

the Update

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This Week's Events

Monday February 9

<i>Athletics...</i>		
Men's Tennis at Tyler Junior College	9 a.m.	Tyler, Texas
<i>Athletics...</i>		
Men's Tennis at UT-Tyler	3 p.m.	Tyler, Texas
<i>Department of English, Humanities, & Philosophy...</i>		
Departmental Information Session	6 p.m.	CSC Comanche Suites

Tuesday February 10

<i>Counseling Center...</i>		
Academic Workshop: Four Steps to a 4.0	3:30 p.m.	Sundance Meeting Room
<i>Office of Student Development & Orientation...</i>		
Black History Month:		
Dear White People (film)	6 p.m.	CSC Shawnee Theater
<i>Center for Continuing Education...</i>		
Film Series: Crash	7 p.m.	WFMA

Wednesday February 11

<i>Staff Senate...</i>		
Staff Senate Winter Sizzler	1-3 p.m.	CSC Atrium
<i>Moffett Library...</i>		
Workshop: How do I start? Beginning a Research Project		
	2 p.m.	Moffett Media Department
<i>Athletics...</i>		
Women's Basketball at West Texas A&M	5:30 p.m.	Canyon
<i>Athletics...</i>		
Men's Basketball at West Texas A&M	7:30 p.m.	Canyon

Thursday February 12

MSU Board of Regents Meeting	1:30 p.m.	J.S. Bridwell Board Room
<i>Moffett Library...</i>		
Workshop: How do I start? Beginning a Research Project		
	2 p.m.	Moffett Media Department
<i>Center for Continuing Education...</i>		
Nature's Bouquet Acrylics Class	6 p.m.	Sikes Lake Center
<i>Faculty Forum Series...</i>		
Dr. Yu Guo	7 p.m.	CSC Shawnee Theater

Friday February 13

MSU Board of Regents Meeting	9 a.m.	J.S. Bridwell Board Room
<i>Office of Admissions...</i>		
Discover MSU: College of Science & Mathematics		
<i>Athletics...</i>		
Men's Tennis vs. Hardin-Simmons	1 p.m.	MSU Tennis Courts
<i>Athletics...</i>		
Softball at West Texas A&M Woodward Invitational vs. Metropolitan State (Colo.)	1:30 p.m.	Canyon, Texas
vs. Chadron State (Nev.)	3:30 p.m.	
<i>Theatre Honor Society...</i>		
The Vagina Monologues	7:30 p.m.	Fain Fine Arts Center Theatre
<i>Office of Student Development & Orientation...</i>		
Black History Month:		
Black Student Union Talent Show	7:30 p.m.	CSC Comanche Suites

Saturday February 14

<i>Juanita Harvey Art Gallery...</i>		
High School Art Competition		Foyer Gallery
<i>Athletics...</i>		
Women's Track at Don Kirby Invitational		Albuquerque, N.M.
<i>Athletics...</i>		
Women's Track at OBU Indoor Invitational		Norman, Okla.
<i>Athletics...</i>		
Women's Tennis vs. Central Oklahoma	Noon	MSU Tennis Courts
<i>Athletics...</i>		
Softball at West Texas A&M Woodward Invitational vs. Colorado Mines	11:30 a.m.	Canyon, Texas
vs. Colorado State-Pueblo	1:30 p.m.	
<i>Athletics...</i>		
Women's Basketball vs. Eastern N.M.	4 p.m.	Ligon Coliseum
<i>Athletics...</i>		
Men's Basketball vs. Eastern N.M.	6 p.m.	Ligon Coliseum
<i>Theatre Honor Society...</i>		
The Vagina Monologues	7:30 p.m.	Fain Fine Arts Center Theatre
Sunday February 15		
<i>Athletics...</i>		
Softball at West Texas A&M Woodward Invitational vs. Colorado Mesa	10:30 a.m.	Canyon, Texas
vs. Adams State	2:30 p.m.	
<i>Athletics...</i>		
Women's Tennis at SMU	4 p.m.	Dallas

Around Campus

English, Humanities, and Philosophy Information Session

The Department of English, Humanities, and Philosophy will present an informational session highlighting its programs at 6 p.m. Monday, February 9, in CSC Comanche Suites. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Dr. Nathan Jun at ext. 4128 or nathan.jun@mwsu.edu.

Moffett Library Workshops

Moffett Library will present "How do I start? Beginning a Research Project" at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 11, and Thursday, February 12, in the library's media department. Topics covered will include how to reduce writing anxiety, topic selection, and narrowing topics to a manageable size. Faculty wishing to offer extra credit should contact Allison Breen at ext. 4698.

