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**Underwater recruitment at Wesleyan
attracts high school seniors**

FORT WORTH, July 1 – High school seniors and their parents will be given the chance to discover scuba diving first-hand during the Discover Scuba Expo on Saturday, July 17 at 4 p.m. as part of Texas Wesleyan’s Summer Open House for prospective students. Texas Wesleyan dive instructors will supervise students as they put on fins, masks, air tanks and other scuba gear and jump into Wesleyan’s Olympic-sized pool, located in the Sid W. Richardson Center at 1100 S. Collard.

“It’s an opportunity for people to put on the gear, get in the pool, and see what it’s like to breathe underwater,” says Dr. Pamela Rast, associate professor and chair of the department of exercise and sport studies. “We just want people to get interested in scuba, especially young people because traditionally it’s a sport for people who are older than 19 or 20.”

Texas Wesleyan’s exercise and sports studies department conducts several discover scuba sessions throughout the year, in part to showcase their new minor in recreation diving management (scuba diving). Students wishing to minor in scuba are required to fulfill a minimum of 18 hours of scuba courses, consisting of classroom and pool time, open water

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experiences, advanced training and optional summer internships in saltwater environments, such as the Cayman Islands or Honduras, where 17 scuba divers from Texas Wesleyan recently explored the second largest barrier reef in the world.

“There’s a lot of opportunity here,” says Rast of Wesleyan, the scuba program and the expo. “We wanted to do something new at Wesleyan’s open house, something to get people involved in a different experience.”

The scuba expo is free and open to prospective students of all ages and their parents. An equipment demonstration will be held “on land” for those who prefer to remain dry. For more information on the open house contact Carla Rodriguez, program coordinator at (817) 531-5804, (800) 580-8980 or crodriguez@txwes.edu. Reservations are required.

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