

This Week

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Therapy Dogs
6 p.m. Moffett Library

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Staff Senate
3 p.m. Dillard 274

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Senior Documentary Screenings
3 p.m. Fain Fine Arts Theatre

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Commencement
10 a.m. Kay Yeager Coliseum

Continuing Education:

Tree Pendant
3 p.m. CSC Caddo

**Women's Basketball
at Western New Mexico**

3 p.m. Silver City, N.M.

Tuba Christmas

3 p.m. Akin Auditorium

**Men's Basketball
at Western New Mexico**

5 p.m. Silver City, N.M.

Mark Your Calendar

Hardin Holiday Party

The annual Hardin Holiday Party will be from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, December 16, in the Hardin Administration Building Foyer. Come and celebrate the season with good food and fellowship. A collection box will be available for small items such as socks, gloves, hats, and blankets which will be donated to Faith Mission. Additionally, monetary donations will be accepted for the MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights. For more information, contact Human Resources at ext. 4221.

Retirement Reception: Patricia Lowry

The campus community is invited to a retirement reception honoring Patricia Lowry from 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 18, in the Hardin Foyer.

Wellness Center Winter Break Hours

The Redwine Student Wellness Center will observe the following hours during the winter break:

December 14-January 18

Monday-Thursday

5:15 a.m.-10 p.m.

Friday

5:15 a.m.-8 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday

10 a.m.-8 p.m.

There will be no group fitness classes December 22-January 4. The Center will be closed December 24-25. Normal hours of operation and group fitness classes will resume Sunday, January 19.

Campus News

To the Faculty

Commencement will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 14, at Kay Yeager Coliseum. Please meet at 9 a.m. in MPEC rooms 3 and

4 to line up with your college. Faculty who need a special seating pass for spouses to sit in the reserved section #5, please request one from Renee McAfee at renee.mcafee@msutexas.edu no later than Monday, December 9.

Clear Bag Policy

The University's [clear bag policy](#) will be in effect during home basketball games beginning Thursday, December 19. The policy will also be in effect for the commencement ceremony Saturday, December 14, at Kay Yeager Coliseum.

Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities Forum Winners

FAIN COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Creative Activity: First Place

Lauren Compean: *Using the Ancient Art of Encaustic to Illustrate Cultural Heritage*
Mentor: Morgan Page, Juanita & Ralph Harvey School of Visual Arts

Oral: First Place

Andrea Pedon, Rachel Johnson, Gasmyne Cox, and Cydney Menzik: *A Picture Becomes an Icon: World Press Champion Image a Symbol of Immigration and the Militarization of the U.S.-Mexico Border*
Mentor: Dr. Bradley Wilson, Mass Communication

DILLARD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Oral: First Place

Kaushik Shah and Jerry Wu: *The effect of South Africa Trade on OECD Foreign Direct Investment in Sub-Saharan*
Mentor: Dr. Pablo Garcia-Fuentes, Economics, Finance

WEST COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Poster: First Place (tie)

Donovon Grier: *Assessment with Technology*

Mentors: Dr. Suzanne Lindt and Dr. Stacia Miller, Curriculum & Learning

In the Spotlight

Two history department faculty, **Sharon Arnoult**, Associate Professor, and **Mary Draper**, Assistant Professor, presented their research at the meeting of the North American Conference on British Studies in Vancouver, British Columbia, in November. Arnoult's paper was on "Philanthropy, Proselytization and Power: German Missionaries and British Authorities during the Raj" and Draper's paper was on "Parched Islands: The Fresh Water Trade and the Early Modern British Caribbean."

