

# the Update

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## This Week's Events

### Tuesday December 2

*Student Government Association...*  
 SGA Meeting 7 p.m. CSC Comanche Suites

### Wednesday December 3

*Athletics...*  
 Women's Basketball vs. Arkansas-Fort Smith 7 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

### Thursday December 4

*Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU...*  
 Dr. Michael Collins, Texas History Scholar 6:30 p.m. WFMA

*Athletics...*  
 Men's Basketball vs. McMurry 7 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

### Friday December 5

Last Day of Classes  
*Juanita Harvey Art Gallery...*  
 Opening Reception: Senior Exhibition 6 p.m. Harvey Art Gallery

*Fantasy of Lights...*  
 Entertainment: Southern Hills Elementary Choir 6:30 p.m. Hardin Lawn

*Athletics...*  
 Men's Basketball vs. College of Faith (Ark.) 7 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

*Department of Music...*  
 University Wind Ensemble Concert 7:30 p.m. Akin Auditorium

### Saturday December 6

Final Examinations Begin  
*Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU...*  
 Holiday Arts Workshop 9 a.m. WFMA

### Sunday December 7

*Department of Music...*  
 Combined Choirs Concert 3 p.m. Akin Auditorium

## Around Campus

### Holiday Arts Workshop

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU will host a Holiday Arts Workshop from 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, December 6, for kids ages 6-16. Cost is \$10. For more information, call ext. 8900.

## University Wind Ensemble Concert

The Department of Music will present a wind ensemble concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 5, in Akin Auditorium. Admission is free. For more information, call ext. 4267.

## Faculty/Staff Appreciation Week

The MSU Bookstore is hosting Faculty/Staff Appreciation Week from December 1-5. All faculty, staff, and area educators can enjoy daily door prizes, 25 percent off merchandise\*, and refreshments (\*excludes textbooks, tech, and convenience). Daily prizes available:

- Monday: \$25 Chili's gift card
- Tuesday: Lilly Pulitzer gift set
- Wednesday: \$25 Kohl's gift card
- Thursday: League Quarterzip
- Friday: \$25 Visa gift card

The MSU Bookstore is open from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

## Mark Your Calendar

### Media Monday: Advisers Night Out

The Department of Mass Communication will present Media Monday: Advisers Night Out at 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 8, in Fain C111. RSVP to Bradley Wilson at [bradley.wilson@mwsu.edu](mailto:bradley.wilson@mwsu.edu) or call ext. 4704.

### Everest Survivor, MSU Graduate Beck Weathers to Speak at Commencement

Midwestern State University graduate Dr. Beck Weathers will deliver the commencement address at Midwestern State University's graduation ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 13, at Kay Yeager Coliseum. Approximately 458 students are candidates to earn their degrees this December.

Weathers was a member of a 1996 expedition to Mount Everest that was hit with a severe snowstorm. Eight died and others were severely injured. Unconscious, Weathers was left in the snow and presumed dead, but he regained consciousness and made his way to a camp. Weathers suffered frostbite that resulted

in the loss of his right hand, part of his left hand, and his nose. Weathers wrote *Left for Dead: My Journey Home from Everest* about his experience on Everest and how it changed his life. The book was published in 2000. His story of survival after being presumed dead taught him to value his family and the gift of having a second chance. His inspirational message of hope in the face of insurmountable odds has made him a popular speaker around the world. That day on Everest also was the subject of Jon Krakauer's *Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster*. It has been adapted into the upcoming film *Everest* with Josh Brolin portraying Weathers and Robin Wright portraying Weathers' wife Peach.

Weathers majored in chemistry at Midwestern and graduated summa cum laude in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He received his medical degree from Southwestern Medical School in 1972, and completed a pathology internship. His other professional experiences include a 1976-77 teaching appointment at Harvard Medical School. He has served at Medical City Dallas Hospital and LabCorp as co-medical director since 1977. In 2001, he was honored by Toastmasters International as one of the "Top Five Speakers of 2001."

