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APRIL 1-7

MONDAY, APRIL 1

i.d.e.a.MSU Orientation
5:30 p.m. Dillard 274D

Faculty Forum: Dr. Claudia Montoya
7 p.m. Dillard 101

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Campus Job Fair
11 a.m. Clark Student Center

Tuba Fools' Day
7:30 p.m. Akin Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

North Texas Regional Training Conference
8 a.m. Clark Student Center

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

North Texas Regional Training Conference
8 a.m. Clark Student Center

Women's Tennis vs. Angelo State
3 p.m. San Angelo, Texas

i.d.e.a.MSU Orientation
3:30 p.m. Dillard 274D

Continuing Education: Beadwoven Jewelry
5 p.m. CSC Cheyenne

Devin Murphy, novelist
7 p.m. Wichita Falls Museum of Art

Midwestern Singers
7:30 p.m. Burns Chapel

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Women's Golf at Mustang Women's Intercollegiate
All Day Goodyear, Arizona

North Texas Regional Training Conference
8 a.m. Clark Student Center

MSU Tennis vs. UT Permian Basin
10 a.m. Midland, Texas

Preparing Effective Oral and Poster Presentations
Noon Dillard 121

Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Town Hall
1 p.m. Dillard 189

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AROUND CAMPUS

i.d.e.a.MSU Orientation

i.d.e.a.MSU is a business competition designed for MSU students to provide opportunities to hone their idea, get valuable advice, and win money to get started.

Orientation sessions are available to learn more about the program. All sessions will be held in Dillard 274D (Priddy Conference Room).

Orientation 1

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26

Orientation 2

5:30-7 p.m. Monday, April 1

Orientation 3

3:30-5 p.m. Thursday, April 4

For more information, contact Dr. Scott Manley at ext. 4366 or email scott.manley@msutexas.edu.

Faculty Forum:

Dr. Claudia Montoya

The Faculty Forum will present Associate Professor of Spanish Claudia Montoya at 7 p.m. Monday, April 1, in Dillard 101. Montoya's topic will be "The Cuban-Chinese Experience: a Story of Migration, Sacrifice, and Adaptability." Montoya is part of a group who visited Cuba to study this unique ethnic group. In the mid-1800s through the mid-1900s, Chinese migrated to Cuba and their culture flourished with restaurants and other businesses. Under Fidel Castro's communism in the late 1950s, their goods were taken by the state and businesses closed, and new cultural influences were cut off, making the Chinese culture in Cuba a shadow of what it once was. Admission is free and open to all. For more information, contact Dr. Jon Price at ext. 4288 or email jonathan.price@msutexas.edu.



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2018-19 Faculty-Staff Giveaway

Dr. David Rankin, Chair of the Department of English, was the first winner of the Faculty-Staff Giveaway featuring an Instant Pot. Rankin is pictured above with Tony Vidmar, Vice President for University Advancement and Public Affairs, and Steve Shipp, Director of University Development.

The next drawing will feature a Kindle Reader. The names of all faculty and staff members who have participated in this year's campaign on or before Thursday, April 18, will be automatically entered and eligible for the Kindle Reader giveaway. The winner will be announced in the Monday, April 22, issue of *The Update*.

Campus Job Fair

The Campus Job Fair will highlight opportunities for students who want to work on campus. The fair will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 2, in Clark Student Center. For more information, contact Stephanie Sullivan at ext.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Women's Golf
at Mustang Women's Intercollegiate
All Day Goodyear, Arizona

Maverick's Day of Service

8 a.m. CSC & Mustangs Walk

MSU Tennis vs. Western New Mexico

9 a.m. Silver City, N.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

2018-2019 College Cheer Clinic
2 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

6254 or email stephanie.sullivan@msutexas.edu.

Tuba Fools' Day

The Department of Music will present a Tuba Fools' Day concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, in Akin Auditorium. The concert will feature Dr. Christopher Vivo on tuba. Admission is free. For more information, call ext. 4267.

Beadwoven Jewelry

The Center for Continuing Education will host a beadwoven jewelry class from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, April 4, in CSC Cheyenne. Learn how to use beads, needle, and thread to create a piece of jewelry from start to finish. Instructor Tamara Allison will lead the project for spiky statement earrings. The cost is \$40 with all materials included. For more information, contact Continuing Education at ext. 4307 or email lorraine.parmer@msutexas.edu.

