COMING UP

MONDAY, MARCH 7
Board of Regents called meeting
11 a.m.-noon Virtual

Presidential Search Reception
Noon-1 p.m. CSC Comanche

Women’s History Month:
Girls Can Game Level 3
6 p.m. Moffett Library Atrium

Women’s History Month:
Women’s History Game Night
7 p.m. Legacy Multipurpose Room

Black History Month: Barbershop Talks
7 p.m. West Campus Annex Olympus

Black History Month: Sister 2 Sister
7 p.m. CSC Cheyenne

TUESDAY, MARCH 8
Women’s History Month:
Women in Leadership panel
5:30 p.m. WFMA at MSU Texas

Woodwind Ensemble
7:30 p.m. Akin Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9
Women’s History Month:
Women in Support & Empowerment (WISE) booth
11 a.m. CSC

Safe Zone Workshop
12:30-2 p.m. Zoom

Staff Senate
3 p.m. Dillard 274

THURSDAY, MARCH 10
Faculty Senate
3 p.m. Zoom

FRIDAY, MARCH 11
Men’s & Women’s tennis at Ouachita Baptist
2 p.m. Magnolia, Arkansas

Softball vs. St. Mary’s
3 & 5 p.m. Mustangs Park

SATURDAY, MARCH 12
Student Spring Break begins

Men’s & Women’s tennis vs. Montevallo
9 a.m. Magnolia, Arkansas

Men’s & Women’s tennis vs. Southern Arkansas
2 p.m. Magnolia, Arkansas

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AROUND CAMPUS

MSU Texas Presidential Search: Mazachek named sole finalist

The Texas Tech University System Board of Regents named JuliAnn Mazachek, Ph.D as the sole finalist for 12th president of MSU Texas.

The decision was unanimously approved at the conclusion of the board’s special-called teleconference meeting on Monday, March 7, after a national search was conducted.

Dr. Mazachek is currently the vice president for academic affairs, chief academic officer and a tenured associate professor at Washburn University, a four-year public university in Topeka, Kansas, with approximately 6,700 students and more than 200 courses of study.

This announcement follows a collaborative, extensive search process that resulted in the committee’s unanimous recommendation, and ultimately, Chancellor Tedd Mitchell’s recommendation of Dr. Mazachek and today’s action from the Board of Regents.

Read more about Dr. Mazachek in the MSU Texas news.

Outstanding Student Awards

The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2021-22 Outstanding Student Awards at Midwestern State University has been extended in consideration of the recent winter weather challenges and campus closure.

Academic programs, administrative departments, and registered student organizations are invited to nominate a student within each of the different award categories. The nomination form is available through the Dean of Students website, MustangsLink, and login.MSUTexas portal. Completed nominations will be accepted through Wednesday, March 9. Contact the Dean of Students Office at ext. 7400 for more information.

Safe Zone Training & Luncheon

Safe Zone Training increases the awareness, knowledge, and skills for individuals and addresses the challenges that exist when one wants to advocate for their LGBTQ peers, family members, friends, coworkers, and themselves. Creating safe zones or safe spaces is a proactive step schools, agencies, and corporations can take to create welcoming, inclusive spaces so that all people are empowered to reach their full potential.

Inclusion Now! will sponsor a virtual Safe Zone Training and Luncheon session from 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, March 9. Some discussions will build on previous training sessions and new topics related to the recent orders from Gov. Greg Abbott will be discussed. RSVP to attend this semester’s safe zone. An in-person Safe Zone Training and Luncheon will be held from 12:30-2 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, in the Legacy Multipurpose Room. Contact christopher.damico@msutexas.edu or jonathon.quam@msutexas.edu for more information.

Harvey Art Gallery: Student Exhibition

The Ralph and Juanita Harvey School of Visual Arts will host the Juried Student Exhibition in all three gallery spaces in Fain Fine Arts: the Juanita Harvey Gallery, the Foyer Gallery, and the Pit Gallery beginning March 11.

This year’s exhibition will be juried and arranged by Caleb Bell, curator of the Tyler Museum of Art in Tyler, Texas. Bell will also give a juror’s statement at the reception from 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 25. Bell will select artworks from all the disciplines taught in the art department during the 2021-2022 academic year: ceramics, drawing, graphic design, metals, painting, photography, printmaking, and sculpture. The exhibition will close April 8. Gallery hours are from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
UGROW applications

Undergraduate Research Opportunities and Summer Workshop (UGROW) is MSU’s faculty-led, student-executed intensive summer research program. As in years past, UGROW will provide a venue in which faculty mentor full-time engagement from one or possibly two students, facilitating student exposure to research techniques, as well as opportunities for presentation and interaction.

Qualified undergraduate students may now apply for this year’s program. The UGROW22 program project list includes topics in education, engineering, science, and political science. Details are now available on the UGROW22 Projects Page. The deadline for scholar applications is March 12. Announcement of UGROW22 Student Cohort will be made April 22.

Contact: Jonathan Price at jonathan.price@msutexas.edu, or ext. 4288, or Marcy Brown Marsden at margaret.brownmarsden@msutexas.edu for more information.