MSU Black History Month Events

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African-Americans in U.S. history. The event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson. Since 1976, every U.S. president has designated February as Black History Month. The following events will mark the celebration on the MSU campus:

UPB Film: *Dear White People*

6 p.m. Tuesday, February 10, in CSC Shawnee Theater
Follow the stories of four black students at an Ivy League college where controversy breaks out over a popular but offensive black-face party.

Black Student Union Talent Show

7:30 p.m. Friday, February 13, in CSC Comanche Suites
MSU students perform in BSU's exciting evening of entertainment.

NAACP Student Success Banquet

6 p.m. Monday, February 16, in CSC Comanche A
MSU NAACP student organization promotes academic success with keynote speaker Dr. Betty Stewart, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Soul Food Tasting

6 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, in CSC Food Court
MSU NAACP, Black Student Union, and Caribbean Students Organization will provide a variety of cultural foods to sample. All for free!

UPB Poetry Night: ODD?ROD

8:30 p.m. Thursday, February 26, in CSC Atrium
Odd?Rod is a young man with an inspirational story of overcoming the adversities of growing up in poverty.

Café Noir: Featuring Music Artist Lakin

8 p.m. Friday, February 27, in CSC Comanche Suites
Lakin is a singer-songwriter influenced by neo-soul, jazz, folk, and alternative rock artists.
Free refreshments will be served.

To request a disability accommodation, contact Disability Support Services at ext. 4140 or debra.higginbotham@mwsu.edu at least one week prior to the event. This year's events are sponsored by the University Programming Board, NAACP, Black Student Union, Caribbean Student Organization, and Student Development and Orientation. For more information, contact Seth Newton at ext 4500 or student.activities@mwsu.edu.

Nature's Bouquet Acrylic Class

Join painter Crimson Shults to recreate "Nature's Bouquet" in acrylic on canvas from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, February 12, at Sikes Lake Center. All levels of artists are welcome. The cost of the class is \$40, and all supplies are included. RSVP early to MSU Continuing Education to ensure all materials can be provided for you in a timely manner. For more information call ext. 4307.

High School Art Competition (Correction)

The Juanita Harvey Art Gallery will host the annual High School Art Competition Saturday, February 14, in the Foyer Gallery. Works will be on display through February 25. For more information, call ext. 4264 or visit mwsu.edu/academics/finearts/art/gallery.

Mark Your Calendar

Academic Workshop: Test Anxiety

The Counseling Center will present a one-hour academic workshop about Test Anxiety at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, in the Sundance Court Third Floor Meeting Room. Professors are welcome to include this information in their syllabi and offer extra credit to students if desired. Students will be provided attendance verification forms. For more information, call ext. 4618.

Streich Family Lecture Series on Free Enterprise: John Marthinsen

The 33rd Annual Streich Family Lecture Series on Free Enterprise will present John Marthinsen at 11 a.m. Thursday, February 19, in Dillard 101. His topic will be "Offshoring: Is it an Economic Elixir or a Recipe for Disaster?" Marthinsen is Professor of Economics and International Business at Babson College in Babson Park, Mass., where he holds the Distinguished Chair in Swiss Economics of the Glavin Center for Global Entrepreneurial Leadership. Marthinsen earned a Ph.D.

from the University of Connecticut in Storrs, where he was awarded Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi academic honors. His teaching and research focus on the areas of international macroeconomics, risk management, and international finance, which he teaches at the graduate, undergraduate, and executive levels. The Streich Family Lecture Series is sponsored by the Dillard College of Business Administration, the Mamie Raborn Center for Economic Education, and Delta Sigma Pi. Admission is free. For more information, call ext. 4379.

The Mesh of Customer Service

The Small Business Development Center at MSU will present "The Mesh of Customer Service" at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, February 18, in Dillard 133 as part of its Back to Basics Wednesdays. Dr. Rafael Perez of Stone Lake Dental, and an MSU graduate, will discuss how to offer wonderful customer service in the work place. Admission is \$10. For more information, call ext. 4373 or visit www.mwsu.info/url/SBDCtouchnet to register.

Leadership Conference Opportunity

On February 21, the Office of Student Development and Orientation will host the third annual weCONNECT spring leadership conference on campus. This year's conference will focus on social justice and diversity on college campuses and in student organizations. The event is free and open to all students and advisors to student organizations. Registration before February 15 includes a light breakfast, lunch, and conference materials. More information about weCONNECT, including registration can be found at www.mwsu.edu/weconnect.

