

THE UPDATE

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday December 4

Faculty Forum Series...
Dr. John Martinez presents
"The concentration of wealth and
income in America! Does it matter?" 7 p.m. CSC Shawnee

Wednesday December 5

Athletics...
Women's Basketball
vs. West Texas A&M 5:30 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

Athletics...
Men's Basketball
vs. West Texas A&M 7:30 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

Friday December 7

Last Day of Classes

Department of Mass Communication...
Senior Documentary Screenings 3:15 p.m. Bolin 127

Harvey School of Visual Arts...
Opening Reception: Senior Exhibition 6 p.m. Juanita Harvey
Art Gallery

Fantasy of Lights...
Opening Ceremony 6 p.m. Hardin Lawn

Department of Music...
Christmas Band Concert 7 p.m. Akin Auditorium

Saturday December 8

Final Exams Begin

Office of the President...
Pecan Day 9-11:30 a.m. South Campus

Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU...
Children's Holiday Workshop 1-3:30 p.m. Museum of Art

AROUND CAMPUS

Faculty Forum Series: Dr. John E. Martinez

Dr. John E. Martinez will present "The concentration of wealth and income in America! Does it matter" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 4, in the Clark Student Center Shawnee Theater as part of the annual Faculty Forum Series.

Martinez, Professor of Economics and Director of the Bureau of Business and Government Research, was named the 2011-2012 Hardin Scholar during the May commencement ceremony. For more information, call Jonathan Price at ext. 4288 or email jonathan.price@mwsu.edu.

Senior Documentaries

The Department of Mass Communication will present screenings of senior documentaries at 3:15 p.m. Friday, December 7, in Bolin 127. The four films will cover a variety of subject matters:

- *Not Just a Syndrome* (Down Syndrome)
- *Remember. Honor. Serve.* (WWII era jump school in Oklahoma)
- *Living on the Spectrum* (Autism)
- *Shifting Gears* (The Life of Eddie Hill)

Fantasy of Lights Opening Ceremony

The MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights opening ceremony will be at 6 p.m. Friday, December 7, on the front lawn of the Hardin Administration Building with live performances, free hot chocolate, and a special visit from Santa Claus. The Annual Christmas Band Concert will follow the lighting of the displays at 7 p.m. in Akin Auditorium. After the opening ceremony, the displays will be turned on each weeknight through January 1 from dusk to 10 p.m. and weekends from dusk to 11 p.m. Admission is free; donations to help with maintenance of the display are welcome. For more information, call ext. 4786.

Senior Art Exhibition

The Juanita and Ralph Harvey School of Visual Arts will present an opening reception for the Senior Exhibitions from 6-8 p.m. Friday, December 7, in the Juanita Harvey Art Gallery. Exhibits will feature a variety of media with each student having his/her own individual theme. The exhibition will be on display through January 11, 2013. For more information, call ext. 4264.

Pecan Day

MSU Pecan Day is scheduled from 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, December 8, on South Campus. All MSU employees

and their families are invited to join in this activity. The grounds will open at 9 a.m. For more information, call ext. 4352.

Holiday Workshop

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU will sponsor its second children's holiday workshop from 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, December 8, at the museum. Children, age 6 and older, can design holiday scenes or craft a gift for someone special. Cost of the workshop is \$10 per student. Call ext. 8900 to reserve a spot.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Film Series: *The First Grader*

Dr. Donnie Kirk will present *The First Grader* at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 11, as part of Continuing Education's film series. In a small, remote mountaintop primary school in the Kenyan bush, hundreds of children are jostling for a chance for the free education newly promised by the Kenyan government. One applicant causes astonishment — he is Maruge, an old Mau Mau veteran in his 80s, who is desperate to learn to read at this late stage of his life. He fought for the liberation of his country and now feels he must have the chance at the education so long denied — even if it means sitting in a classroom alongside 6-year-old children. For more information, contact the Center for Continuing Education at ext. 4756.

Commencement

The MSU commencement ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 15, at the Kay Yeager Coliseum of the Multi-Purpose Event Center at 1000 Fifth St. For more information, call the Registrar's office at ext. 4116 or visit <http://registrar.mwsu.edu/commencement/>.

CAMPUS NEWS

Nominate a Student for the Spring 2013 MSU Leadership Course

The office of Student Affairs is now taking student nominations for the Spring 2013 undergraduate Leadership MSU course (MWSU 1333). Please consider nominating at least one or two students for this opportunity. It only takes a minute or two to complete the nomination form, which could evolve into a wonderful educational experience for the student(s) you choose to nominate! Last year, more than 50 different students were nominated for this opportunity. With your help, we can continue this great example of support and student recognition for 2013!

Leadership MSU is a graded, three-credit hour elective course, which teaches leadership, self awareness, team-

work, communication skills, critical thinking, and ethical decision making while promoting community awareness and involvement. Ultimately, the course challenges and develops the leadership potential within students, as well as connects them with leadership positions on campus. The class is ideal for students committed to the concepts of leading and helping, who possess some natural leadership abilities but have not yet risen to their full potential. Nominations should be submitted to Matthew Park (matthew.park@mwsu.edu) in the Office of Student Affairs (CSC 104) by Friday, December 7. For more information or to request a nomination form, call ext. 7500.

To the Faculty

Commencement will be Saturday, December 15, 2012, at the Kay Yeager Coliseum. Please meet at 9:30 a.m. at the MPEC in rooms 3 and 4 to line up with your college for the 10 a.m. commencement. If you need a special seating pass for your spouse to sit in the reserved section #5, please ask Jolene for one in Hardin 114C before 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 12.

JOBS

An EEO/ADAAA Compliance Employer

Custodian

Department: Facilities Services

Starting Date: As soon as possible

Starting Salary: \$1,401 monthly, plus benefits

Administrative Assistant (campus only)

Department: Admissions

Starting Date: As soon as possible

Starting Salary: \$1,950 monthly, plus benefits

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Alan Black, Assistant Professor of Music, recently participated in a mass steel band performance at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention held in Austin, Texas. This band, under the direction of Tony McCutcheon, Director of Percussion at Jacksonville State University, presented a clinic performance on new music for steel bands. Members were chosen from throughout the country and represented some of the top steel band programs in the nation. Also performing with the group was Gavin Francis, August graduate of MSU, who is from Antigua, and is currently working with the bands in Holliday.

FROM THE BOOKSTORE

Faculty Appreciation Days are December 3-8:

- Drawing for Nook SimpleTouch with Glow
- Refreshments
- 50% off clearance items
- Additional discounts throughout the store

All sweats are 25% off December 3-14.