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2021 Honors Recognition Awards

Each year, MSU Texas is honored to recognize the achievements of students through the announcement of the Hardin and Clark Scholars, Outstanding Student Awards, Academic Awards by Department, and Alumni Association Award. Collectively, these awards celebrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, involvement, and service.

Due to the continuing pandemic, this year’s awards will again be virtual. An outstanding student awards website with a complete listing of the 2021 award recipients, finalists, and nominees will be launched at 7 p.m. Monday, April 12.

World Wide Week of Sports

The Office of Global Education, along with other MSU Texas organization and departments, will host a series of sporting activities April 12-17 for World Wide Week of Sports.

• Pickle Ball: Monday, April 12 – 6 p.m. Wellness Center
• Netball: Tuesday, April 13 – 6 p.m. Outdoor Free-Play Courts
• Badminton: Wednesday, April 14 – 6 p.m. Wellness Center
• Cricket: Friday, April 16 – 5 p.m. Free Play fields

In addition, there will be a competitive cricket match at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17, that will feature free food and drinks, prizes, game accessories and music for everyone to enjoy.

For more information, please contact Kamilah Tobin at kamilah.tobin@msutexas.edu.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

The Vinson Health Center in partnership with the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Texas Military Department (TMD) will host COVID-19 vaccine clinics each Tuesday and Thursday throughout the month of April as supply is available. Each vaccine clinic will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sikes Lake Center, located on the MSU Texas south campus just off of Midwestern Parkway.

Clinics will utilizes same-day registration and are on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals will be asked to present identification such as a driver’s license or state-issued ID. Members of the Texas Military Department will be on site to administer the vaccines.

Percussion Ensemble

The Department of Music will present the Percussion Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, via livestream. The concert will feature music of Black composer Quinn Mason and female composer Karen Ervin. The concert is part of the Voices of Change series offering music that addresses human rights issues and music from diverse composers. For more information, call ext. 4267.

EURECA Proposal Workshop

Faculty and Students interested in participating in EURECA for academic year 2021-22 are invited to attend Nuts and Bolts of Writing and Submitting a EURECA Proposal Virtual Workshop at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 via Zoom. Attendees must contact the Office of Undergraduate Research at eureca@msutexas.edu to request the passcode before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

EURECA (Enhancing Undergraduate Research Endeavors and Creative Activities) is a scholarship program promoting undergraduate research across all disciplines. Faculty mentor and student scholars accepted into EURECA have the opportunity to receive funding for project expenses and conference travel. The workshop details the sections of the proposal application and the submission process. The EURECA application deadline for 2021-2022 is June 1. For more information about the program
and undergraduate research, visit the EURECA webpage, call Dr. Stacia Miller, Interim Director, at ext. 6275; Julie Scales, Coordinator, at ext. 6274 or email: eureka@msutexas.edu.

**Dwelling: Artists’ Talk**

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas will present Dwelling: Artists’ Talk from 6-7 p.m. Thursday, April 15. Listen and watch in the Cannedy Event Hall at the WFMA or join in from home via Zoom. The talk will feature contemporary artists Jessica Calderwood, Karsten Creightney, and Liz Yarosz-Ash, whose works are on view in the current exhibition “Dwelling: Experiences of Shelter.” They will join the group via Zoom from Indiana, New Mexico, and Wichita Falls, as they talk about their artistic practice and the idea of making and looking at art through a new lens. For more information, contact the museum at ext. 8900.

**Latin People in the Workforce: Gabriel Duran**

Filmmaker Gabriel Duran will close out the semester-long Latin People in the Workforce Series at 6 p.m. Friday, April 16, via Zoom. Duran is a native of Wichita Falls, and he currently teaches film at Texas A&M Corpus Christi. He is the creator of the Festival De Cine Latinoamericano, a space to promote Latino Film in Texas and has under his direction more than 10 short films of which he has been director, producer, and writer. For more information, email claudia.montoya@msutexas.edu.

**25th Annual North Texas Area Student Conference**

The Department of Computer Science will host the 25th Annual North Texas Area Student Conference from 8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, in Bolin Science Hall. The conference will be available virtually also. Michael Root, cybersecurity engineer at Ford Motor Company, will be the keynote speaker. The NTASC provides a forum for graduate and undergraduate students in computer-related studies to present their projects, research efforts, or classroom experience to their peers and faculty. For more information visit the NTASC webpage, email the computer science department, or call ext. 4578.

