

## THIS WEEK November 16-22

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

**International Education Week:  
Crafts Evening**  
6:30 p.m. CSC Comanche Suites

**Last Lecture Series  
presents Dr. Jeff Blacklock**  
7 p.m. Legacy Hall

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

**Critical Conversation Series:  
Supporting International Students  
during COVID-19**  
4 p.m. [Virtual Meeting](#)

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

**International Education Week:  
Global Display**  
All Day CSC Atrium  
**Study Abroad Info Session**  
3:30 p.m. Dillard 101  
**Crafts Evening**  
6:30 p.m. CSC Wichita I & II

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

**Undergraduate Research  
& Creative Activities Forum**  
9 a.m.-5 p.m. [Virtual Forum](#)

### International Education Week:

**Global Display**  
All Day CSC Atrium  
**Crafts Evening**  
6 p.m. CSC Wichita I & II

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

**International Education Week:  
Culture Fusion Friday**  
6:30 p.m. CSC Comanche Suites

**Theatre: *Vital Signs***  
7:30 p.m. [Livestream](#)

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

**MSU Cheer Mini Mustangs Clinic**  
10 a.m. Don Flatt Gym

### International Education Week:

**Caribbean Pan Ensemble  
Christmas Culture Show**  
7 p.m. [Livestream](#)

**Theatre: *Vital Signs***  
7:30 p.m. [Livestream](#)

For more event information, visit  
[calendar.msutexas.edu](http://calendar.msutexas.edu).

## AROUND CAMPUS

### Senior Art Exhibition

The Juanita Harvey Art Gallery will present the Senior Art Exhibition. Exhibits will feature a variety of media with each student having his/her own individual theme. The exhibition will be on display through November 24. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, or to schedule a visit for a group of 10 or more, call 940-397-4264.

### Last Lecture Series: Jeff Blacklock

Jeff Blacklock, Associate Professor of Curriculum and Learning, will deliver the next "Last Lecture," part of a series begun at MSU Texas in 2017. The lecture, titled "Your Most Excellent Endeavor," will be at 7 p.m. Monday, November 16, in the Legacy Multipurpose Room. Participants will be required to wear a face covering (over nose and mouth) and will complete a COVID prescreening via the MSU Safety App at check-in for the event. Admission is free. For more information contact [housing@msutexas.edu](mailto:housing@msutexas.edu) or ext. 4217. Or tune in virtually on Instagram Live @MSUTexasHousing to enjoy the program from home.

### International Education Week

The Office of Global Education, along with other MSU Texas organizations and departments, will play host to a series of events November 16-21 for International Education week. The campus community is encouraged to take a journey around the world with crafts evenings, a Critical Conversations panel discussion, a study abroad information session, a Global Display, and Culture Fusion Friday! A Christmas Culture Show featuring the Caribbean Pan Ensemble at 7 p.m. Nov. 21, via [livestream](#) will conclude the activities. For more information, contact Kamilah Tobin at [kamilah.tobin@msutexas.edu](mailto:kamilah.tobin@msutexas.edu).

### Critical Conversation Series: Supporting International Students during COVID-19

The MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center will present Supporting International Students During COVID-19, as part of the Critical Conversations Series and International Education Week. The target audience for the Critical Conversations Series is MSU faculty and staff, but the events are open to the entire MSU community. The conversation will be provided via Zoom at 4 p.m. Tuesday, November 17. Please [RSVP online](#). For those unable to attend, the conversation will be recorded and will be on the [MOSAIC webpage](#).

Attendees will engage in important conversations regarding race, ethnicity, sexuality, systems of oppression, and other topics that influence the delivery of present-day collegiate education. The series encourages a variety of ways to support today's college student.

This month, the conversation will focus on supporting international students during COVID-19. Students will talk about their experience during COVID-19 as part of the panel discussion. Staff will provide resources to faculty and staff to help international students during this time. For more information, email [ruby.garrett@msutexas.edu](mailto:ruby.garrett@msutexas.edu).

### Virtual Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Forum

The Office of Undergraduate Research will host the 15th Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Forum virtually November 19-23. The [forum will be available online](#) for users affiliated with MSU Texas or the Wichita Falls ISD. The full program and log on information are available on the [EURECA website](#). For more information, call ext. 6274 or email [eureca@msutexas.edu](mailto:eureca@msutexas.edu).

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## MSU Cheer Mini Mustangs Clinic

The MSU Texas Cheerleaders will present a Mini Mustangs Clinic for ages 13 and younger from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, November 21, in the Don Flatt Gymnasium. The clinic will be contactless and follow COVID-19 protocols. More information is available on the [MSU Texas Cheerleader](#) website.

## Theatre: *Vital Signs*

The Department of Theatre will present *Vital Signs* by Jane Martin at 7:30 p.m. November 20-21 via [livestream](#). Monologues from six women show their warmth, fears, frustrations, joy, and sadness. For more information call the box office at ext. 4393, the publicity office at ext. 4399, or the Department of Theatre at ext. 4670.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights

The MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights will continue its tradition of brightening the holiday season beginning Monday, November 23. This year marks the 46th anniversary of MSU Texas' association with the tradition begun by Wichita Falls businessman L.T. Burns and his wife Lillian in the 1920s.

