

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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Softball vs. St. Edward's
Noon & 2 p.m. Mustangs Park

MONDAY, MARCH 14

Women's golf at Midwestern State Invitational
All day Wichita Falls Country Club

Men's & women's tennis vs. Emporia State
11 a.m. MSU Tennis Center

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Women's golf at Midwestern State Invitational
All day Wichita Falls Country Club

Women's tennis vs. Nebraska-Kearney
1 p.m. MSU Tennis Center

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Men's tennis at Baylor
TBA Waco, Texas

Sketching in the Galleries
5 p.m. WFMA at MSU Texas

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

University offices closed for Spring Break

Women's track at Ice Breaker Classic
All day Bullard, Texas

Men's & women's tennis vs. Arkansas-Fort Smith
2 p.m. MSU Tennis Center

Softball vs. Texas A&M-Commerce
4 & 6 p.m. Mustangs Park

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Women's track at Ice Breaker Classic
All day Bullard, Texas

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Softball vs. UT Tyler
Noon & 2 p.m. Mustangs Park

MONDAY, MARCH 21

Classes resume

Men's golf at Lion Invitational
All day Trophy Club, Texas

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.

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

and promotion, here is your opportunity. The Office of Student Leadership & Involvement will host Maverick's Day of Service from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 2. Check in will be from 8:15-8:45 a.m. in the Clark Student Center Atrium. This event provides faculty and staff with an opportunity to volunteer for the day while interacting with students. Faculty and staff are needed to assist with volunteer check in, drive students to volunteer sites in university vehicles, and onsite campus support.

[Register online to volunteer.](#) For more information, contact the Office of Student Leadership & Involvement at ext. 3033 or email student.activities@msutexas.edu.

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.

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.
3. Quantum Entanglement Effects in Complex Bio-Molecules: 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