

# the Update

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**Editor's Note:** This issue of *The Update* includes events during the week of Thanksgiving Break. The next issue will be published on Monday, December 7.

## This Week's Events

### Monday November 23

*MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights...*  
 Fantasy of Lights Opening Ceremony 6 p.m. Hardin Lawn

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

*Black Student Leaders...*  
 Town Hall Meeting 7:30 p.m. CSC Shawnee Theater

### Tuesday November 24

*Athletics...*  
 Women's Basketball vs. Southern Nazarene (Okla.) 5:30 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

*Athletics...*  
 Men's Basketball vs. Colorado State-Pueblo 7:30 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

### Wednesday November 25

No Classes – Thanksgiving Break  
 University offices will close at noon.

### Thursday November 26

University Offices closed for Thanksgiving.

### Friday November 27

University Offices closed for Thanksgiving.

*Athletics...*  
 Men's Basketball at Bill Joergens Memorial Classic vs. Bellarmine 5:15 p.m. Evansville, Ind.

### Saturday November 28

*Athletics...*  
 Men's Basketball at Bill Joergens Memorial Classic vs. Southern Indiana 7:30 p.m. Evansville, Ind.

*Athletics...*  
 Football vs. Colorado State-Pueblo 1 p.m. Memorial Stadium

### Monday November 30

Classes Resume

### Tuesday December 1

*Office of Undergraduate Research...*  
 EURECA Application Deadline for Spring 2016

*Office of Admissions...*  
 Scholarship Night TBA

*Athletics...*  
 Men's Basketball vs. St. Mary's (Texas) 7:30 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

### Friday December 4

Last Day of Classes

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

*Department of Music...*  
 Gala Concert 7 p.m. Akin Auditorium

*Athletics...*  
 Men's Basketball vs. Oklahoma Christian 7:30 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

### Saturday December 5

Final Examinations Begin

*Athletics...*  
 NCAA Division II Football National Quarterfinals

### Sunday December 6

*Department of Music...*  
 Choir Concert 3 p.m. Akin Auditorium

## Around Campus

### Opening Reception: MSU Senior Exhibition

The Juanita and Ralph Harvey School of Visual Arts will present an opening reception for the Senior Exhibitions at 6-8 p.m. Friday, December 4, in the foyer gallery and pit galleries. The exhibition will be on display through January 11. For more information, call ext. 4264.

### Gala Concert

The Department of Music will present a concert showcase gala at 7 p.m. Friday, December 4, in Akin Auditorium. For more information, call ext. 4267.

### Choir Concert

The Department of Music will present a choir concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, December 6, in Akin Auditorium. Oratorio, Midwestern Singers, and University Singers will perform. Admission is free. For more information, call ext. 4267.

## Mark Your Calendar

### Presidential Inauguration & Holiday Luncheon

Faculty and staff are invited to attend the Inauguration of Dr. Suzanne Shipley, 11th President of Midwestern State University at 11 a.m. Friday, December 11, in the Fain Fine Arts Theatre. Lunch service will be available between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to accommodate schedules. RSVP online or by phone at [www.mwsu.edu/inauguration](http://www.mwsu.edu/inauguration) or ext. 6376. Responses will help with inauguration seating and lunch arrangements.

### Mass Communication Senior Documentary Screenings

The Department of Mass Communication will present screenings of senior documentaries at 3 p.m. Friday, December 11, in Bolin 100. For more information, call ext. 4670.

### Commencement

The MSU commencement ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 12, in the Kay Yeager Coliseum of the Multi-Purpose Event Center at 1000 Fifth Street. The speaker will be MSU alumna and Neiman Marcus marketing vice president Catherine Allred Davis.

## Campus News

### To the Faculty

Commencement will be Saturday, December 12, 2015, 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.

### 2015 Fall Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Forum Winners

A total of 48 undergraduate researcher presentations were evaluated by faculty members from each college at the 2015 Fall Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Forum last week. The UGR Office would like to commend the faculty evaluators, session moderators and Camille Shepherd from the Office of Institutional Research for their contributions in making the forum a great success. More than 400 students attended the forum. This semester's winners were:

### Dillard College of Business Administration Best Oral Presentation

"Factors Driving Down Oil Prices: Implication for the North Texas Regional Economy" by Curtis Knobloch. Mentors: Dr. John Martinez and Dr. Robert Forrester, Economics and Finance. EURECA

### Best Poster

"Turning up the heat on volunteer motivation: A study examining what makes America's most famous triple digit weather bike race so attractive for its' volunteers" by Adam Likeness and Aubrey Kass. Mentors: Dr. Niyati Kataria and Dr. Jeff Stambaugh, Management and Marketing

### Gunn College of Health Sciences & Human Services Best Poster

"Stress Management Among Undergraduate Social Work Students" by Charles Staats, Kelsey Denne, Isaac Esquivel, Kim Jones, and Kathryn Miser. Mentor: Dr. Packiaraj Arumugham, Social Work.

### Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities & Social Sciences

#### Best Oral Presentation

"Fort Hood Free Grazers: Central Texas Cattle Ranchers and the Role of Federal Government in the Economic Development of the Post-War American West" by Kristen Johnson. Mentor: Dr. Leland Turner, History. EURECA

#### Best Poster

"The Death of Ivan Ilyich and Other Stories" by Alicia Ward and Jonathan Henderson. Mentor: Dr. Kirsten Lodge, English, Humanities, and Philosophy. EURECA

### College of Science and Mathematics

#### Best Oral Presentation

"A Pneumatic Dome Shaped Active Road Rumble" by Daniel Goodey, Donnie Hudnell, Austin Fidler, Varuna Denawakage Don, and Ronell Pemberton. Mentor: Dr. Salim Azzouz, McCoy School of Engineering

#### Best Poster (Tie)

"Feedback Control of a Multi-DOF Robot using Bluetooth" by Huiluo Chen and Xitong Li. Mentor: Dr. Yu Guo, McCoy School of Engineering and Design. EURECA

"Development of an Atmospheric Satellite" by Michael Arthur Olaya and Sean Egloff. Mentor: Dr. Yu Guo, McCoy School of Engineering. EURECA

### West College of Education

#### Best Oral Presentation

"Integrating Children's Literature in Elementary Math Methods: Fostering Understandings and Connections" by Melissa Whitwood and Nikki Bussue. Mentor: Dr. Dittika Gupta, Education. EURECA

#### Best Poster

"Elementary Students Get A Bit Fit" by Samantha Scott and Macy Miles. Mentor: Dr. Stacia Miller, Kinesiology.

## Jobs

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### Programmer Analyst I

**Department:** Information Technology

**Starting Date:** As soon as possible

**Starting Salary:** \$3,871 Monthly with Benefits

## New Baby

Congratulations to admissions counselor **Mandi Peterman** and husband Shawn on the birth of their son, Brandton. He was born on November 15 and weighed 7lbs., 14oz. and was 21.5 inches long.

## Thank You

Thank you to all who participated in the 2015 SECC. A total of \$28,787 was collected. The support received is invaluable to these agencies and our community.

Kathi Shilanski & Sherri Helms, SECC Co-Chairs

## In Sympathy

Our condolences to admissions counselor **Allison Gordon** and husband Ryan on the passing of their infant daughter Emmerson Jane.

## In the Spotlight

**Hannah Redder**, master's candidate in English, presented "River Stories: The Brazos and Cultural Identity in Knox County, Texas" at the American Studies Association of Texas (ASAT) conference at Sam Houston State University on November 13.

**John Schulze**, Assistant Professor of English, also presented at the ASAT conference; his paper was titled "Fertile Ground: An Exploration of the German-American Internment Experience during WWII."

**Greg Giddings**, Assistant Professor of English, presented "Larry Brown's *Joe* vs. David Gordon Green's Film: A Contrast in Masculinities" at the ASAT conference on November 14.

**Todd Giles**, Assistant Professor of English, presented "Space Monkeys, Haiku, and Emptiness: The Misguided Zen of *Fight Club*" on November 14 at the ASAT conference in Huntsville, Texas.

**Nathan Jun**, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Coordinator of the Philosophy Program, organized a panel titled "Contemporary Anarchist Thought: Philosophy, History, and Social Movement Theory" at the Northeastern Political Science Association in Philadelphia on November 12. Jun's contribution to the

panel was titled "Some Problems with Contemporary Anarchist Theory and Intellectual History."

The women faculty and staff of the **College of Science and Mathematics** hosted the Annual Math, Science & U Conference for area junior high girls on Saturday, November 14. Nineteen women majoring in disciplines in the College of Science & Mathematics 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 13 teachers in attendance. **Catherine Stringfellow** (computer science) and **Michelle Knox** (mathematics) served as co-chairs for this year's conference, and **Antoinette Brown** served as conference secretary. There were four workshops conducted: **Jackie Dunn** (physics) presented "What if the sky does fall?"; **Amy Knowles** and **Zaineb Ramzan** (computer science students) presented "Bits and Pieces" with the assistance of **Rebekah Jones** (information technology); **Sarah Cobb** (mathematics) presented "How to tell an orange from a donut;" and **Karen Polvado** (nursing) presented "The Heart Beat of Science." Teresa Rose (P.E., Deputy Director of Public Works, City of WF) was the luncheon speaker. Provost **Betty Stewart** introduced President **Suzanne Shipley** who gave the welcome. Other faculty and staff who helped to make the conference a success were **Margaret Brown Marsden** and **Tricia Greear** (Office of the Dean of the College of Science & Mathematics), **Ranette Halverson**, **Tina Johnson**, **Cerise Wuthrich**, and **Richard Simpson** (computer science); **Dawn Slavens**, **Lynn Jones**, **Sandra Belcher**, **Linda Fosnaugh**, and **Clara Easterling** (mathematics); **Rebecca Dodge** (geosciences); **Kathy Everett** (biology); and **Tommye Hutson**, **Dittika Gupta** (education); and **Leslie Berryhill** (extended education).

**Lauren Jansen**, Associate Professor of Nursing; **Catherine Pankonien**, Assistant Professor of Nursing; **Jane Leach**, Coordinator MSN Programs; **Marty Gibson**, Assistant Professor of Nursing; **Betty Bowles**, Associate Professor of Nursing; and **Daria Close**, Assistant Professor of Nursing, made presentations as part of the continuing education conference, "First Do no Harm: Interventions during Childbirth" at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU on November 19. The conference for area maternity nurses was made possible by a grant from the March of Dimes. Xi Iota Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau national honor society for nursing co-sponsored the event.