Campus News

Two Days with Dr. John Gardner

Following approval of MSU's Strategic and Action Plan, discussions began which focused on prioritizing action items to further MSU's mission. Identified as critical and urgent was an item that was part of MSU's participation in the First Year Experience program several years ago, and that is a recommendation for the addition of a First Year Seminar (MSU Strategic and Action Plan, Goal 2, Task 2.2.1.1.).

To begin this process, a Task Force has been appointed that will lead the development of our First Year Seminar, which has a planned implementation date of fall 2016. As a means of kicking off this important work, a renowned figure in the development of the first year experience, Dr. John Gardner, President, of the Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, will be

joining us on campus with a plenary address to the campus community at 8:00 a.m. Monday, February 16, in Comanche Suites.

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to hear Dr. Gardner's plenary address. Participation in the upcoming event is the first step in preparing the campus to undertake this significant initiative. To facilitate attendance, I am authorizing faculty to release their 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. classes if they plan to attend the plenary session.

Following his plenary address, Dr. Gardner will be meeting with a number of groups over that Monday and part of Tuesday, and this schedule of events will be forthcoming. Provided below are three links for additional information about Dr. Gardner as well as First Year Seminars.

<https://secure.mwsu.edu/aie/documents/Dr-John-Gardner-Bio.pdf>
<https://secure.mwsu.edu/aie/documents/National-Survey-Enhancing-Student-Success-and-Retention.pdf>
www.sc.edu/fye/research/survey_cycle/index.html
(Note: Click on National Survey of First Year Seminars: 2012-2013 Survey/Exec. Summary)

Please mark your calendars for this very important event and look for the full schedule shortly.

2014-2015 Outstanding Student Award Nominations

The annual Honors Recognition Banquet at Midwestern State University, the marquee student academic and leadership award occasion of the year, will be Friday, April 24. Nominations and applications are now being accepted for the 2014-15 Outstanding Student Awards. Among the awards to be announced are the following:

- Outstanding Freshman Man & Woman
- Outstanding Sophomore Man & Woman
- Outstanding Junior Man & Woman
- Outstanding Senior Man & Woman
- Man & Woman of the Year
- Outstanding Graduate Man & Woman
- Viola Grady Leadership Award

All academic programs, administrative departments, and registered student organizations are invited to nominate a student within each award category. The nomination form is available through the my.mwsu portal and on the Dean of Students' website at mwsu.edu/student-life/dean/.

Completed nomination forms are due March 6.

Additional information:

1. Each program, department, or registered student organization may submit up to 13 nominations (one

from each category). You may nominate students who are members of your program or organization, as well as those who are not directly affiliated.

2. Nominations should be based on scholarship, service, leadership, involvement, and general character.
3. Students must be enrolled for the Spring 2015 semester at Midwestern State University.
4. Students should be nominated within their current academic classification (FR, SO, JR, SR, GRAD), except for the Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, and Viola Grady Leadership Award, which are open to students from any classification.
5. Students nominated for the Graduate Man of the Year or Graduate Woman of the Year must have completed at least 18 graduate credit hours.

In order for a nominee to be considered for these awards, he/she must also submit a Nominee Information Form by March 6. The Nominee Information Form may also be accessed through the my.mwsu portal and on the Dean of Students' website. A committee comprised of university faculty and staff review all completed nominations and determine the final selection results.

If you have any questions about the Outstanding Student Awards or this nomination process, contact the Office of the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students at ext. 7500.

In the Spotlight

Allison Douglass, English MA candidate, presented "Freud and the Housewife: Therapy as a Rhetorical Space in the 1950s" at the American Studies Association of Texas Conference in Huntsville, Texas, in November.

Greg Giddings, Assistant Professor of English, had an article titled "Pat Conroy's *The Great Santini*: The Masculinity of a Southern, Gentle Man" published in *Lamar Journal of the Humanities* XXXVIII.1 (Spring 2013): 21-42.

Claudia Montoya, Associate Professor of Spanish, has published the article "El padre 'castrado' y su evolución, de *Malcom In The Middle* a *Breaking Bad*" in the book titled *La figura del padre nella serialità televisiva* (Pontificia Università della Santa Croce: Rome, 2014), pgs 267-276.

Sixteen members of the MSU fraternity and sorority community attended the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values conference in Indianapolis, Ind., in January. **Kevin Bazner**, Assistant Director of Student Development and Orientation, presented two educational programming sessions for undergraduate and graduate student leaders attending the conference. The MSU Panhellenic Council, governing council for the four Panhellenic sororities at MSU, received special recognition for outstanding achievement in council management at the closing banquet and awards ceremony.