

# the Update

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## This Week's Events

### Monday January 11

Office of the Registrar...  
 Re-enrolling Student Registration

### Tuesday January 12

Office of the Registrar...  
 Re-enrolling Student Registration

Small Business Development Center...  
 QuickBooks Training Workshop 8:30 a.m. Dillard 159

### Wednesday January 13

Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration

Small Business Development Center...  
 QuickBooks Training Workshop 8:30 a.m. Dillard 159

Athletics...  
 Women's Basketball vs. Tarleton State 5:30 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

Athletics...  
 Men's Basketball vs. Tarleton State 7:30 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

### Thursday January 14

Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration

### Friday January 15

Student Advising and Registration

### Saturday January 16

Classes begin

Athletics...  
 MSU Tennis at UT Arlington 10 a.m. Arlington, Texas

Athletics...  
 Women's Basketball  
 at Texas A&M Commerce 4 p.m. Commerce, Texas

Athletics...  
 Men's Basketball  
 at Texas A&M Commerce 7 p.m. Commerce, Texas

Center for Continuing Education...  
 Stained Glass Workshop 10 a.m. Sikes Lake Center

## Mark Your Calendar

### MLK Holiday

Midwestern State University offices and classes will be closed Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## Catering Showcase

Dining Services will present a Catering Showcase from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, January 21, in the CSC Comanche Suites. Taste new menu items and view displays for buffets, served, and receptions. A CaterTrax ordering systems representative will present demonstrations on how to place an online order and answer questions. Drawings will be held, and participants must be present to win. For more information, contact Marva Bracks at ext. 4424.

## D2L Workshops

For faculty who plan to use D2L for spring courses, the following workshops will be available.

### Is Your D2L Course Ready for the Spring Semester?

A checklist of best practices and ideas for online classes 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 12 Hardin 225

### Ways to Use D2L as a Supplement to your Face to Face Courses

A checklist of best practices and ideas for online classes 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 12 Hardin 225

### Open Lab Times

Open lab times for Hardin 225 will be available on the following days to assist with anything from planning your courses to setting them up on D2L.

1:30-4 p.m.	Monday, January 11
10 a.m.-noon	Wednesday, January 13
10a.m.-noon	Thursday, January 14
1-3 p.m.	Thursday, January 14
1:30-4:30 p.m.	Friday, January 15

Please RSVP for any of the sessions at [crystal.boyle@mwsu.edu](mailto:crystal.boyle@mwsu.edu), as space is limited. For more information, call ext. 4868.

## Continuing Education Classes for January

The following classes will be offered through MSU Center for Continuing Education in January. For more information, call ext. 4307 or visit [www.mwsu.edu/conted](http://www.mwsu.edu/conted).

### Tuesday, January 12:

- Organizational Risk Management & Legal Structures and Practices

#### Thursday, January 14

- PowerPoint Introduction, 6-8 p.m. (2 sessions)

#### Saturday, January 16

- Stained Glass, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (4 sessions)

#### Monday, January 18-May 5

(Semester Art Course in Fain Fine Arts)

- Metalsmithing, 2-4:50 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays
- Drawing I, 5-7:50 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays
- Photography 104, 9-11:50 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays

#### Tuesday, January 19- May 5

(Semester Art Course in Fain Fine Arts)

- Sculpture 106, 2-4:50 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- History of World Art: Survey II, 5-6:20 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Painting, 9:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Printmaking, 9:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

#### Tuesday, January 19

- Sign Language, Beginning, 6-7:30 p.m. (8 sessions)
- Sign Language, Intermediate, 7:30-9 p.m. (8 sessions)
- Square Dance Lessons, 7-9 p.m. (14 sessions)

#### Monday January 25

- Ceramics, Wheelthrowing, 6-9 p.m. (14 sessions)
- Ceramics, Handbuilding, 6-9 p.m. (14 sessions)

#### Tuesday, January 26

- Computer, Basic, 6-8 p.m. (2 sessions)
- Welding/Steel Fab, 6-8:50 p.m. (14 sessions)

#### Thursday, January 28

- Metalsmithing/Jewelry, 6-9 p.m. (14 sessions)

Each week in January the following online courses offered through Ed2go will start: Healthcare, Microsoft Certification, Networking/CompTIA, Internet Design & Tech, Business, Veterinary Assistant, and more.