Margaret Anderson, Aniya Harrelson, and Krystan Springette: *Examining Creativity in a STEAMing H.O.T. Camp*

Mentor: Dr. Dittika Gupta, Curriculum & Learning

GUNN COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCE & HUMAN SERVICES

Poster: First Place

Kaelen Dohme: *Exploration of the Nurses' Perception of Interprofessional Communication in Emergency Trauma Settings*

Mentor: Dr. Robin Lockhart, Wilson School of Nursing

Poster: Second Place

Shelby Shillingburg, Azlynn Withrow, Alexis Valenzuela, Bree Westbrook, Lexi Ticknor and Shayla Wright: *College Students' Perceptions of Campus Safety*

Mentor: Dr. Packiaraj Arumugham, Social Work

PROTHRO-YEAGER COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Oral: First Place

Nathan Endo: *Black Diamonds in the Eye of Texas: Organized Labor and Management Tactics in the Newcastle Coalfield*

Mentor: Dr. Leland Turner, History

Oral: Second Place

Jasmine Phillips: *Walden: Thoreau's Journey Inward*

Mentor: Dr. Todd Giles, English

Poster: First Place (three-way tie)

Carl J Alfert, Lil'E Ates, Rachael Stagner, and Craig Gregg: *Dark triad trait correlations with occupational choices and vocational goals*

Mentor: Dr. Scott Frankowski, Psychology

Benjamin Rizzuti: *The Need for Drama Measure and its Correlation to Birth Order*

Mentor: Dr. Scott Frankowski, Psychology

Gabriella Solis and Thressa Dumas:

Narcissism & Jealousy in Monogamous vs. Consensually Non-Monogamous Relationships

Mentor: Dr. Scott Frankowski, Psychology

Poster: Second Place

Elissa Duren, Yasmeen Gonzales, Chioma Onyekere, Tariq Roberts and Julia Nelson: *Public Perception of People Living With Disabilities*

Mentor: Dr. Scott Frankowski, Psychology

MCCOY COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS & ENGINEERING

Oral: First Place

Landon Anderson, Carlyse Wallace, Ijuani Stephenson, and Luuk Teurlinx: *Automated Pencil Sharpener*

Mentor: Dr. Jan Brink, McCoy School of Engineering

Oral: Second Place

Taris Major: *A Multi-Stage Gearing System to Control Wind Turbine's Rotor Speed*

Mentor: Dr. Salim Azzouz

Poster: First Place (four-way tie)

Josh Gillis, Trace Hardee, Collin Palmore, Cody Park, and Ricardo Stuart: *Design of a Rotating Assembly Fixture for Power Take-Off Units*

Mentor: Dr. Zeki Ilhan, McCoy School of Engineering

Jermaine Descartes: *Analysis of Lateral Movement of the Red River along the TX-OK Border*

Mentor: Dr. Jonathan Price, Geosciences

Jermaine Descartes: *Determining the Mineralogical and Chemical Changes Due to Weathering in the Mount Scott Granite at Lake Elmer Thomas Dam, Wichita Mountains, Oklahoma*

Mentor: Dr. Jonathan Price, Geoscience

Shermali Ratnasinghe: *Utilize Membrane Protein Chaperone to Suppress the Amyloid Beta Aggregation*

Mentor: Dr. George Liang, Chemistry

Second Place (tie)

Dianna Daniel: *Utilize Membrane Protein Chaperone as a Treatment to Ameliorate Tau Protein Aggregation*

Mentor: Dr. George Liang, Chemistry

Jedeshkeran Chandrasegaran: *Calculating Neutrino Oscillations in Matter*

Mentor: Dr. Preet Sharma, Physics



BOUNDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

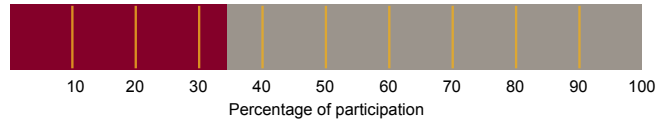
2019-20 Faculty/Staff Campaign Update

Congratulations to the following department for reaching 100% participation:

Basketball

To date, 226 employees, or 33.19%, have given to the campaign. Learn more at the [Boundless Opportunities webpage](#).

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2019-20 Faculty/Staff Giveaway

As a thank you to all of the participants of this year's campaign, we are excited to announce that on Monday, December 16, there will be a drawing for a MSU Texas jacket.

The names of all faculty and staff members who have participated in this year's campaign **on or before 5 p.m. Friday, December 13**, will be automatically entered and eligible for this giveaway.

Thank you for all you do to advance MSU Texas!