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The Update

July 6, 2021

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JULY 8
COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sikes Lake Center

TUESDAY, JULY 13
COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic
11 a.m.-6 p.m. Wellness Center

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14
Staff Senate
3 p.m.

Do you want to share your news or accomplishments with the campus community?

Please submit your information to public.information@msutexas.edu to be included in the next issue.

AROUND CAMPUS

Vaccine Clinics

COVID-19 vaccination clinics continue to be held Tuesdays and Thursdays through July at Sikes Lake Center and the Bruce and Graciela Redwine Wellness Center. Sikes Lake Center hours and dates are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 8 and July 22. Wellness Center hours and dates are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. July 13, July 15, July 27, and July 29. Vaccines are also available at the Vinson Health Center by appointment. Summer hours are 7:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

CAMPUS NEWS

It’s official! MSU Texas becomes 5th member of TTU System


The TTU System Administration will work closely in the coming months with MSU to formalize the partnership, as MSU will officially become a member institution of the TTU System at the start of the fiscal year 2022. Read MSU Texas to join Texas Tech University System this fall.

Dr. Suzanne Shipley announces retirement

Midwestern State University President Suzanne Shipley announced in June that she had notified the Board of Regents of her intended retirement on August 31, 2021. “MSU stands before two great opportunities in the coming academic year — our proposed inclusion in the Tech System in September and the launching of our Centennial in January 2022. I am so proud to have accompanied this strong and vibrant university on its journey to such a promising future. MSU is well positioned to attract its twelfth president in a comprehensive search, much like the one that brought me here, once the oversight is transferred to the Board and Chancellor of the Texas Tech University System,” Shipley said in a letter to the campus community. Read Dr. Shipley’s complete statement.

Lewis named Hardin Professor; Faculty Awards announced

Dr. Mitzi Lewis, Associate Professor of Mass Communication, was named Hardin Professor for 2021 during Midwestern State University’s commencement ceremony May 1. Hardin Professor is the highest honor bestowed upon a faculty member at the university each year. Faculty Awards also were announced at commencement. Congratulations to all the recipients. For the complete list of honorees, see Lewis named 2021 Hardin Professor.

Regents approve establishment of Charlye O. Farris Social Justice Resource Center

During its quarterly meeting on May 6, the Midwestern State University Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve naming opportunities that recognize and celebrate the lives of three historic figures in the campus and local communities. “These naming opportunities are particularly meaningful to our campus as we seek ways to connect and honor champions in our community,” said MSU Texas President Suzanne Shipley. “Though their parts each varied greatly, the legacies of Charlye Farris, Robert Grays, and Noel Johnson exemplify the values of our university and stand as powerful testaments of how to best make a difference in our spheres of influence.” See Regents approve establishment of Charlye O. Farris Social Justice Resource Center.

Bultena named Piper Professor

In May, Associate Professor of Management Charles Bultena was named one of 10 Piper
Professors, an honor awarded annually to Texas professors for superior teaching at the college level. He one of seven MSU Texas professors to receive the honor since the awards began in 1958. Read MSU Texas' Bultena honored with prestigious Texas professor award.

**Return to Normal Operations for Fall 2021**

As we conclude the academic year, we want to provide you with updates and reminders regarding our adjusted approach to operations during the pandemic. As previously announced, summer I and II will continue in Phase III operations, with the goal to be fully in person to begin the fall semester. With that goal in mind, we are establishing Monday, August 9, as our target date to return to Phase IV (normal) operations.

**New and Improved Profile Directory**

The Webmaster’s Office has been busy this year and recently announced the release of the new and improved Profile Directory for the MSU Texas website.

The new Profile Directory is designed to meet the needs of both faculty and staff. Changes have been implemented from the suggestions of our beta test group. We will continue to release updates to improve on the new directory. One of the most significant changes is the single sign-on feature. Users may log in with their current MSU Texas network login and password.

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

**MSU Texas Cheer** finished in second place as the National Champion runner-up in College Game Day for the Open Coed Cheer Division against many colleges and universities from across the nation. Read MSU Texas Cheer finishes 2nd in national event.