## Campus News

### Relief Fund for Matt Watson

Charles "Matt" Watson, Assistant Professor of Biology, lost his home and vehicles in the storms that devastated the DFW area on December 26. Dr. Watson and his family were unharmed, and are residing in an extended stay hotel in Dallas. For those wishing to assist Dr. Watson and his family in their recovery efforts, an account has been established at the MSU Credit Union, as well as a GoFundMe campaign at <https://www.gofundme.com/cnggu4ba>.

## Information Regarding Forms 1095-B and 1095-C

Starting in 2016, MSU insurance eligible employees may receive two 1095 IRS forms providing information about health-care coverage offered or in place during 2015. The new forms are:

[Form 1095-B](#), Health Coverage: The Employees Retirement System/United Healthcare will send this form to covered individuals with information regarding who was covered under insurance and for which time period.

[Form 1095-C](#), Employer-Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage: MSU will send this form to insurance eligible employees with information pertaining to the health coverage offered.

The IRS has extended the issuing deadline for Forms 1095-B and 1095-C until March 31, 2016. Per the IRS, individuals do not have to wait for receipt of the 1095-B and/or 1095-C forms to file their 2015 taxes. However, if you or your dependents enrolled in insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace, you will need the Form 1095-A, issued by the Marketplace, to complete your 2015 tax filing. Please visit this link provided by the IRS for any additional questions you may have in regard to these new forms: [IRS – 1095 Form Questions/Answers](#).

## Portal Updates

The MSU Portal now features a password reset/recovery feature that was implemented January 6. The new feature will allow all users to reset a forgotten portal password OR change an existing portal password at any time.

In order for this feature to work, all users must answer five security questions during their first portal login after January 6. These answers will be used by the portal to automatically authenticate the user if the password is forgotten.

Users will not be able to complete their portal login without answering these questions. This is a one-time process. Instructions and screenshots of the new features are posted on the MSU Portal login page and homepage. For more information, contact Robert Steflik at ext. 4015 or [robert.steflik@mwsu.edu](mailto:robert.steflik@mwsu.edu).

## Staff Incentive/Dependent Applications

The deadline for submission of applications to participate in the Staff Educational Program and/or the MSU Dependent Educational Assistance Program is at 5 p.m. Thursday, January 21. The application form for each program is on the MSU Forms webpage at [www.mwsu.edu/humanresources/forms](http://www.mwsu.edu/humanresources/forms). Please note that a separate application must be submitted to Human Resources for each semester. For more information, contact Courtney Grimes at ext. 4207.

## Welcome

### **Steven Draper**

PC Network Service Technician

### **Kurt Morgan**

Custodian

### **Kayla Meaders**

Admissions Counselor

## In the Spotlight

**James Johnston**, Dean of the Gunn College of Health Sciences and Human Services, with **Jeffrey Oxford**, Professor and Chair of Foreign Languages, and **Clara Latham**, University Librarian, received a grant from the American Library Association Public Programs Office (ALA) and the National Library of Medicine (NLM) to participate in the upcoming tour of the traveling exhibition *Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness*. The NLM developed and produced the exhibit and the ALA is touring the exhibition. Approximately 104 public, academic, special tribal and tribal college libraries, or organizations collaborating with libraries, were selected to host the exhibit between February 2016 and June 2020.

**Andrew J. Allen**, Assistant Professor of Music, penned the article "The Life and Music of Gustav Bumcke" that appears in the January/February 2016 issue of *Saxophone Today*.