

» THIS WEEK NOVEMBER 26-DECEMBER 2

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26
**Critical Conversations Series:
Campus Climate @MSUTexas**
4 p.m. Dillard 189

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27
Real Talk!: Election Results
Noon CMAC (Bea Wood 131)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Safe Zone Training
1 p.m. Legacy Multipurpose Room

**Last Lecture Series:
Dr. Ronald Young**
7 p.m. Legacy Multipurpose Room

**NAACP: Get Comfortable
with Being Uncomfortable**
7 p.m. Bolin 127

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Safe Zone Training
3 p.m. Legacy Multipurpose Room

**Women's Basketball
at Eastern New Mexico**
6:30 p.m. Portales, N.M.

**Moffett Movie Madness:
Mr. Holmes**
7 p.m. Leisure Reading Area

Praise Night
7:30 p.m. Burns Chapel

**Men's Basketball
at Eastern New Mexico**
8:30 p.m. Portales, N.M.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30
P.R.I.D.E. Variety Show
8:30 p.m. CSC Kiowa

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1
**Application Deadline
for Spring Admission**

**MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights
5K & 1-Mile Fun Run**
10 a.m. Hardin Lawn

**Women's Basketball
at West Texas A&M**
2 p.m. Canyon, Texas

Men's Basketball at West Texas A&M
4 p.m. Canyon, Texas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2
Midwestern Singers
2 p.m. Burns Chapel

Comfort Dogs
6 p.m. Moffett Library

AROUND CAMPUS

Critical Conversations Series: Campus Climate @MSUTexas

During the 2017-2018 academic year, MSU Texas conducted two important campus climate surveys addressing sexual assault, as well as diversity in and out of the classroom. This month's Critical Conversation will focus on the attitudes, behaviors and feelings of our MSU student community regarding these two topics. The role of faculty and staff in being part of changes to address the needs of students will also be discussed. The discussion will begin at 4 p.m. Monday, November 26, in Dillard 189. For more information, contact the Office of Equity, Inclusion & Multicultural Affairs at ext. 4947.

REAL TALK!: Election Results

The Office for Equity, Inclusion and Multicultural Affairs will host Real Talk! at noon Tuesday, November 27, in the Center for Multicultural Affairs & Community (Bea Wood 131). The topic for this discussion will be about the 2018 midterm election results and their effects on the future. REAL TALK! is a real discussion about real issues that impact us today. For more information, contact call ext. 4947.

Safe Zone Training

Safe Zone Training increase the awareness, knowledge, and skills for individuals and addresses the challenges that exist when one wants to advocate for their LGBTQ peers, family members, friends, coworkers, and themselves. Creating safe zones or safe spaces is a proactive step that schools, agencies, and corporations can take to create welcoming, inclusive spaces so that all people are empowered to reach their full

potential. Two sessions are available to the campus community at 1 p.m. Wednesday, November 28, or 3 p.m. Thursday, November 29, in Legacy Multipurpose Room. To RSVP or for more information, email jonathon.quam@msutexas.edu. For those who are unable to attend but interested in attending a future session, please send an email to be added to the list.

Last Lecture Series presents Dr. Ronald Young

The Last Lectures Series will present Dr. Ronald Young, A Letter to Me, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 28, in Legacy Multipurpose Room. Young earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Angelo State University and a Ph.D., also in accounting, from Texas Tech University. After completing his Ph.D., Young was on the faculty at the University of New Orleans for 24 years, the last 15 as an energy accounting and tax conference professor. Young joined the faculty at MSU Texas in Fall 2015 as the Sam Rugeley Distinguished Professor of Energy Accounting. At MSU he has taught financial accounting, managerial accounting, intermediate accounting, petroleum accounting, and the accounting portion of energy accounting and law class. The Last Lecture is inspired by a series of lectures by noted professors on what matters most to them as they give a hypothetical last lecture. For more information, contact Steve Hilton at ext. 4270 or steve.hilton@msutexas.edu.

Moffett Movie Madness: Mr. Holmes

Drs. Todd Giles and Charles Matthew Watson will introduce the film *Mr. Holmes* (2015) at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 29, in the Leisure Reading Area of Moffett Library. See the world's most famous detective as

never seen before, portrayed by acting legend Ian McKellen, in this ingeniously plotted suspense-thriller. For 30 years, Sherlock Holmes has been haunted by his final case, one that remains unsolved. Now, spurred by a mysterious trip to Japan, Holmes quietly slips out of retirement to confront the ghosts of his past – and a spellbinding mystery that will take all of his deductive powers to solve. For more information, contact Emily Billings at ext. 4696 or emily.billings@msutexas.edu.

