**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Give Kids a Smile Day: Free Dental Service for Children**
The Department of Dental Hygiene will present Give Kids a Smile Day Monday, February 15, and Tuesday, February 16. Services available at the Gaines Dental Clinic on campus will be free of charge and open to the public for children ages 5-12. Service will be available at the following times:
- 8 a.m. Monday, February 15
- 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 16
- 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. Tuesday, February 16

To schedule an appointment for teeth cleaning, call Jeana at ext. 4764.

**Student Composers Concert**
The Department of Music will present a student composers concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 16, via livestream. For more information, call ext. 4267.

**Faculty Recital: Amy Theimann**
The Department of Music will present a faculty recital with Dr. Amy Theimann on flute at 3 p.m. Saturday, February 20, via livestream. For more information, call ext. 4267.

**CAMPUS NEWS**

**MOSAIC offering new opportunities to get involved**
The MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center is offering new opportunities for the campus community to get involved! Students, faculty, and staff are welcome to join a committee. Below are the descriptions of each committee.

- **Observance Committees** focus on annual observances on campus. Committee members are focused on two large-scale events during monthlong observances or activities for a day/week. Committee members participate in meetings, organizing, promotions, and engage in the activities for the observance. Examples include Women’s History Month (immediate need), Black History Month 2021, and International Education Week 2021. Committees typically convene 4-6 months before the observance, and meet regularly until the conclusion of the observance.
  - **Celebration Committees** plan the MOSAIC Pinning & Affirmation Ceremony and Cultural Graduations. Currently, the Cultural Graduations include Black Graduation and Hispanic Graduation. These committees help plan a way to celebrate students joining the MSU community in all its diversity or celebrating them as they complete their journey. Committees typically convene 2-3 months before the event, and meet 4-5 times including the post-event debrief meeting.

**MOSAIC S.T.A.N.D. councils** serve as a resource for one of the MOSAIC S.T.A.N.D. councils. Mentors work closely with the MOSAIC Program Coordinator, as well as the S.T.A.N.D. Council itself. If interested, please select a council to mentor. Currently, active groups include International, Latinx, Black, LGBTQ+, and Women’s S.T.A.N.D. Councils. Mentors are asked to commit to at least one year. Councils meet 1-2 times each month (in fall and spring semesters) and host 2-3 events in fall and spring semesters.

- **Advisory Committees** meet quarterly to review campus climate and student needs, receive updates about departmental/university programs/services, and provide guidance to departmental staff regarding potential changes to current work. We are looking for faculty and staff willing to serve on one of two committees: MOSAIC Cross-Cultural Center and FIRST2GO (focused on first-generation college students).

If interested in serving, please visit and complete the [MOSAIC Opportunities webform](#). For more information, email ruby.garrett@msutexas.edu.

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**THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8**
- Art Exhibition: From the Ceramics Studio IV
  - All day Juanita Harvey Art Gallery
- Men’s Golf at Houston Classic
  - All day Houston
- Women’s Basketball vs. St. Edward’s
  - 5:30 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**
- Men’s Golf at Houston Classic
  - All day Houston
- Men’s Soccer vs. Southern Nazarene (Scrimmage)
  - 5:30 p.m. MSU Soccer Field
- Volleyball at Cameron
  - 6 p.m. Lawton, Okla.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**
- Staff Senate
  - 3 p.m. Bridwell 108
- Volleyball at Cameron
  - 6 p.m. Lawton, Okla.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11**
- MSU Texas Board of Regents
  - 11 a.m. CSC Comanche Suites
- UGROW Faculty Proposal Seminar
  - 5 p.m. [Virtual meeting](#)
- Softball vs. NW Oklahoma State
  - 6:30 p.m. Mustangs Park
- Black History Month: Black Cinema
  - 7 p.m. CSC Wichita I & II
- Men’s Basketball at West Texas A&M
  - 7:30 p.m. Canyon, Texas

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12**
- Women’s Tennis at McMurry
  - 9 a.m. Abilene, Texas
- Women’s Tennis at Hardin-Simmons
  - 2 p.m. Abilene, Texas
- Softball vs. Drury
  - 2:30 p.m. Mustangs Park
- Latin People in the Workforce featuring Martin Camacho
  - 6 p.m. Zoom meetings

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Service Event: Project Pack a Bag

The Black Student Union and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People are partnering with nonprofit organization Daliso Foundation as a community service project. Learn more on the [Project Pack a Bag website](#).

The groups will be collecting school supplies for a special outreach project that the Daliso Foundation has for burn survivor victims. After talking with their executive board, one of their personal goals is to pack 800 backpacks. We think MSU Texas could do it!

Join the Black Student Union and the NAACP in serving the students in Zambia, Africa, at MAFUTA Primary School, and other rural areas where two-thirds of students lack school supplies. This project will run until 1 p.m. February 25. Feel free to drop items off before the date.

The drop-off location for the following items is the MOSAIC Cross-Cultural Center.

**Items for collection**
- Backpacks/school bags
- No. 2 pencils (packs of 10, 12 and 24)
- Composition notebooks or spiral notebooks
- Pencil pouches/ pencil boxes
- Pens (blue, black and red ink)
- 12-inch rulers (wood or plastic)
- Erasers (pink or white)
- Pencil sharpeners
- Pack of Crayola crayons
- Pack colored pencils
- Lunch boxes
- Pack of highlighters

For more information, contact us by email at blackstudentunionmwsu@gmail.com or midwesternnaacp@gmail.com.

