

## Campus News

### Virtual Town Hall

The digital marketing and social media team will continue with the second of its four virtual town hall meetings on Facebook Live and Instagram Live at 7 p.m. this Thursday, April 23. This week's panel will focus on academic questions, D2L, and tutoring and online resources.

### New Online Transcript Requests

The Office of the Registrar is excited to announce that transcript requests will now be made online. As approved by the Board of Regents at the August 2019 meeting, the Office of the Registrar partnered with Credentials, LLC to provide enhanced transcript services for students and alumni. The transition to online transcript orders went live on April 1, and may be accessed <https://msutexas.edu/registrar/transcript>. The transcript fee is \$5.50 paid by credit/debit card online. Transcripts can be sent by the traditional paper/mail route, via EDI to other Texas institutions; or sent electronically via secure PDF. The office extends its gratitude to the campus community for the support of this online initiative.

tortillas, milk and more. This was a wonderful showing of the continuous generosity within our Wichita Falls and MSU Texas community.



### President Shipley joins German class

President Suzanne Shipley joined Dr. Kyung Lee Gagum's German class this past week in a Zoom surprise! You can watch the [video of her German greeting](#) to the class via YouTube if you missed it on our social media channels.

### How to count students in the census

MSU Texas students are an important part of the 2020 Census. Information was distributed to our student body earlier this month, and we want to share the information with you as well.

During this time of moving courses to an online delivery format and many students relocating to family homes away from Wichita Falls, the U.S. Census Bureau has produced information to help college students determine how to complete the 2020 Census.

If students resided in Wichita Falls prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, it is critically important that they be counted in the Wichita Falls census. The video [What College Students Need to Know](#) provided by the Census Bureau provides detailed information. A flyer with detailed information is also provided on page 4.



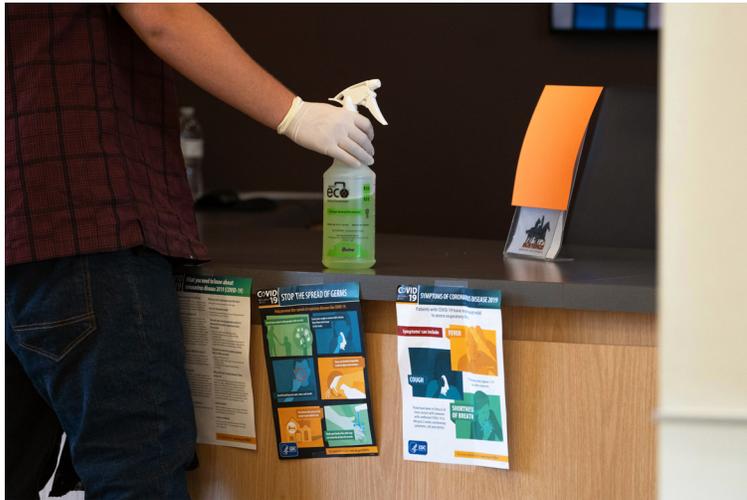
From left are Cynthia Cummings, coordinator of the Mustangs Pantry; Phillip Allen, owner of Pho Corner, and Michael Mills, director of Global Education. The three groups partnered to distribute free groceries for MSU Texas students.

### Local restaurant, Mustangs Pantry provide free food bags for students

This past Saturday local restaurant Pho Corner and our Mustangs Pantry partnered and provided almost 300 free food bags to currently enrolled students residing in Wichita Falls. Each bag contained bacon, hash browns, eggs, cheese,

### EURECA deadline nearing

The deadline for EURECA application proposals is June 1. Application and guideline forms are located on the [EURECA webpage](#) under the Helpful Links section in the sidebar. For more information, contact the Office of Undergraduate Research at ext. 6274/6275 or [eureca@msutexas.edu](mailto:eureca@msutexas.edu).



## Enhanced cleaning techniques keep our campus safe

Prevention continues to be the best protection for campus. Our dedicated custodial team has incorporated the following enhanced tactics in their cleaning routine.

- Utilizing a one-gallon pump-up sprayer to speed up the time in which it takes to disinfect larger areas.
- Spraying all hard surfaces students/staff/faculty may come in contact with on a daily basis. This effort includes the usual handrails, doorknobs and push/pull handles and includes gathering spots such as common areas.
- Using disinfecting wipes so custodians are prepared for fast, effective disinfecting of highly touchable surfaces, which are non-sprayable such as keyboards, light switches and time clocks.
- Utilizing a misting system specifically designed to reduce risks of health care acquired infections by killing virus, bacteria and mold faster, safer, and quieter.

Thank you to the custodial staff for their dedication and hard work to keep our campus safe and clean.

## Tech Tip from IT

### Accessing Office 365 Tools

Office 365 is set of integrated applications and services that are designed to help make office tools easier to use remotely. Applications such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and more are constantly available and updated monthly with the latest features and security updates.