Get Comfortable with Being Uncomfortable

The NAACP will present “Get Comfortable with Being Uncomfortable,” a conversation about diversity, inclusion, and prejudice on the campus at 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 28, in Bolin 127. In response to the recent hate speech and hate promotion on campus, the NAACP will present an informational program about what it means to be diverse and inclusive. There will be light refreshments and warm conversation over the topics of diversity and inclusiveness along with the different prejudices, so that that the campus community can get comfortable with being uncomfortable and combat hate promotion not only on campus but also in the community. For more information or for accommodations, NAACP President Alonzo Burris by email at Alonzoburris9696@gmail.com or Disability Support Services ext. 4140.

Praise Night

Echoes of Gospel will present Praise Night at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 29, in the Burns Chapel. Join the group for a night full of gracious company, moving music, and a powerful sermon with guest speaker the Rev. Marcus.

P.R.I.D.E. Variety Show

A night of fun performances by both P.R.I.D.E members and community members will be presented at 8:30 p.m. Friday, November 30, in CSC Kiowa at the P.R.I.D.E. Variety Show. This will be a fun social event including drag, poetry, comedy, and more. There will be adult content such as R-rated language, so viewer discretion is advised. Everyone is welcome to come see their peers express their art.

MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run

The MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights will host a fun run at 9 a.m. Saturday, December 1, beginning and ending on the east lawn of the Hardin Administration Building (Taft Street side). Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Fee is \$25 for the 5K run or \$15 for the 1-mile fun run. Free for MSU students. The first 100 paid registrants will receive

a commemorative ornament. Prizes (\$25 gift cards) will be awarded to best and worst holiday-themed male and female participants and to the fastest 5K male and female runners. Proceeds go to the upkeep of the Fantasy of Lights. For more information or to register, visit the [Fantasy of Lights registration webpage](#) or call ext. 4466.

Midwestern Singers

The Department of Music will present the Midwestern Singers in concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 2, in Burns Chapel. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call ext. 4267.

Comfort Dogs to Visit Campus

The Obedience Training Club of Wichita Falls will visit from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, December 2, and Tuesday, December 4, in the Moffett Library leisure reading area with several comfort dogs. Visit the library to pet these trained therapy dogs. For more information, call ext. 4698.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Cookies & Condoms

Join the University Programming Board in commemorating World AIDS Day with the Cookies & Condoms event. World AIDS Day takes place in December each year. This is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. For more information, contact the UPB at ext. 4500.

Jazz Band

The Department of Music will present the Jazz Band in concert at noon Friday, December 7, at the Priddy Pavilion at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held in Akin Auditorium. For more information, call ext. 4267.

December Graduate Senior Walk

The December Senior Graduate Gathering will be from 3-6 p.m. Friday, December 7. As with the May Senior Campus walk, this event is intended as a farewell for graduating seniors, a first step alumni event, and provides faculty and staff the opportunity to celebrate the successful completion of degrees with the graduates. It is also part of the signature initiatives to create and strengthen MSU Texas traditions.

Graduates will gather at their respective primary college building, where their dean will speak with the students, and by college, each will have the opportunity to

celebrate. Each dean will then lead his/her faculty, staff, and students as follows, pending the weather. Notice of the route will be announced on December 6.

Good Weather

- Deans will lead their college participants across to the Quad.
- Dr. Johnston will give opening remarks followed by the playing of the MSU bells (alma mater) and lead all students to CSC Comanche Suites.
- Inside Comanche Suites, Shunta McFadden, Alumni Organization President, then Mitch Kipp, Student Alumni Council President, will give remarks.
- A reception will follow.

Bad Weather

- Deans will lead their college participants to the Clark Student Center Atrium adjacent to Comanche Suites.
- Dr. Johnston will give opening remarks followed by Shunta McFadden, Alumni Organization President, then Mitch Kipp, Student Alumni Council President.
- A reception will follow.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to cheer for the graduates and join them in this celebration. For more information, contact the Office of the Provost at ext. 4226.