**Beckett & Stasis: Literature for Social Distancing**

The Humanities and French programs at MSU Texas will present Beckett & Stasis: Literature for Social Distancing from 10:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 17, via Zoom. James Martell of Lyon College, Fernanda Negrete of SUNY Buffalo, and Douglas Atkinson of Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium, will present their work about Irish author Samuel Beckett and the theme of stasis. For more information, email eric.lynch@msutexas.edu.

**Kappa Delta Phi Fundraiser**

Kappa Delta Pi, an education honors student organization, and West College of Education (WCOE) faculty will be selling Nothing Bundt cakes through April 23 to raise $5,000 to help Kate Burgess Elementary in WFISD purchase playground equipment for their campus.

For those wishing to make a monetary donation in lieu of buying cakes, please visit the Kate Burgess Elementary Playground Equipment GoFundMe page.

Individual bundtlets cost $5 each. Flavors are chocolate chocolate chip, red velvet, white chocolate raspberry, and lemon. Place orders by April 23, and they will be delivered April 29.

For more information please contact Leann Curry at ext. 4965 or email leann.curry@msutexas.edu.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Academic Workshops**

MSU Counseling Center, FIRST2GO, and Tutoring and Academic Support (TASP) will conduct a series of academic workshops in April. All workshops will be from 3:30-5 p.m. in Legacy Multipurpose Room and virtually through Zoom. Proof of student attendance will be verified through the Corq App.

- Monday, April 19 - Managing Anxiety over Finals
- Tuesday, April 20 - Building Academic Skills Useful to Succeed on Final Exams
- Wednesday, April 21 - Keep the Grades You Have or Get the Grades You Want
- Thursday, April 22 - Integrating Your Course Experiences into Your Career Plan

For more information, contact the Counseling Center at ext. 4618.

**Communiversity Orchestra**

The Department of Music will present the Communiversity Orchestra in concert via livestream at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 19. The concert will feature music in memory of victims of fascism and war, as well as music containing African drumming patterns. The concert is part of the Voices of Change series offering music that addresses human rights issues and music from diverse composers. For more information, call ext. 4267.

**PRISMS Concert**

The Department of Music will present a PRISMS concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, via livestream. PRISMS concerts
feature various instrumental and choral ensembles in a mixed-performance setting, featuring everything from opera excerpts, jazz solos, and string quartets, to standard concert band music—the best the music department has to offer in all aspects of the program. For more information, call ext. 4267.

**Senior Art Exhibition**

The Juanita Harvey Art Gallery will host the Senior Art Exhibition from April 23 through May 7. Exhibits will feature a variety of media with each student having his/her own individual theme. Hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Groups of 10 or more need to call ahead to schedule a visit. For more information, call the Fain Fine Arts Department of Art at ext. 4264.

**Final Friday Concert**

The Department of Music will present the Final Friday Concert—a faculty recital with Assistant Professor of Music Chris Vivio on tuba at 5:15 p.m. Friday, April 23, via livestream. For more information, call ext. 4267.

**Visions of the West exhibition**

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas will present “Visions of the West,” imagery of the American West beginning Saturday, April 24. Works in the exhibition invite the viewer to draw on their own experiences of the West, both romantic and stark. The exhibition will be on display through July 24. For more information, call ext. 8900.

**CAMPUS NEWS**

**Honor societies for new Mustangs induct 21 students**

Please join MOSAIC in congratulating the following initiates to national honor societies, which recognize students’ achievements in their first semester at MSU. Due to COVID-19, an open invitation to the March 26 induction was not extended to the campus at large, so that students could invite their families to celebrate with them. A special acknowledgement of appreciation is extended from the three organizations’ executive boards to Dr. Kristen Garrison, who delivered an excellent lecture on the meaning of academic achievement.