CAMPUS NEWS

Women's History Month

Women’s History Month is a national celebration that honors women’s contributions to history, culture, and society. MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center has added more events to the calendar:

Girls Can Game Level 3
6 p.m. Monday, March 7
Moffett Library Atrium

Women’s History Game Night
7 p.m. Monday, March 7
Legacy Multipurpose Room

Women in Leadership Panel
5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8
WFMA at MSU Texas

Women in Support & Empowerment Booth
11 a.m. Wednesday, March 9
Clark Student Center

Bold, Beautiful and Breaking Barriers: Kahlo, Flores, and Otoo
7 p.m. Tuesday, March 22
Moffett Library Atrium

Women of MSU: Stories of Power
5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 24
WFMA at MSU Texas

Women’s Empowerment Picnic
4 p.m. Saturday, March 26
Quad

Women in Support & Empowerment: Sister 2 Sister
7 p.m. Monday, March 28
CSC Cheyenne

Researching Texts For, By, or About Women
1 p.m. Thursday, March 31
PY 100

Say Her Name
6 p.m. Thursday, March 31
Sunwatcher Plaza

These events are sponsored by MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center, Residence Life & Housing, the Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas, Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority Inc., the Department of English, and the Department of World Languages & Cultures. For more information, please email mosaic@msutexas.edu or call ext. 4500.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Unified Sports Kickball

The Recreational Sports and Wellness Center, along with multiple students, staff, and faculty, are collaborating with local Special Olympics to bring back Unified Sports. The Recreational Sports and Wellness Center will host a kickball tournament from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 26, and all are encouraged to come out and support. Register online to play kickball. Check-in time is 8:30 a.m.

Maverick’s Day of Service

For those who are looking for community service hours to connect with local nonprofits or to gain service hours towards tenure
Assistant Professor of Physics **Preet Sharma** and undergraduate students **Garrett Baughman**, **Leslie Cook** and **Isabella Makelaar** attended the 66th Biophysical Society Annual Meeting at the Moscone Center in San Francisco Feb. 19-23. The students, under Sharma’s direction, have been researching Complex Systems through the non-linear science research group on campus. This research group consists of faculty and students from various interdisciplinary academic backgrounds such as physics, chemistry, biology, exercise sciences, health sciences, computer sciences, and mechanical engineering. This work has been in progress for some months now and research articles have been submitted to biophysics journals.

Research presented at the conference included:

1. Entropic Analysis of Protein Aggregation Using Langevin Equations and Fokker-Planck Equations: Cook, Sharma.
2. Quantum Mechanical Effects in Protein Oscillations: Baughman, Sharma.
4. Entropy of Protein Oscillations with Variational Damping: Makelaar, Sharma.

This conference is attended by 5,000 researchers and 150 companies, with opportunities for networking, collaborations, and future career possibilities with fellow researchers in the field.

**JOBS**

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**Purchasing Assistant**
Department: Purchasing
Starting date: April 1, 2022
Starting salary: $2,276.25 monthly plus benefits

**Academic Recruitment Specialist**
Department: Fain College of Fine Arts
Starting date: March 1, 2022
Starting Salary: $3,020.67 monthly plus benefits

**Director, MSU Cycling Team**
Department: Cycling
Starting date: Aug. 8, 2022
Starting Salary: Commensurate with Experience

**Director, Financial Reporting and Compliance**
Department: Business Office
Starting date: ASAP
Starting Salary: $5,771.42 monthly plus benefits

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**Wellness Center 5Kolor Run**

The Wellness Center Annual 5Kolor Run returns Wednesday, April 6. Registration begins at 5 p.m. with the 5K-Walk/Run at 5:30 p.m. at Suzanne Shipley Trail at Sikes Lake. Registration will be monetary donations for First Step in collaboration with the Title IX Office. Funds will help buy hygiene products, school supplies, clothing, and other essential needs for those utilizing First Step services. Contact Angie Reay at angie.reay@msutexas.edu or ext. 4466.

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

Associate Professor of Mass Communication **Bradley Wilson** had a peer-reviewed research article, “Bringing the Newsroom to the Classroom: Journalism Teachers Find Professional Experience Helps Improve Their Teaching,” published in *The International Journal of Pedagogy and Curriculum*. He presented the paper virtually this past summer at the 28th International Conference on Learning in Krakow, Poland.

Academic Counselors **Gidget Pettibon** and **Dottie Westbrook** presented at the Texas Academic Advising Network (TEXAAN) conference in Austin, Texas, on Feb. 25. Their presentation was titled “Guardians of the University: Protecting the Power Stone of Knowledge” which focused on the implementation of mid-term grades at MSU Texas. At the conference, Pettibon was elected as chair and Westbrook as chair-elect for the West Region of TEXAAN.

**Marcy Brown Marsden**, Dean of the McCoy College of Mathematics, Science & Engineering, attended the 78th annual *American Conference of Academic Deans meeting* Feb. 23-25 in St. Petersburg, Florida. The conference theme was “Inclusive Leadership in the New Normal.” At ACAD, she presented a roundtable discussion titled “Working with Academic Leadership.” As an ACAD board member, she also participated in the board meeting, Governance and Board Development Committee, and business meetings.