The **MSU Texas Police Department** received the designation of “Recognized Law Enforcement Agency” from the Texas Police Chiefs Association Law Enforcement Recognition Program. Read MSU Texas Police Department honored.

**Soon-Mi Choi**, Associate Professor/Graduate Coordinator in the Department of Athletic Training & Exercise Physiology, attended and mentored undergraduate and graduate students’ activities at the 2021 International Virtual Conference by International Organization for Health, Sports, and Kinesiology May 7-8.

**Ashton Guess, Franscisco Alvarado, and Alvericio Godet** received an Undergraduate Excellent Presentation Award.

**Yogesh Barhate** and **Daria Panferova** received a Graduate Excellent Award.

**Soon-Mi Choi** received a Distinguished Professor Award.

Undergraduate Oral Presentation:

**Alexis Martin, Audry Lopez, Carson Lewis**: The Effects of a High Protein Diet Combined with Resistance Training on Body Composition: A Case Study.

**Ashton Guess, Francisco Alvarado, Alvericio Godet, Kanksha Bhattay**: Effects of Intermittent Fasting Combined with High Protein Consumption and Resistance Training on Resting Metabolic Rate in College Students: A Case Study.

**Dea Vukatana, Christyn Smith, Alan Campbell, Sydney Ellis**: Association with the Adherence to The Mediterranean Diet and Cardiorespiratory Fitness Among University Participants: A Case Study.

Graduate Oral Presentation:

**Yogesh Barhate, Daria Panferova**: Effects of 4 weeks of high protein vegan diet with resistance training on body composition and muscle hypertrophy: A Case Study.

**Dr. Roberto Fuertes-Manjón**, Professor of Spanish, recently presented at two conferences. “Contraste de ideologías, aportaciones técnica y componente distópico en ‘El hombre que amaba a los perros,’ de Leonardo Padua” was the title of his talk at the XVI Congreso de Novela y Cine Negro: (Re) Escrituras en Negro held in Salacamanca, Spain. The second paper was titled “Exilio y denuncia de las dictaduras: la perspectiva de Ana María Machado en el contexto del exilio brasileño”, presented at Colibra: II Congreso Internacional de Literatura Brasileña.

**Catherine Prose**, Professor of Art, recently exhibited a collection of her artwork at the Leslie Powell Foundation Gallery in Lawton, Okla. "To the Ends of the Earth" is a collection inspired by notions of landscape and the conservation of our natural environment and features drawings, paintings, prints, and mixed-media pieces. As an image maker, Prose is motivated by love and concern for the conservation of nature. She is interested in, and influenced by, ideas about landscape, the environment, and endangered species. The Leslie Powell Foundation Gallery is a non profit organization whose mission is to celebrate and promote the arts in the Lawton community and Southwestern Oklahoma. Learn more online at Leslie Powell Foundation Gallery.

**SPRING 2021 GRADUATE FEATURES**

**Crege La Ronde** won many honors at Midwestern State University and was proud to be a part of the Spring 2021
graduating class. And the 2021 Redwine Scholars Viola Grady Leadership Award winner was even more humbled by another accomplishment, being the first in his family to graduate from college. “I am a first-generation college student,” La Ronde said. “My parents, who grew up in the Caribbean in the ’70s and ’80s, were not even given the opportunity to graduate from high school. Graduating from one of the more difficult programs here makes me feel both humbled and proud.” Read more about La Ronde and other Spring 2021 graduate profiles.

Billy Wade Parsons walks the stage at 78
Billy Wade Parsons cried as he walked the stage at Kay Yeager Coliseum May 1 to receive his Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree from Midwestern State University. Not because of his accomplishment, but two weeks before graduation he had buried his 98-year-old mother. She had been his biggest cheerleader.

Parsons’ mother also inspired him to consider a second career at this stage in his life. He is 78 years old and is among the oldest to earn his degree from MSU Texas, if not the oldest. Read more about his amazing journey online at BAAS program the answer for veteran's life-long quest.