To gain access to the MSU Texas Office 365 portal you will need to open the link below in a browser:

<https://office.com>



Click the “Sign In” button and login to Office 365 using your primary MSU email address (username@msutexas.edu) and the password that you use to sign in to your office computer.

If you need to install Office applications, you can click the “Install Office” button in the upper right-hand corner of the web page and then select “Office 365 apps” from the menu.

If you need to install Skype for Business, you can click the “Install Office” button in the upper right-hand corner of the web page and then select “Other install options” from the menu. Click “Apps & devices” from the left-hand side menu and then click the “Install Skype” button.

If you would like to use Microsoft Teams you can either login to Office 365 and use the web-based client or you can open the link below in a browser to download and install the local full featured Microsoft Teams client. When the client is installed, login the same way that you would for the Office 365 portal.

[Download Microsoft Teams online](#)

## From Vinson Health Center

### A Message from Dr. Keith Williamson

There has been a glimmer of good news in the last week – it is that the rate of new cases seems to be stabilizing across the world. We still have some hard times ahead of us, but the reassurance offered in the early signs is hopeful. With hope springs the question, how do we go back to normal?

Currently, we are all locked down tight. That means something different in the United States where we prize our individual liberty so much, but we are washing our hands and staying home much more than usual. The curve is flattening out; that makes it easier to negotiate, but it lasts longer. We will know we are back under control when 4 things happen:

- We have a sustained trend of fewer cases of COVID-19 each day for at least two weeks. Why two weeks? Because that’s one incubation period.
- The hospitals need to be comfortably caring for all patients who need admission.
- Everybody with symptoms that might be COVID-19 can be rapidly tested, and the results need to be available promptly.
- We need to have the public health capacity to monitor all confirmed cases of COVID-19.

When that all happens, then we can feel comfortable loosening up some of the restrictions. Not all restrictions, but some – enough to resuscitate economic activity and education. We will have to continue to be extra careful – always wash your hands, cover your coughs, and stay at least 6 feet apart. There is always the chance that COVID-19 could flare up again if we aren’t careful. We won’t be entirely out of the woods until two more things happen:

- A vaccine is developed
- Enough people have had the vaccine that the virus, SARS CoV-19, has a difficult time circulating.

So for now, hold the applause and keep washing your hands.

## In the Spotlight

**Rachel Shipley** won Outstanding Narrated Presentations in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences for her essay titled “John Hughes’ The Breakfast Club: A Forum for Postfeminist Discussion” at this year’s Abilene Christian University Undergraduate Research Festival. The paper was originally written for Dr. Giles’s American Psycho class last fall. Shipley has provided a link to her [virtual presentation of the essay](#).

MSU’s **Voices literary and arts magazine** won first place for Overall Excellence (Div. 2) in the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association contest. This is the second time *Voices* has won first place in the past four years. Kudos also go to the student editors of the 2018-2019 issue: **Nathan Conard, Alondra Escobedo, Carrie Horton, David Milks, Cody Peterson, and Jessica Odom.** **John Schulze**, English, serves as the journal’s advisor.

**Shoutout for MSU Texas:** The University was mentioned in the [HigherEdExperts Talk & Learn](#) posting of “cool ideas” for our reposting of Angie Reay’s workout based on the letters of your name. You can see the mention at the 1:22 mark.

[Amanda Threlkeld honored by Delta Sigman Pi Professional Business Fraternity.](#) Please read more at the [MSU Texas News](#) site.

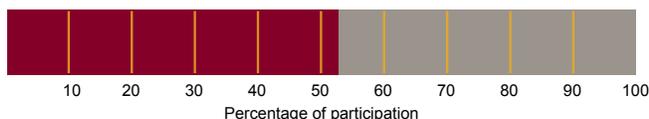


BOUNDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

## 2019-20 Faculty/Staff Campaign Update

To date, 356 employees, or 52.28%, have given to the campaign. Learn more at the [Boundless Opportunities webpage](#).

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# SO... I'M A COLLEGE STUDENT AND MY CAMPUS IS CLOSED DUE TO THE PANDEMIC. HOW DO I TAKE THE CENSUS???

*Ok, you need to complete your Census for where you would have been if you hadn't had to relocate. We'll help make sure you're counted in the correct place!*

Did you live on campus or off campus?

**ON CAMPUS**

Your campus administrators will include you in their count, so you're good!

Focus your energy on making sure your friends & family complete their Census!

**OFF CAMPUS**

Fill out the Census using that address, not the location you relocated to. Be sure to include your roomies or housemates! *You can respond online, by phone, or by mail.*

Do you have your Census ID?

I don't have it! What do I do?

I've got it and I'm going to fill out the Census now!

**CONGRATULATIONS!** You've completed the Census and created a lasting, positive impact on your community!

If you don't have your Census ID, don't worry! You can complete your Census without it. Get that Census done!

**Fill out your Census at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov)!**

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