Continuing Education: Deco Art

The Center for Continuing Education will host a Deco Art class from 6-9 p.m. Friday, December 7, at Sikes Lake Center. Participants will create their choice of vintage holiday ornaments. Cost is \$35 with all supplies included. For more information, call Continuing Education at ext. 4307 or visit the [Center for Continuing Education webpage](#) for more information or to register.

Senior Exhibition Opening Reception

The Juanita Harvey Art Gallery at MSU will host an opening reception for Senior Exhibitions from 6-8 p.m. Friday, December 7, in the Harvey Art Gallery. Exhibits will feature a variety of media with each student having his/her own individual theme. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 2-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call ext. 4264.

JOBS

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Custodial Foreperson (open to MSU staff only)

Department: Facilities Services

Starting Date: January 1, 2019

Starting Salary: \$2,120 monthly, plus benefits

Medical Office Coordinator

Department: Vinson Health Center

Starting Date: January 3, 2019

Starting Salary: \$1,925 annualized, plus benefits

Assistant Director, Nonprofit Management Center

Department: Dillard College of Business Administration

Starting Date: January 1, 2019

Starting Salary: \$3,479.67 monthly, plus benefits

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Dittika Gupta, Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Learning, published an article "Development and Validation of the Algebra Teachers' Self-Efficacy Instrument: Assessment of Algebra Teachers' Knowledge and Personal Teaching Efficacy" in a Tier 1 international journal, *School Science and Mathematics Journal*. The article was published with colleagues from Baylor University, University of North Texas, Midwestern State, Texas Christian University, Texas Wesleyan University, Sam Houston University, Tarrant County College, Texas Woman's University, and Texas State University. This work fills the gap in research for the need of a survey that can be used to assess algebra teachers' knowledge and personal teaching efficacy and provides research based development and statistical validation of the instrument.

The women faculty and staff of the McCoy College of Science, Mathematics and Engineering hosted the **20th Annual Math, Science & U Conference** for area junior high girls on Saturday, November 10. A day of hands-on workshops and lots of food and fun were provided for the 79 girls and 16 teachers in attendance. **Catherine Stringfellow** (Computer Science) served as conference chair and **Michelle Knox** (Mathematics) served as the registrar. Four workshops were conducted: **Zeltzin Reyes** (Engineering, graduate) presented "The Beauty of Circuit Design," **Taylor Newton** (Software Developer) presented "Robot Mini-Golf," **Raddiete Ghion** (Geosciences) presented "Water Chemistry," and **Jillian Simpson** (Science Communicator) with **Marcy Brown-Marsden** presented "The Regurgitation Station: Owls and Their Prey." **Sally Hicks** (Nuclear Physicist, Interim Dean, Constantin College, University of Dallas) was the luncheon speaker. **Kristen Garrison** gave the welcome.

Other faculty and staff who helped to make the conference a success were **Tricia Greear** (Office of the Dean of MCOSME), **Ranette Halverson**, **Tina Johnson**, **Cerise Wuthrich**, **Eduardo Colmenares-Diaz**, **Christina Britt** (Computer Science), **Dawn Slavens**, **Sarah Cobb**, **Lynn Jones**, **Sandra Belcher**, **Linda Fosnaugh**, **Tsitsi Msabaeka**, **Denissa Pope** (Mathematics), **Magaly Rincon-Zachary**, **Kathy Everett**

(Biology), **Kathy Quashnock**, **Raelene Keesling** (Chemistry), **Deidre Frazier** (Engineering), **Antoinette Brown** (Business Office), **Dittika Gupta** (Education), and **Leslie Berryhill** (Extended Education). Fifteen women majoring in McCoy College of Science, Mathematics & Engineering disciplines and the West College of Education served as assistants for the conference.

FOR RENT

Room available for a female tenant in a house near MSU. \$350/month, including utilities and wifi. Shared bathroom. For more information, contact kirsten.lodge@msutexas.edu.



BOUNDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

2018-19 Faculty/Staff Campaign Update

Congratulations to the following departments for reaching 100 percent participation:

- **Accounting**
- **Dillard College of Business Administration**
- **University Advancement & Public Affairs**
- **University Development**

To date, 175 employees, or 26.16 percent, have given to the campaign. Learn more at the [Boundless Opportunities webpage](#).

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