Exercise by dance can be a big help, too

Soon-Mi Choi, Associate Professor from the Department of Athletic Training and Exercise Physiology, was recently featured in the [Nike Journal](#) with an interview on the effects of Dance on Brain Function.

Her section was titled "When You’re Feeling Tired and Cranky: Dance Cardio." Unlike, say, a steady-state treadmill run, "dance involves complex movements that require considerable efforts to learn and employ them properly," Soon-Mi Choi said. "Learning how to combine dance steps requires practice, concentration and memory, resulting in improved processing speed."

Choi also notes that dancing to a favorite song is also enjoyable, so much so that a mood shift could happen in just 10 minutes. No matter how one is feeling, any exercise is better than none, with or without that flood of endorphins.

WFMA has full lineup in February

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art has several current and upcoming exhibitions, including Color in Art, Color in Life, which was extended through February 20. Follow the [WFMA online](#) for Black History Month as the museum highlights artworks by Black artists on view in the exhibition. Quilt Journeys, Exploring Pattern in 20th Century Quilts, is also on display.

Coming March 27 will be Dwelling, Experiences of Shelter, including a mixed media sculpture exhibit by Jessica Calderwood, in partnership with the Juanita Harvey Art Gallery. The WFMA is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday; and 1-5 p.m. Saturday. Exhibition tours with curator Danny Bills are at 3 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call ext. 8900.

MSU Texas programs rank high on lists for affordability, quality

Online college ranking sites continue to place Midwestern State University high on their "best" lists, whether the [ranking is for value or for academic quality](#).

Dillard College standout Widner named Collegian of the Year

Megan Widner, a Fall 2020 graduate of Midwestern State University, was [named the Collegian of the Year by the Tornado Alley region](#) of the Delta Sigma Pi Professional Business Fraternity. The Collegian of the Year program was established more than 40 years ago and is the highest fraternity honor bestowed upon a collegiate member in Delta Sigma Pi.
Lopez wins CASE Award for photography

AJ Lopez III, Assistant Director of Digital Marketing and Social Media, earned an award for photography from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District IV Accolades. Lopez’s photo of “The Spirit” from the Spirit of the Mustangs display in front of Centennial Hall was honored with the Grand Gold designation in the Individual Photography division.

2020-2021 Outstanding Student Award Nominations

Nominations for the 2020-21 Outstanding Student Awards at Midwestern State University are now open. All academic programs, administrative departments, and registered student organizations are invited to nominate students for the Outstanding Student Awards. The award categories include the following:

• Outstanding Freshman Man & Woman
• Outstanding Sophomore Man & Woman
• Outstanding Junior Man & Woman
• Outstanding Senior Man & Woman
• Outstanding Graduate Man & Woman
• Man & Woman of the Year
• Viola Grady Leadership Award
• Howard Farrell Community Excellence Award

Academic programs, administrative departments, and registered student organizations are invited to nominate one student within each award category. The Nomination Form is available through the myMSUTexas portal, MustangsLink, and Dean of Students website under the left menu links. Completed nominations are due on or before March 2.

Additional information

1. Each program, department, or registered student organization may submit up to 14 nominations (one from each award category). You may nominate students who are members of your program or organization, as well as those who are not directly affiliated.
2. Students must be enrolled for the Spring 2021 semester at Midwestern State University.
3. Students should be nominated within their current academic classification (FR, SO, JR, SR, GRAD), except for the Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Viola Grady Leadership Award, and Howard Farrell Community Excellence Award, which are open to students from any classification.

In order for a nominee to be considered for an award, he/she MUST submit a Nominee Information Form on or before March 2. The Nominee Information Form may also be accessed through the myMSUTexas portal, MustangsLink, and Dean of Students website. A committee comprised of MSU faculty and staff review all completed nominations to determine the final selection results.

Applications being accepted for the Spring 2021 Jesse Rogers Staff Senate Scholarship

The Staff Senate Scholarship Committee is accepting Spring 2021 applications for the Jesse W. Rogers Staff Senate Scholarship. This scholarship is for benefit-eligible staff only. For more information regarding the eligibility criteria and application, please go to Staff Senate Scholarship Application. A completed scholarship application may be sent to Ruby Garrett at ruby.garrett@msutexas.edu or delivered to Clark Student Center 194. Please note the deadline for scholarship applications for the Spring 2021 semester is Friday, February 26.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Frank B. Wyatt, Professor in the Department of Athletic Training and Exercise Physiology, co-authored a scientific publication in the February issue of The Journal of Exercise Physiology, Vol. 24 (1): pg 18-24. The title of the publication is “Physiological Adaptations to Moderate Intensity Training in an Elite Cyclist. A Case Study.” Additional authors included students Zach Gregg, Sonata Brown, and Marissa Lopez.

JOBS

Budget Analyst and Assistant to Vice President for Administration and Finance

Department: Administration and Finance
Starting Date: February 18, 2021
Starting Salary: $3,020.67 monthly, plus benefits

Plumber

Department: Facilities Services
Starting Date: As soon as possible
Starting Salary: $2,622.17 monthly, plus benefits

For more information, visit the online jobs listing.
2020-21 Faculty Staff Campaign Review

To date, 259 employees, or 39.12%, have given to the campaign. Learn more at the Boundless Opportunities webpage.