**AROUND CAMPUS**

**Critical Conversations: Women Leaders in Higher Education**

The MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center will present Critical Conversations: Women in Higher Education at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, via Zoom. For those unable to attend the presentations will be recorded and available on the MOSAIC webpage.

This month, the panel-style conversation will focus on higher education leadership from the perspective of women, and is part of the MSU Texas observance of Women’s History Month.

The target audience for the Critical Conversations Series is MSU faculty and staff, but the events are open to the entire MSU community. Attendees will engage in important conversations regarding race, ethnicity, sexuality, systems of oppression, and other topics that influence the delivery of present-day collegiate education. The series encourages a variety of ways to support today’s college student.

**RSVP online** for the 11 a.m. presentation. **RSVP online** for the 2 p.m. presentation.

For more information, contact Ruby Garrett at ext. 4500.

**weCONNECT Student Leadership Conference**

The Office of Student Leadership & Involvement will present its weCONNECT Leadership Conference from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, and Wednesday, March 17. This annual spring leadership conference focuses on developing community, relationships, and CONNECTing students to help participants succeed during and after college. The conference is open to ALL students.

The conference will feature two breakout sessions each day, and students may attend in-person (as space allows) in the Clark Student Center or through Zoom, allowing students the opportunity to attend each breakout session.

Breakout sessions include the following:

- Resolving Conflict by Kylie Kerr M.A., LPC Associate
- Handling Professional Rejection by Zachary Zoet, M.A., LPC
- How Branding Yourself on Social Media Impacts Your Future by Dr. Florencio U. Aranda III
- Finding the Thing You Love by the Engaging Peers In College (EPIC) Peer Educators: Jaye Surles, Tomi Oladiop, Manner Marchand, and Kennedy Howard
- What’s Next? Navigating Life Post College by Alonzo Burris

For more information, contact the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership at ext. 4500.

**North Texas Area Student Conference Registration**

The Department of Computer Science will host the 25th annual North Texas Area Student Conference on Saturday, April 17. The conference includes a morning keynote followed by presentations of research projects and student class projects. This year’s keynote speaker is Michael Root, a Cybersecurity Engineer at Ford Motor Company. At Ford, Root works on security technology in traditional and self-driving vehicles, and he is especially interested in ensuring security of our increasingly complex computer infrastructure in our cars, trucks, and other vehicles. His talk will focus on making vehicles of both today and tomorrow safe and secure from hackers. This year attendees have the option to attend virtually as well as face to face. **NTASC online registration** is now open. For those who would like to attend just the keynote address, please register through the same portal and a Zoom link will be provided upon registration. For more information, contact Dr. Catherine Stringfellow at catherine.stringfellow@msutexas.edu.
Voices of Change

The Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts will present Voices of Change: Advocating for Social Justice Through Art & Music. The series begins with Inclusion Now! Festival from March 22-26 featuring five luncheon workshops, each pertaining to a different social justice issue.

From April 1-30 the Juried Art Exhibition: Restore Our Earth will be available online. In honor of Earth Day, the virtual exhibition will feature artwork that celebrates our planet and presents diverse views and concerns for the environment.

The Voices of Change schedule includes:
- **Faculty Recital with Dr. Ruth Morrow**, featuring solo piano music commemorating Armenian Genocide, the Trail of Tears, the Underground Railroad, the Dachau Death March of April 1945, and the separation of parents and children at the U.S.-Mexican border. 7:30 p.m. April 6
- **First Friday Concert with Dr. Ruth Morrow** featuring arrangements of spirituals for solo piano and choir. 5:15 p.m. April 9
- **Percussion Ensemble Concert** featuring music of Black composer Quinn Mason and female composer Karen Ervin. 7:30 p.m. April 13
- **Communiversity Orchestra Concert** featuring music in memory of victims of fascism and war, as well as music containing African drumming patterns. 7:30 p.m. April 19
- **PRISMS Concert** featuring music composed by underrepresented individuals, music that shines a light on social justice and equity issues, and music pertaining to historically significant triumphs and movements for specific populations. 7:30 p.m. April 22

All concerts will be available via [livestream on the Fain Fine Arts webpage](#). For more information, call ext. 4243.