## Campus News

### To the Faculty

Commencement will be Saturday, December 13, 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 10.

### Reading Clinic Links MSU, WFISD

Twenty-six MSU education students participated in the Fall 2014 MSU Reading Clinic, helping 52 students at Fain Elementary. The reading clinic is an exercise that helps these soon-to-be teachers transition from book knowledge to real-life teaching. To read the entire article, visit [www.wfisd.net](http://www.wfisd.net).

## Welcome

### Caleb Hannon

Assistant Director, Recreational Sports/Wellness

### Alexander Haber

Secretary, Art

### Amanda Bell

Registrar Assistant I

## Jobs

An EEO/ADAAA Compliance Employer

### Social Media Coordinator

**Department:** Student Development & Orientation

**Starting Date:** As soon as possible

**Starting Salary:** \$2,500 monthly, plus benefits

### Storekeeper

**Department:** Purchasing

**Starting Date:** January 12, 2015

**Starting Salary:** \$1,787 monthly, plus benefits

**Custodial Foreperson** (On campus only – Open to all current MSU retirement eligible employees)

**Department:** Facilities Services

**Starting Date:** As soon as possible

**Starting Salary:** \$1,935 monthly, plus benefits

## In the Spotlight

**Nathan Moran**, Chair and Professor of Criminal Justice, recently published a chapter in *Policing Major Events: Perspectives from Around the World*. The chapter is titled "Law Enforcement Response to Hurricane Katrina: A Multisystem Examination of Response Impact in Louisiana and Texas." The chapter was co-authored with Robert Hanser, Criminal Justice Adjunct Professor.

**Leland Turner**, Assistant Professor of History, presented his original research titled "Turmoil in the Trans-Pecos: Cattle Rustling, Banditry, and Retaliation in the Big Bend Borderlands" at the Center for Big Bend Studies 21st Annual Conference at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas, on November 7.

**Whitney Snow**, Assistant Professor of History, attended the 80th Southern Historical Association Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, November 14-15. She presented a paper titled "Ambitious Youth: Andrew Jackson's Quest for Honor in the Interstate Slave Trade."

The women faculty and staff of the **College of Science and Mathematics** hosted the 17th Annual Math, Science & U Conference for area junior high girls on Saturday, November 8. Fifteen women majoring in disciplines in COSM and one from West College of Education served as assistants for the conference. A day of hands-on workshops and lots of food and fun were provided for the 73 girls and 12 teachers in attendance. **Catherine Stringfellow** and **Michelle Knox** served as co-chairs for the conference. There were four workshops: **Jackie Dunn**, Assistant Professor and Astrophysicist, presented "The Other Side of Infinity"; **Magaly Rincon-Zachary**, **Asma Javed**,

**Kathy Everett, Sarah McBride, and Algerr Remy** (faculty, staff, students from the Department of Biology) presented “Radicale Change”; **Jennifer Nader**, WFISD high school teacher and geoscientist, presented “Not So Very Frozen Landscapes: Glacier Gak Attack”; and **Kathy Quashnock**, MSU retired, chemistry, presented “It’s Reactionary.” **Katie Western** (KSWO meteorologist) was the luncheon speaker. **Deborah Garrison**, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, gave the welcome. Other COSM faculty and staff who helped to make the conference a success were **Ranette Halverson, Tina Johnson, Cerise Wuthrich, Antoinette Brown** and **Richard Simpson** (Computer Science); **Lynn Jones, Sandra Belcher, Linda Fosnaugh, Sarah Cobb, and Clara Easterling** (Mathematics); **Rebecca Dodge** (Geosciences); **Tricia Greear** (COSM); **Christina Miller** (Engineering); **Tommye Hutson, Pamela Whitehead** and **Dittika Gupta** (Education); and **Leslie Berryhill** (Extended Education).