Spring 2020 graduate beat cancer while finishing degree
For Kayla Khan, celebrating graduation was even more meaningful after her in-person ceremony was delayed one year. Khan was honored as one of the Midwestern State University Spring 2020 graduating class on June 5 at Kay Yeager Coliseum. Khan earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology (minor in medical sociology). “I see this graduation as a celebration; it means just as much to me now as it would have last year,” Khan said. She shared the story of taking six classes in Spring 2020 and also going through chemotherapy at the same time. Read more on the MSU Texas news at Spring 2020 grad Kayla Khan excited to celebrate her accomplishments.

JOBS
An EEO/ADAAA Compliance Employer

Secretary
Department: Art
Starting Date: July 1
Starting Salary: $1,907.33 Monthly W/Benefits

Auto Mechanic Foreperson
Department: Facilities Services
Starting Date: July 1
Starting Salary: $2,915.67 Monthly W/Benefits

Custodian (2 positions)
Department: Facilities Services
Starting Date: ASAP
Starting Salary: $1,655.67 Monthly W/Benefits

Police Officer I/II/III (Rank based on qualifications, 2 positions available)
Department: Police
Starting Date: ASAP
Starting Salary: $3,358.75 - $3,604.91 Monthly W/Benefits

Professional Counselor
Department: Counseling Center
Starting Date: August 1
Starting Salary: $3,479.67 Monthly W/Benefits

Admissions Counselor
Department: Admissions
Starting Date: June 21
Starting Salary: $3,020.67 Monthly W/Benefits

Assistant to Dean, Graduate School
Department: Graduate School
Starting Date: ASAP
Starting Salary: $2,531 Monthly W/Benefits

Auto Mechanic Foreperson
Department: Facilities Services
Starting Date: July 1
Starting Salary: $2,915.67 Monthly W/Benefits

Coordinator, MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center Programs
Department: MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center
Starting Date: August 1
Starting Salary: $2,358.17 Monthly W/Benefits

Graduate Academic Counselor
Department: Graduate School
Starting Date: June 7
Starting Salary: $3,020.67 Monthly W/Benefits

Graduate Admissions Evaluator
Department: Graduate School
Starting Date: ASAP
Starting Salary: $1,976 Monthly W/Benefits

Head Coach, Softball
Department: Athletics
Starting Date: ASAP
Starting Salary: $4,457.17 Monthly W/Benefits

Library Assistant I
Department: Moffett Library
Starting Date: September 1
Starting Salary: $1,777.08 Monthly W/Benefits
Library Assistant II
Department: Moffett Library
Starting Date: September 1
Starting Salary: $1,907.33 Monthly W/Benefits

Assistant to President
Department: Office of the President
Starting Date: ASAP
Starting Salary: $3,242 Monthly W/Benefits

Secretary
Department: Computer Science
Starting Date: July 1
Starting Salary: $1,907.33 Monthly W/ Benefits

Secretary
Department: Wilson School of Nursing
Starting Date: July 12
Starting Salary: $1,907.33 Monthly W/ Benefits

Computer – Based Test Center Administrator
Department: Career Management Center and Testing Services
Starting Date: July 1
Starting Salary: $2,358.17 Monthly W/ Benefits

Piano Accompanist/Collaborative Pianist
Department: Music
Starting Date: September 1
Starting Salary: $3,020.70 Monthly W/ Benefits

Associate Director, Global Education for International Student Services and Intensive Language Institute
Department: Global Education Office
Starting Date: July 26
Starting Salary: $3,869.16 Monthly W/Benefits

Assistant Director, Student Leadership and Involvement for Fraternity and Sorority Life
Department: Student Leadership and Involvement
Starting Date: August 1
Starting Salary: $3,479.67 Monthly W/ Benefits

Business Analyst
Department: Small Business Development Center
Starting Date: ASAP
Starting Salary: $3,020.67 Monthly W/ Benefits

Academic Counselor
Department: College of Science & Mathematics
Starting Date: September 15
Starting Salary: $3,020.66 Monthly W/ Benefits

Payroll Assistant
Department: Payroll
Starting Date: ASAP
Starting Salary: $2,443.08

To date, 317 employees, or 47.89%, have given to the campaign. There are 14 departments which have reached 100 percent participation. Learn more at the Boundless Opportunities webpage.