

## THIS WEEK November 23-29

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23**  
**MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights  
Opening Ceremony**  
6 p.m. Virtual ceremony  
(Facebook Live)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25**  
**Thanksgiving Holiday – No Classes,  
Offices Closed**

**Women's Basketball vs.  
Sam Houston State (Exhibition)**  
6:30 p.m. Huntsville, Texas  
Audio broadcast streams live on  
Mustangs Digital Network

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26**  
**Thanksgiving Holiday – No Classes,  
Offices Closed**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27**  
**Thanksgiving Holiday – No Classes,  
Offices Closed**

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Counseling Center Academic Workshops Fall 2020

The MSU Counseling Center will conduct online academic workshops from 3:30-5 p.m. November 30-December 3. A different topic related to improving academic performance will be discussed each day. Final Exam Academic Workshops will focus on preparation for final exams and will be held online. Zoom details will be provided closer to the workshops and will be found in event descriptions on [MustangsLink](#).

- **Monday, November 30:** Managing Anxiety Over Finals
- **Tuesday, December 1:** Building Academic Skills Useful to Succeed on Final Exams
- **Wednesday, December 2:** Creating a Time Management Plan for Final Exams
- **Thursday, December 3:** Integrating Your Course Experiences into Your Career Plan

For more information, contact ext. 4618.

### Deadline for Spring 2020 EURECA Proposals

Deadline for Spring 2020 proposals for EURECA is Tuesday, December 1. All proposals are peer-reviewed. Forms and guidelines are located on the [EURECA webpage](#). All submissions must be sent to [eureca@msutexas.edu](mailto:eureca@msutexas.edu). For more information, contact Julie Scales at ext. 6274 or email [julie.scales@msutexas.edu](mailto:julie.scales@msutexas.edu).

### First Friday Concert

The Department of Music will present the First Friday concert with Dr. Ruth Morrow at 5:15 p.m. Friday, December 4, [via livestream](#). Morrow will perform music for the season. For more information, call ext. 4267.

## CAMPUS NEWS

### 2020 President's Staff Awards

Congratulations to Amy Chase, Assistant to the Dean in the West College of Education, and Norma Ramirez, Associate Director for Residence Life & Housing, as the 2020 recipients of the President's Staff Awards. Amy and Norma each received an engraved plaque, a watch with the MSU insignia, and a check for \$500. The awards were presented during the Board of Regents meeting on November 12.

Congratulations to the following employees who were nominees for the staff awards:

#### Non-Exempt Staff Award Nominees

**Emma Brown**

Assistant to the Dean, Fain Fine Arts

**Kenneth Burge**

Groundskeeper, Facilities Services

**Richard Elliott**

PC Network Technician, Information Technology

**Courtney Grimes**

Human Resources Assistant III, Human Resources

**Cathy Hoffman**

Registrar Assistant III, Registrar

**Jessica Hulett**

Secretary, Mass Communication and Theatre

**Rebekah Jones**

PC Network Lead Technician, Information Technology

**Mindy Moreno**

Sikes House Custodian, Facilities Services

**Denissa Pope**

Secretary, Mathematics and Computer Science

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**Pattie Redder**  
Secretary, Dillard College of Business Administration

**Shigeko Redmond**  
Custodian, Facilities Services

**Brenda Stewart**  
Postal Clerk, Post Office

**Debby Watson**  
Assistant to the Associate Vice President, Facilities Services

**Melissa Wright**  
Assistant to the Dean, Dillard College of Business Administration

### **Exempt Staff Award Nominees**

**Amanda Clawson**  
Accreditation Manager, Dillard College of Business Administration

**Anna Daugherty**  
Associate Director, Budget and Management, Administration and Finance

**Jeff Desborough**  
Manager, Grounds and Custodial Services, Facilities Services

**Janette Keen**  
Assistant Director, Student Services/Flower Mound Campus

**Renee McAfee**  
Assistant to the Provost for Academic and Budgetary Affairs, Office of the Provost

**Brittany Norman**  
Research Administrator, Office of Sponsored Programs and Research

**Cassandra O'Brien**  
Assistant Director, Institutional Effectiveness, Institutional Effectiveness

**Terry Ortiz**  
Accountant II, Controller's Office

**Shane Perry**  
Operations Manager, Information Technology

**Amanda Snodgrass**  
Assistant Director, Athletics for Business/Finance, Athletics

**Chris Thames**  
Infrastructure Manager, Information Technology

**Dottie Westbrook**  
Academic Counselor, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences



Maverick and Reagan Foster, Chair of the MSU Texas Staff Senate and Assistant Director of Athletics for Student Athletes and Community Outreach, unload bags full of masks to present to representatives at United Regional, Hospice of Wichita Falls, and Kell West Regional Hospital.

### **Giving Thanks to Health-Care Workers**

In this season of Thanksgiving, representatives from the University made three special stops in the Wichita Falls community on November 19 to show appreciation and support for frontline health-care employees who are feeling the strain caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Reagan Foster of the Staff Senate, Dr. David Carlston of the Faculty Senate, and Maverick T. Mustang hand-delivered bags full of masks with an attached note of appreciation to United Regional, Hospice of Wichita Falls, and Kell West Regional Hospital.

Read the [full news release](#) at [MSU Texas News](#).

### **Holiday Safety Measures**

As we prepare for our much deserved Thanksgiving break, we write to remind you of the safety measures we ask you to observe while away. We know you want nothing more than to be around family and friends as we begin the holiday season, but CDC, federal, and state guidance remind us that it is not yet safe to do so. Please continue to wear your face covering, maintain social distance, and wash your hands when in public places, just as you've done on campus. These efforts have helped us to maintain a safe campus so far, and we ask that you please continue "stay the course." We also want to encourage you to limit social gatherings to immediate family (within the same household) and otherwise very small numbers. Be safe this Thanksgiving so that we may all enjoy future holidays together.

Upon return, we ask that you continue to follow the guidelines we have in place on campus. Monitor yourself daily for the following symptoms:

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## **JOBS**

*An EEO/ADAAA Compliance Employer*

### **Payroll Assistant**

**Department:** Payroll

**Starting date:** February 1, 2021

**Starting salary:** \$2,433.08 monthly, plus benefits

### **Carpenter**

**Department:** Facilities Services

**Starting date:** December 1, 2020

**Starting salary:** \$2,531 monthly, plus benefits

For more information, visit the

[Human Resources webpage](#).

- New loss of taste or smell
- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you are experiencing any of these symptoms please stay home, call your primary care provider, and notify Human Resources. Our time away from campus will provide some much needed rest, but it is essential that we continue to observe safety precautions for the health and safety of our Mustangs family.

## **WELCOME**

### **Taylor Clemmons**

Assistant to Associate Vice President, Student Affairs

### **Taylor Welch**

Custodian, Facilities Services

### **Katelann Burrow**

Admission Counselor

### **Alonzo Burris**

Admission Counselor

## **IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

**Soon-Mi Choi**, Associate Professor/Graduate Coordinator in the Department of Athletic Training & Exercise Physiology, was invited as a guest speaker at the Annual Fall Caregiver Virtual Seminar by North Texas Alzheimer's Association on November 11. She presented "Self Care is Not Selfish" and performed "Chair Exercise Program" with exercise physiology undergraduate students Ashton Guess, Dea Vukatana, Pietro Weaver, and exercise physiology graduate students Rasika Bhide and Kanksha Bhatt.