Devin Murphy, novelist

The James Hoggard Reading Series in conjunction with the Speakers & Issues Series will present novelist Devin Murphy at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 4, at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas. Murphy is Associate Professor of English at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill., and is the author of the novels *The Boat Runner* and *Tiny Americans*. Copies of Murphy's books will be available for purchase, and he will be signing them. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. John Schulze at ext. 6249 or email john.schulze@msutexas.edu.

Midwestern Singers

The Department of Music will present the Midwestern Singers in concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4, in Burns Chapel. Admission is free. For more information, call ext. 4267.

Preparing Effective Oral and Poster Presentations

The Office of Undergraduate Research will present Preparing Effective

Oral and Poster Presentation at noon Friday, April 5, in Dillard 121. The workshop will offer quick and manageable tips for the two types of presentations. Students and faculty are encouraged to attend, especially those who have submitted an abstract for the Celebration of Scholarship in April. For more information, contact the Office of Undergraduate Research at ext. 6274 or email julie.scales@msutexas.edu.

Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Town Hall

The campus community is invited to attend an Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Town Hall from 1-2 p.m. Friday, April 5, in Dillard 189. Fred Dietz, Vice President for Enrollment Management, and Keith Lamb, Vice President for Student Affairs, will share information about new initiatives and answer your questions. For more information, call the Office of Student Affairs at ext. 7500.

Maverick's Day of Service

Maverick's Day of Service is an annual event that promotes civic engagement for Midwestern State students, faculty, and staff by providing opportunities to serve local nonprofit organizations around Wichita Falls, ending with a cookout to celebrate all the hard work volunteers accomplished.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 6, in the CSC Atrium and the program will run until 1 p.m. Free lunch will be provided to participants from 1-2 p.m. on the Jesse Rogers Promenade (Mustangs Walk). For more information, contact Student Leadership & Involvement at ext. 2864 or email alex.collins@msutexas.edu.

2018-19 College Cheer Clinic

All MSU Cheer Clinics will be hosted from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 7, in Don Flatt Gym in D.L. Ligon Coliseum. On-site registration kicks off 30 minutes before clinic start times. Clinics are open to athletes ages 15 and older. Clinics are \$30 for pre-registrations or

any walk-up registrations. Group discounts for teams are available. For more information, contact Norma Ramirez by email at norma.ramirez@msutexas.edu.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Brass Day

The Department of Music will present a brass concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, in Akin Auditorium. Admission is free. For more information, contact the Department of Music at ext. 4267.

Women Will Be Heard Concert

The Department of Music will present a "Women Will be Heard" concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11, in Akin Auditorium. Admission is free. For more information, contact the Department of Music at ext. 4267.

University Jazz Ensemble

The Department of Music will present the University Jazz Ensemble in concert at noon and at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 12, in Akin Auditorium. Admission is free. For more information, contact the Department of Music at ext. 4267.

Theatre Production: Festival of Student-Produced One-Act Plays

The Department of Theatre will present the Festival of Student-Produced One-Act Plays, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 12, and Saturday, April 13, in the Bea Wood Studio Theatre. This festival shows the collaborative creative efforts of senior-level directors, designers, and technicians. General admission is \$5, including students, faculty, and staff. For more information, contact the Department of Theatre at ext. 4670.

Symphonic Band

The Department of Music will present the Symphonic Band in concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 14, in Akin Auditorium. Admission is free. For more information, contact the Department of Music at ext. 4267.

WELCOME

Elizabeth Doman

Medical Office Coordinator, Vinson Health Center

Nicholas Sanchez

Assistant Coach, Football

Jacob Lopez

Registrar Assistant

Gregory Chesterman

Registrar Assistant

William Mornhinweg

Assistant Coach, Football

Lisette Ellis

Custodian, Facilities Services

Kevin Russell

Custodian, Facilities Services

Jessica Wachs

Custodian, Facilities Services

Jerry Chapa

Custodian, Facilities Services

John Eakin

College Coordinator, Career Management Center

Catherine Healey

Secretary, Nursing

Ashton Aikens

Assistant Coach, Football

Derek Deyonge

Admissions Counselor, Flower Mound

CAMPUS NEWS

Severe Weather Season Reminder

Severe weather season is nearing and with 62 percent of tornados occurring in April and May, now is a great time to review and enhance planning and preparation efforts. Thunderstorms can produce strong winds, tornados, lightning, large hail, and flooding. MSU employees are encouraged to monitor the weather, especially during tornado and thunderstorm watches (conditions are likely) and warnings (actual threats spotted in the field). Questions to consider:

Q: Where in my building/residence would I shelter?

A: Shelter-in-place by moving to the lowest-level floor and into an interior room or corridor away from glass windows and doors. Most restrooms are ideal locations.