As in the past, MSU's carillonneur Jim Quashnock will begin the festivities at 5:30 p.m. with holiday music on the Redwine Carillon in the Hardin Administration Building tower. At 6 p.m., President Suzanne Shipley flips the switch that will illuminate the Hardin lawn, but the ceremony will be streamed via Facebook Live to minimize the usually large opening night attendance. For those visiting the lights, facial coverings will be required, along with practicing social distancing.

After the opening ceremony, the displays will be turned on through Saturday, December 26. Hours are from dusk to 10 p.m. daily. Admission is free; donations to help with maintenance of the display are welcome. Visit [fol.msutexas.edu](#) for more information.

## CAMPUS NEWS

### MSU Texas Among the Best

*U.S. News & World Report* once again rated Midwestern State University as one of its Top Performers for Social Mobility in its 2021 "Best Colleges" rankings. MSU Texas is ranked 28th for Top Performers on Social Mobility. The social mobility category is an enhancement to the rankings to provide greater emphasis on outcomes for low-income and first-generation students. Read the full [Social Mobility news release](#) online.

## Debate Skills on Display

Three MSU Texas seniors recently took part in a mock mayoral debate, and received many compliments on their skills from an experienced television crew that has worked debates across the state of Texas. Shelbi Stogdill, Crege La Ronde, and Amanda Threlkeld put what they learned from their Model U.N. experience in practice for this project. Steve Garrison, Associate Professor of Political Science, moderated the actual mayoral debate. To read more about their [mock debate experience](#), visit [MSU Texas News](#).

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (TACRAO) conference was held via Zoom November 9-11, bringing together 1,060 registrants from all over Texas for professional development sessions, THECB reporting updates, and panel discussions. **Darla English**, University Registrar; **Jamie Wilson**, Senior Associate Registrar; and **Linda Knox**, Associate Registrar, attended various sessions. English served as a co-panelist for a session titled "COVID Conversations with Registrars" alongside registrars from Texas Tech University, East Texas Baptist University, UT Health Science Center at San Antonio, Tarrant County College, and Galveston College. The session involved discussions of the numerous pandemic-related changes of plans, accommodations, changes in work processes, staffing challenges, and an open Q&A session to field questions from the more than 200 participants in attendance via zoom.

**Zachary Zoet**, Professional Counselor with the MSU Counseling Center, presented Rapid Transition to Telehealth Delivery in a Pandemic - Implications for College Counselors and College Students at the Texas Counseling Association Conference on November 12.

**Julie Gaynor**, Director of Marketing and Public Information, completed the Master Public Information Officer-PIO Boot Camp with members of the Wichita Falls Police Department October 6-9.

## JOBS

*An EEO/ADAAA Compliance Employer*

### Administrative Assistant

**Department:** Office of the Registrar

**Starting date:** December 1, 2020

**Starting salary:** \$2,276.25 monthly, plus benefits

### Police Telecommunicator

**Department:** Police

**Starting date:** November 1, 2020

Starting salary: \$2,120.83 monthly, plus benefits

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### Secretary – Flower Mound

Department: Student Affairs

Starting date: December 1, 2020

Starting salary: \$2,002.67 monthly, plus benefits

### Payroll Assistant

Department: Payroll

Starting date: February 1, 2021

Starting salary: \$2,443.08 monthly, plus benefits

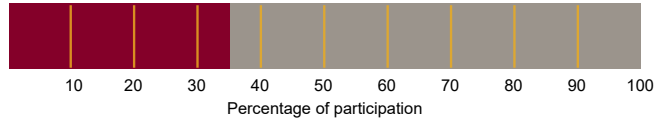
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[MSU Texas Human Resources - Jobs](#)



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## 2020-21 Campaign

The Faculty/Staff Campaign for 2020-2021 began September 1, 2020, and will end August 31, 2021. Already the campaign has generated some exciting results!

Thanks to the generosity of our employees who have chosen to make a gift to MSU Texas, we have reached 36% participation with 237 donors. As an annual campaign, we begin each fiscal year anew, striving to increase employee participation each year.

As of this time, six departments have reached 100% participation, and several more are very close.

We appreciate the leadership that co-chairs Dr. Niyati Kataria and Mr. Armando Muniz bring to this campaign, and we want to THANK YOU for all you do for our university.

**Make your 2020-2021 gift by 5 p.m. November 19, 2020, to be eligible to win a \$100 MasterCard. The drawing will be held November 20.**



Tracy Nichols, Director, accepted the certificate on behalf of Purchasing and Contract Management.



Wendy Dotson, Custodial Superintendent, accepted the certificate on behalf of Custodial Services.



Kathy Rice, Director, and Kelly Fuller, Payroll Assistant, accepted the certificate on behalf the Office of Payroll.