Alpha Lambda Delta & Phi Eta Sigma First Year Honor Society Initiates
- Brianna Cain
- Ebany Hanna
- Abby Jones
- Emily Wood
- Wesley Barron
- Lindsay Cousino
- Wendy Defeo
- Veronica Flores
- Yesenia Garcia
- Kayama George
- Katherine Ghagar
- Ronnette Gustave
- Tara Jno Jules
- Tu Le
- Jessica Lewis
- Braeden Loie
- Chelsey Lourias
- Alejandra Padilla
- Jennifer Ratcliff
- Billie Roberts
- Paige Rochell

**MSU Texas Alum Earns Honor**

Linda Valdez Thompson, a 1981 graduate of MSU Texas, was one of the 13 individuals selected by the Dallas Business Journal for its first class of Leaders in Diversity Awards in 2021. See full story on our Alumni Profiles page.

**A love story continues at MSU Texas**

Alexandra and Cooper McClung met at MSU Texas in 2008. Their teamwork helped them achieve both bachelor’s and master’s degrees. And now they’re trying for another educational milestone as students in the first cohort to earn a doctorate in education from the West College of Education. Read more about the McClungs’ journey at MSU Texas News.

**WELCOME**

Kadeem Sabari
Admissions Counselor, Flower Mound

Taylor Dinkins
Admissions Counselor, Flower Mound

Edward Moore
Manager, Risk Management and Safety

Caylen Myracle
Budget Analyst/Assistant to Vice President of Administration and Finance

Ivon Mendoza
Human Resources Assistant I
IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Frank B. Wyatt, Professor in the Department of Athletic Training and Exercise Physiology and Board Member of the American Society of Exercise Physiologists (ASEP), hosted the first Virtual National Conference of ASEP on Friday April 9.

In addition, Wyatt and several students and faculty presented at the conference:

- **Michael Olson**, Chair of the Department, presented “Assessment of Abdominal Bracing Techniques during Drop-Landings using Linear Force and Center of Pressure Measures.”
- Undergraduate students **Ellisa Lousy, Michael Tulagan, Caitlyn Rohleder** along with **Wyatt** presented “The Effects of Exercise on Brain Function: A Meta-Analytic Review.”
- Cycling Coach **Charlie Zamastil** with **Wyatt** presented “The Effect of Sodium Bicarbonate Supplementation on Max VO2 and Ramp Cycling Test Performance in Collegiate Cyclists.”
- Graduate student **Pablo Cruz** and undergraduate student **Billie Roberts** presented “Effects of 4-Weeks Exercise Program on Body Composition and Flexibility post COVID-19 Pandemic Lockdown in Obese: a Case Study.”
- **Wyatt** presented “Oxygen Consumption through Heart Rate Analysis in Trained Cyclists.”

JOBS

**An EEO/ADAAA Compliance Employer**

**Coordinator, Small Business Development**

**Department**: Small Business Development Center  
**Starting Date**: As soon as possible  
**Starting Salary**: $2,358.17 monthly, plus benefits

**Teller**

**Department**: Business Office  
**Starting Date**: April 10  
**Starting Salary**: $2,047 monthly, plus benefits

**Custodial Foreperson**

**Department**: Facilities Services (open to retirement eligible employees only 8 a.m.-5 p.m.)  
**Starting Date**: As soon as possible  
**Starting Salary**: $2,276.25 monthly, plus benefits

**Custodian, Lead (1-10 p.m.)**

**Department**: Facilities Services  
**Starting Date**: As soon as possible  
**Starting Salary**: $1,907.33 monthly, plus benefits

**Director, Planning and Assessment**

**Department**: Institutional Effectiveness  
**Starting Date**: As soon as possible  
**Starting Salary**: $6,363 monthly, plus benefits

**International Services Specialist**

**Department**: Global Education Office  
**Starting Date**: May 1  
**Starting Salary**: $2,915.67 monthly, plus benefits

**Assistant Coach, Women’s Volleyball**

**Department**: Athletics/Volleyball  
**Starting Date**: As soon as possible  
**Starting Salary**: $3,020.67 monthly, plus benefits

FOR SALE

2007 Honda CRV. Blue, mileage 122,100, one family ownership, must be current MSU student, faculty or employee. $3,800. Email kris.tilker@msutexas.edu for details.

2020-21 Faculty Staff Campaign Review

To date, 283 employees, or 42.75%, have given to the campaign. Learn more at the Boundless Opportunities webpage.

Respiratory Care joined the 100% club. Pictured from left are Randy Case, Mary Sue Owen, Erica Judie, Jennifer Anderson, Jessica Fino, Tammy Kurszewski, and Mickie Loggins.