

# the Update

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## This Week's Events

### Monday December 7

*Fantasy of Lights...*  
Fain Elementary Choir 6 p.m. Hardin Lawn  
WFISD Elementary Honor Choir 6:30 p.m. Hardin Lawn

*Moffett Library...*  
Obedience Dogs at Moffett 6-8 p.m. Moffett Library

### Tuesday December 8

*Fantasy of Lights...*  
Jefferson Elementary Choir 6 p.m. Hardin Lawn  
Burgess Elementary Choir 7 p.m. Hardin Lawn

*Moffett Library...*  
Obedience Dogs at Moffett 6-8 p.m. Moffett Library

### Friday December 11

*Board of Regents...*  
Presidential Inauguration 11 a.m. Fain Fine Arts Center Theatre

*Department of Mass Communication...*  
Mass Communication Senior Documentary Screenings 4 p.m. Fain Fine Arts Center Theatre

### Saturday December 12

*Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU...*  
WFMA Holiday Workshop 9 a.m. Museum of Art

*Fall Commencement...*  
Speaker: Catherine Allred Davis 10 a.m. Kay Yeager Coliseum

*Athletics...*  
Men's Basketball vs. Southwestern Assemblies of God (Texas) 4 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

## Around Campus

### Obedience Dogs at Moffett

Back by popular demand, Moffett Library will have trained obedience dogs that will bring a smile and provide a bit of emotional care to students, staff, and faculty during these crunch-filled days of finals. The Wichita Falls Obedience Club will bring a variety of dogs of all sizes and universally happy dispositions. The dogs will be in the library from 6-8 p.m. Monday, December 7, and Tuesday, December 8. For more information, contact Michelle Niebur at ext. 4696.

### WFMA Holiday Workshop

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU will present a holiday workshop at 9 a.m. Saturday, December 12. Ages 6 and up are welcome and children under 6 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is \$15 per child. To register or for more information, call ext. 8900.

## Mark Your Calendar

### Hardin Holiday Party

The annual Hardin Holiday Party will be from 10-11:30 a.m. Monday, December 14, in the Hardin Administration Building foyer. Come and join us as we celebrate the season with good food and fellowship. As in the past, we will have a box available to collect canned goods and nonperishable food items for donation to a local charity. Additionally, monetary donations will be accepted for the MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights display. For more information, contact Human Resources at ext. 4221.

### MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights 5K

The MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights will host a 5K run Saturday, December 19, beginning at the intersection of Taft Boulevard and Hampstead Lane. Check-in and late registration begin at 9:30 a.m. Run begins at 10 a.m. The registration fee is \$25 with proceeds going to the upkeep of the Fantasy of Lights. For more information or to register, visit [www.msuburnsfantasyoflights.com](http://www.msuburnsfantasyoflights.com).

## Campus News

### To the Faculty

Commencement will be Saturday, December 12, at the Kay Yeager Coliseum. Please meet at 9:30 a.m. in MPEC 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, contact Jolene Welch in Hardin 114C before 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 9.

### Museum Gift Shop Sale

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU is having a gift shop sale through Tuesday, December 22. Faculty, staff, and students will receive 25 percent off all gifts. For more information, call ext. 8900.

## Christmas with the Mustangs

The MSU men's and women's basketball squads are teaming up with the Wichita Falls Boys and Girls Club in an effort to grant a young child's wish this holiday season. Christmas with the Mustangs is an opportunity for MSU Basketball to give back to the children of the Wichita Falls community. From now through December 12, the teams will accept donations that will be used by the kids during a shopping spree with the men's and women's basketball teams. Make your donation during the men's basketball against Southwestern Assemblies of God at 4 p.m. Saturday, December 12. For more information, contact MSU Athletics at ext. 4779.

## Jobs

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### Secretary

**Department:** Art

**Starting Date:** As soon as possible

**Starting Salary:** \$1,743 monthly, plus benefits

## New Baby

Congratulations to financial aid counselor **Geneva McLean** and husband Eric on the birth of their daughter, Kris LeeAnn. She was born November 13 and weighed 6lbs., 11oz.

## In the Spotlight

**Ray Willis**, Assistant Professor of Biology, was awarded a \$23,000 grant from the State of Texas to perform a small mammal survey on the 4,000-acre Fort Wolters Training Center in Mineral Wells. Graduate student **Matt Fox** will be assisting with the yearlong project. Willis also visited Cameron University (October 23) for an invited talk "Bats, Cats, and Rats; Research and Graduate Student Opportunities at Dalquest Desert Research Station." Additionally, he spoke to the MSU Board of Regents in November about the current research and future use of DDRS.

**Raquel Oxford**, IELI Instructor, and **Jeffrey Oxford**, Professor of Spanish, presented "Immigration and Identity: A Cultural Thematic Approach to Social Justice" at the American Council on The Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) conference in San Diego, Calif.

**Linda Knox**, **Barbara Lunce**, **Jamie Wilson**, and **Darla English** attended the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (TACRAO) conference in Houston November 8-11, where they co-presented a session titled "Imagine Graduation." Each of the four served as facilitators for other sessions. Knox will be chairing the Management, Organization, and Professional Development session planning committee

for the 2016 conference, and Wilson will be serving on the session planning committee for Certification and Legal Issues for the 2016 conference. English will be serving as president of TACRAO for the 2016 conference, which will be held at Horseshoe Bay Resort in Marble Falls next November. English received the gavel and addressed the membership at the closing breakfast/business meeting of the 2015 conference.

**Nathan Jun**, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Coordinator of the Philosophy Program, published an article titled "Political Theory and History: The Case of Anarchism" in *The Journal of Political Ideologies* 20:3 (2015), pp. 244-262.

**Andrew J. Allen**, Assistant Professor of Music, wrote an article titled "Woodwind Books for Band Directors" that appears in the December 2015 issue of *The Instrumentalist*.

**W. Scott Meddaugh**, Professor of Geosciences, presented a Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) Distinguished Lecture titled "Optimism in Reservoir Production Forecasting – Impact of Geology, Heterogeneity, Geostatistics, Reservoir Modeling, and Uncertainty" at SPE Section meetings in The Hague, Netherlands; Oslo, Norway; Bergen, Norway; Dublin, Ireland; Bucharest, Romania; Milan, Italy; and Geneva, Switzerland, during mid-November.