

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

Blood Drive
Noon-5 p.m. CSC Kiowa

Volleyball at Oklahoma Christian
6 p.m. Oklahoma City

History Club: Mythology Discussion
7 p.m. Moffett Library

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

Blood Drive
Noon-5 p.m. CSC Kiowa

Women's Basketball at Lubbock Christian
5:30 p.m. Lubbock, Texas

Volleyball at Oklahoma Christian
6 p.m. Oklahoma City

Men's Basketball at Lubbock Christian
7:30 p.m. Lubbock, Texas

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

Blood Drive
Noon-5 p.m. CSC Kiowa

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

Theatre Production: *The Drowning Girls*
7:30 p.m. Fain Fine Arts

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

WFMA: Valentine's Day Workshop
1-3 p.m. WFMA

Women's Basketball vs. Lubbock Christian
3:30 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

Men's Basketball vs. Lubbock Christian
5:30 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

Theatre Production: *The Drowning Girls*
7:30 p.m. Fain Fine Arts

AROUND CAMPUS

History Club: Mythology Discussion

The History Club will present an in-depth discussion of mythology at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 26, in Moffett Library. The ancient stories of the Aztecs, the Celts, and the Greeks will be reborn along with a very prolific discourse on the nature of American mythology—how do the gods of old still reign immortal in our current society? These questions and more will all be pondered over. Contact the History Club directly through MustangsLink.

Blood Drive

Given the ongoing nationwide blood shortage and the immense need for donations to blood banks, the Redwine Honors Program is partnering with the Texas/Oklahoma/Arkansas Blood Institute to host a three-day campus blood drive this week. MSU students, faculty, and staff have the opportunity to donate blood and receive a free long sleeve T-shirt, pen, and COVID-19 antibody test.

The blood drive will take place in Kiowa (Clark Student Center) on the following days and times:

- Tuesday, January 26 – noon to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 27 – noon to 5 p.m.
- Thursday, January 28 – noon to 5 p.m.

Those interested in donating should bring a photo ID (MSU or state-issued) and a face covering to be worn for the duration of the donation process. Hand sanitizing stations will be set up at the check-in booth and in multiple areas within Kiowa. All donors must pass two temperature checks and a pre-screening health questionnaire in order to donate.

Appointments are preferred but not required to donate blood. Walk-ins are welcome. Please set aside one hour for the donation process. For questions, concerns, or to schedule an appointment, email Cody Parish, Coordinator of the Redwine Honors

Program, at cody.parish@msutexas.edu or call ext. 4069.

Theatre Production: *The Drowning Girls*

The Department of Theatre will present *The Drowning Girls* by Beth Graham, Charlie Tomlinson, and Daniela Vlaskalic at 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, January 29-30, in the Fain Fine Arts Center Theatre. The ghosts of the girls, all married to and murdered by their husband George, relive the events leading up to their deaths and reflect on the not-so-happily ever after. Tickets will be first come, first served and limited to 40 seats. Tickets must be reserved online before performances. General admission tickets are \$10. For more information, call the Department of Theatre at ext. 4670.

WFMA: Valentine's Day Workshop

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas will present a Valentine's Day Workshop from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, January 30. Inspired by the museum's current exhibitions exploring color and pattern, artist Mary Helen Maskill will lead the discussion and workshop. Cost is \$10, or \$5 per for students. Seating is limited and COVID-19 safety measures will be in place. For more information or to make a reservation, call ext. 8941 or email elizabeth.adams@msutexas.edu.

Love Yourself – Heart Health Month

The Redwine Student Wellness Center will present Love Yourself – Heart Health Month in February as part of the annual Heart Health Month. Members of the Wellness Center are ready and available to help members of the MSU Texas community with their health goals, including weight loss, muscle gain, goal setting, or exercise. The center will offer a beginning-of-the-month and end-of-the-month weigh-in to help participants stay on track with their weight-loss goals. Also, the center will provide weekly updates to help participants track

their health progress. Updates will include information about sleep, stress, nutrition and more.

To get started on the weight-loss program, participants will need to weigh-in on the Bio Measure machine at the Wellness Center between January 25-29, as well as complete a form for the program. Each Monday through February participants may weigh-in (8 a.m.-5 p.m.) to be eligible for prizes. The final weigh-in will be Monday, March 1. Two faculty/staff and two students each will be awarded with a \$50 gift card. For more information about the program, contact angie.reay@msutexas.edu or cody.ford@msutexas.edu.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

First Friday Concert

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

CAMPUS NEWS

Student Emergency Fund

The University is pleased to inform the campus community of a new emergency aid program available to benefit current MSU students – the Student Emergency Fund. This fund is the outcome of generous contributions from MSU Texas supporters and community members recognizing the immediate financial hardships students can face during an emergency, which can cause a loss of momentum toward student success.

Should you become aware of any MSU Texas student suffering an immediate financial hardship due to an emergency, for which other possible financial resources have been considered and deemed insufficient or are not available in a timely manner to cover an essential expense, please encourage them to apply for funding.

