and look back...now it’s your turn,” says University College Day Chair Ann Reed, assistant professor of education and elementary field experience coordinator at Wesleyan.

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University College Day festivities begin at 9:25 a.m. at Nicholas Martin Hall, inside the Ann Waggoner building, with Bob Ray Sanders, the keynote speaker. Presentations and discussions will take place from 10:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Eunice and James L. West Library orientation room and gallery and may include a variety of topics: literature, science, math, social studies or even theater or music. The sessions are free and open to the public.

Bob Ray Sanders' journalism career has spanned more than three decades and three media outlets: newspaper, television and radio. Currently, he writes for and serves as vice president and associate editor for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, the paper where he began his journalism career. A 1969 graduate of the University of North Texas, Sanders is a member of the Society of Professional Journalists, the National Association of Black Journalists and the Dallas/Fort Worth Association of Black Communicators. He serves on the advisory board of the AIDS Outreach Center of Tarrant County, the board of directors of Goodwill Industries Inc. and is chairman of the board for Liberation Community, a nonprofit organization that provides affordable homes to low-income individuals.

Sanders has received some of journalism's most prestigious awards, among them are five awards from the Houston, New York and Chicago film festivals; five Dallas Press Club "KATIE" Awards; three Corporation for Public Broadcasting awards; a regional Emmy Award; a National Association of Black Journalists award for "Best TV Sports Feature;" and a National Headliner Award for "Outstanding Investigative Reporting."

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