Stangfest

The Office of Student Involvement & Leadership will present Stangfest March 22-28. The schedule is as follows:

**Monday, March 22**
- **Masked Mustang**, 6 p.m., WFMA Priddy Pavilion

**Tuesday, March 23**
- **Men’s Soccer vs. Dallas Baptist**, 5:30 p.m., MSU Soccer Field

**Wednesday, March 24**
- **All-School Picnic**, 6-8 p.m., Jesse Rogers Promenade, $6 unless on a meal plan

**Thursday, March 25**
- **Mentalist Sean Bott**, 8 p.m., Ligon Coliseum/Intramural Fields

**Friday, March 26**
- **Softball vs. Oklahoma Christian**, 4 & 6 p.m., Mustangs Park
- **MSU Texas Field Day**, 8 p.m., Quad

**Saturday, March 27**
- **Mav’s Day of Service**, 8 a.m.-noon, Wichita Falls
- **MSU Texas Cardboard Boat Race**, 5 p.m., Sikes Lake
- **Stangfest Awards Ceremony**, 6 p.m., Sikes Lake
- **Food Trucks**, 6 p.m. Wellness Center Parking Lot
- **Prices may vary.**
- **Stangfest Concert**, 6 p.m., Wellness Center Intramural Fields
- **Fireworks**, 8 p.m., Sikes Lake

**Sunday, March 28**
- **Softball vs. Cameron**, 1 & 3 p.m. Mustangs Park

For more information, visit the [Stangfest website](#).

Faculty Recital: Dr. Paul Geraci, trumpet

The Department of Music will present a faculty recital with Assistant Professor of Music Paul Geraci on trumpet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, via [livestream on the Fain Fine Arts webpage](#). For more information, call ext. 4267.

University Jazz Ensemble

The Department of Music will present the University Jazz Ensemble...
Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, via livestream on the Fain Fine Arts webpage. For more information, call ext. 4267.

Network Maintenance

The Department of Information Technology will be performing network and infrastructure maintenance beginning at 9 p.m. Friday, March 26. The duration of this outage will be approximately 3 hours. This maintenance will require an outage of all MSU internet-connected network services (campus internet access, Wi-Fi, MSU website, Portal, VPN remote access, email etc.). This maintenance will also interrupt internet access at our Flower Mound student learning center.

If you experience any connectivity issues after this maintenance window, call the IT help desk at ext. 4278 or email helpdesk@msutexas.edu.

‘Dwelling: Experiences of Shelter’ Exhibit

The Museum of Art at MSU Texas will present the exhibition “Dwelling: Experiences of Shelter,” which will invite reflections on the experience of shelter, both our own and those around us. Created before the pandemic changed lives around the world, these works remind us of a prior time and urge us to see them in a new light. The exhibition includes mixed media sculptures by Jessica Calderwood presented in partnership with the Juanita Harvey Art Gallery at MSU Texas and will be on display March 27 through September 4. For more information, call ext. 8900.

CAMPUS NEWS

Holiday Schedule Adjustment

As a reminder, the scheduled employee holiday for Friday, March 19, has been moved to Friday, April 2, to coincide with the student holiday break. Regular operating hours are in effect this week.

Respiratory Care Students Share Experiences

Three seniors from Respiratory Care recently shared about their experiences in the program, the chance to study at Centennial Hall, and their reasons for choosing that career field. See their stories on the MSU Texas news page.

Reskilling Grants Provide Educational Support to Students Affected by COVID-19

Midwestern State University received $112,500 as part of the Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant Program during the first round of awards, announced in February. Funds from the grant program will be used to help cover the costs of tuition and fees for Texas students who were significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and who wish to return to school. Learn more on the MSU Texas news page.

Widner Represents MSU Texas in Texas Undergraduate Research Day

Megan Widner of Midwestern State University had an opportunity Tuesday to present her undergraduate research project before legislators and the public through the 2021 Texas Undergraduate Research Day virtual event, hosted by CPUPC (Council of Public University Presidents & Chancellors) and ICUT (Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas). The theme for the event was Transforming Texas Through Undergraduate Research. There were 60 research projects displayed representing 47 college, university, and health science center programs. Learn more on the MSU Texas news page.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Jeffrey Oxford, Professor of Spanish and Chair of the Department of World Languages and Cultures, recently had an article published. The essay, titled "Breaking Almost All the Rules: Joaquín Camps’s Police Non-Procedural La silueta del olvido," was published in Dura: Revista de Literatura Criminal Hispana 2 (2020): 7-23.

JOBS

An EEO/ADAAA Compliance Employer

Coordinator of Activities
Department: Student Leadership & Involvement
Starting Date: As soon as possible
Starting Salary: $2,358.17 monthly, plus benefits

Graduate Student Employment Opportunities

Visit the Residence Life & Housing website for more information.

Graduate Hall Director
Department: Office of Residence Life and Housing
Starting Date: August 2, 2021
Starting Salary: Approximately $750 per month with furnished apartment

Graduate Assistant for Academic Initiatives
Department: Office of Residence Life and Housing
Starting Date: August 2, 2021
Starting Salary: Approximately $750 per month plus housing scholarship
2020-21 Faculty Staff Campaign Review

To date, 278 employees, or 42%, have given to the campaign. Learn more at the Boundless Opportunities webpage.

Melissa Poling, Admissions Evaluator, won the drawing for a $100 VISA gift card. The drawing was held March 5.