Additional information about the fund, a link to the secure online application form, and link for individuals wishing to support MSU students in need by donating to the fund can be accessed on the [Student Emergency Fund website](#).

Electronic W-2 Now Available

Employees who elected to receive an electronic W-2 may now access those through Banner Self Service.

- Sign in to [Banner Self-Service](#)
- Select - Enter Secure Area
- Enter User ID and Password

- Select - Employee
- Select - Tax Forms
- Select – W-2 Wage and Tax Statement
- Select – Tax Year 2020
- Display
- Printable W-2
- Enter Your PIN Number

Once print has been selected, the system will put the information in the format of a W-2 that can be used for submitting tax returns. When using the print preview and selecting the landscape option, the form will print in a larger format.

The W2 instructions that are normally printed on the back of the W2 form are on the Payroll website.

For those who have not elected an Electronic W-2, the option is still available for following the instructions below.

- Sign in to [Banner Self-Service](#)
- Select - Enter Secure Area
- Enter User ID and Password
- Select - Employee
- Select - Tax Forms
- Select - Electronic W-2 Consent
- Read carefully the instructions given and then check the Consent to Receive W-2 Electronically and enter. The screen will not change, but the information will be saved.
- Follow the first set of instructions above for accessing the Electronic W-2.

For employees who have not elected an Electronic W-2, the paper W-2's are being prepared and will be mailed no later than January 31, 2021.

For more information or questions, contact Kathy Rice at ext. 4132 or Kelly Fuller at ext. 4230.

Restore Our Earth

In honor of Earth Day 2021, the Juanita & Ralph Harvey School of Visual Arts has created a two-part immersive virtual exhibition open to all MSU students, staff, and faculty. Restore Our Earth is an exhibition to celebrate our planet. All forms of artwork are welcome and there is no cost to enter.

Restore our Earth aims to present diverse views and concerns for the environment, and to engage viewers both aesthetically and emotionally as they explore this universally important topic. Entries are due March 1, 2021. For more information, visit the [Earth Day 2021 webpage](#).

New fossil provides clarity to the history of Alligatoridae

Midwestern State University's Dalquest Desert Research Station near the Big Bend area of West Texas was in the news again because of a recent discovery of a partial skull.

The caimans of years past may provide some clarity into the complex, and incomplete, history of its relatives and their movements across time and space. Michelle Stocker, an assistant professor of vertebrate paleontology in Virginia Tech's Department of Geosciences in the College of Science, Chris Kirk of the University of Texas at Austin, and Christopher Brochu of the University of Iowa, have identified a 42 million year old partial skull that may have belonged to one of the last prehistoric caimans to roam the United States. Read more about the [fossil discovery](#) at [MSU Texas News](#).

Texas as Art Wall Calendars

The Kimbell School of Geosciences is selling Texas as Art, a wall calendar by Professor Emeritus Rebecca Dodge and the Texasview program. The calendar features 15 months of beautiful satellite images of the Lone Star State, complete with an explanation of significant features shown on each panel. The cost is \$20 and profits go to the Texas as Art Fund, an MSU Texas account to further support student research on geospatial problems and K-12 geoscience education. Calendars are available for purchase through Sheila Tucker (sheila.tucker@msutexas.edu, ext. 4251) in Bolin Science Hall 307.

Finishing Strong

Midwestern State University Fall 2020 graduate [Megan Widner](#) has some interesting advice for students following behind her. Avoid the easy path and instead, embrace the biggest challenge. "Work towards something that may scare or intimidate you," said Widner, who grew up in Iowa Park and felt completely at home at the Dillard College of Business Administration where she earned a BBA in Marketing. Read this story and other graduate features, honor roll lists and more at [MSU Texas News](#).

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Beth Vealé, Professor & Chair of The Shimadzu School of Radiologic Sciences, has accepted a position on the editorial review board of the Association for Radiologic and Imaging Nurses. *The Journal of Radiology Nursing*, the ARIN's official journal, is published quarterly with a readership of more than 120,000.

Guntersville, a book co-written by MSU Texas Associate Professor of History **Whitney Snow**, was published by Arcadia on January 11, 2021.

JOBS

An EEO/ADAAA Compliance Employer

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

Groundskeeper

Department: Facilities Services
Starting Date: As soon as possible
Starting Salary: \$1,715.33 monthly, plus benefits

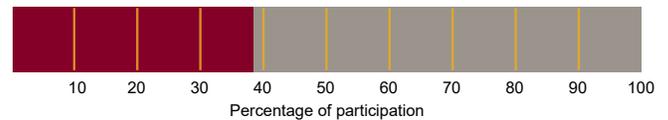
Human Resources Assistant I

Department: Human Resources
Starting Date: February 1, 2021
Starting Salary: \$2,276.25 monthly, plus benefits



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To date, 257 employees, or 38.82%, have given to the campaign. Learn more at the [Boundless Opportunities webpage](#).