Q: What should I do if I am driving or walking?

A: Enter the nearest facility and seek shelter. You will not win a race trying to outrun a tornado.

Q: Does our department/building have a post-disaster rendezvous area for accountability?

A: Develop your building's recovery plan and communicate with everyone where to meet, such as a specific parking lot or field. Providing accountability to emergency responders focuses their rescue efforts.

Q: What about my loved ones?

A: Come up with a [disaster preparedness plan](#) for home, too. Also, discuss the possibility of coping without utilities,

transportation, and communication.

Q: What sort of preparedness supplies do I need?

A: Portable weather radio and flashlight (not your smartphone!)—66 percent of tornados occur from 3-9 p.m. and often with power and communication outages; solid shoes or boots are also a must-have—fire ants, snakes, critters and debris will be everywhere; and a basic first aid kit is simply a good thing to have around all the time. You may want to build a Bugout Bag to include these and other “prepper” items ([Build a Kit](#)). Also, secure your valuables and important documents in a heavy, lockable container such as a fire safe.

Addressing these questions now makes a difference during an actual emergency. While [local](#), state, and federal agencies have robust plans to deal with the aftermath, personal planning and preparation saves lives during an actual event. Additional information may be found through the Red Cross, FEMA, and other disaster preparedness organizations.

MSU Credit Union Scholarship

The Midwestern State University Credit Union has application forms for the Doris L. Murray, Marjorie A. Gramlich, Mike & Patricia Hagler Scholarship available in the lobby!

The Credit Union will award the scholarship to a member (members) in good standing of the Midwestern State University Credit Union who is (are) attending Midwestern State University as a full-time student in the Fall 2019/Spring 2020 academic year. Application deadline is noon Friday, June 14. For more information, contact Hannah Smith at ext. 4729.

Last Lecture Voting

[Online voting](#) is now open for the second lecture in Housing’s 2018-2019 Last Lecture Series, hosted by Legacy Hall Faculty in Residence and Art Professor Steve Hilton. Encourage current students to vote for an MSU professor who embodies what they think a professor/teacher should be. The professor should be someone who has made a noteworthy contribution to their field of expertise and the education and mentorship of their students. Professors who have been nominated are as follows:

- Dr. Isaac Christiansen - Sociology
- Dr. Catherine Earley - Social Work
- Dr. Todd Giles - English
- Dr. Yu Guo - Engineering
- Dr. Christopher Hansen - Chemistry
- Dr. Niyata Kataria - Management
- Dr. Anne Marie Leimer - Art
- Dr. Nathan Moran - Criminal Justice

- Dr. Michael Shipley - Biology
- Dr. Richard Simpson - Computer Science
- Dr. Michael Vandehey - Psychology

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Andrew J. Allen, Assistant Professor of Music, recently presented several invited performances at the North American Saxophone Alliance Region IV Conference, held on the campus of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, from March 14-17. On March 14, he appeared as a concerto soloist on the conference’s opening concert on David Maslanka’s *Hell’s Gate* for solo saxophone trio and wind ensemble along with Christopher Barrick, Chair of the Department of Music at the University of Arkansas, Fort Smith, and Eric Troiano, saxophone instructor at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. They were accompanied by the University of Arkansas Wind Symphony under the direction of Benjamin Lorenzo.

On Friday, March 15, Allen presented a recital of new works by Oklahoma State University and Sarajevo Conservatory Composition Professor Igor Karaca with flutist Elise Allen and MSU Assistant Professor of Percussion **Gordon Hicken**. The work performed with Hicken was originally written for the two MSU professors.

On Saturday, March 16, Allen performed a recital as soprano saxophonist of the SAGA Quartet, along with Southwestern Oklahoma State University Assistant Professor Matthew Tracy, Tarrant County College Southeast Professor Gregory Dewhirst, and Grayson College Professor Andy Wright. Finally, he presented a program of works for solo soprano saxophone written for him by retired Bordeaux Conservatory Professor Francois Rosse, Laurentian University Professor Robert Lemay, and University of South Carolina Professor Fang Man, also on Saturday, March 16.

Bradley Wilson, Ph.D., had two articles published in *College Media Review*, the publication of the College Media Association. The [first article](#) was based on a keynote speech at the Associated Collegiate Press convention in San Diego. Jeff Light, publisher of the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, spent his time talking about applied journalism and changes in the profession. He focused on the importance of telling the truth. The [second article](#) was based on the Photo Shoot-out on-site at the College Media Association convention in New York City. Wilson coordinated the contest with two other faculty members handling the logistics on-site and the judging.