

COMING UP

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

Softball at East Central (Oklahoma)
1 & 3 p.m. Ada, Oklahoma

Study Abroad

Spain/France Info Session
4 p.m. Dillard 121

Music Series at Akin: Dover Quartet
7:30 p.m. Akin Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

Donuts & Discussion
Allyship in Higher Ed
10 a.m. CSC Cheyenne

Study Abroad

Berlin/Grenada Info Session
4 p.m. Dillard 121

Study Abroad General Info Session
6 p.m. Dillard 121

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

Hiring with a DEI Lens
9:30-10:30 a.m. Farris Social Justice
Resource Center

Faculty Senate

3 p.m. Zoom

Women's Basketball vs. UT Permian Basin

5:30 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

Men's Basketball vs. UT Permian Basin

7:30 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

Men's Tennis
vs. Northwest Missouri State
TBA Edmond, Oklahoma

MSU Round Up Softball

Fort Hays State vs. Okla. Baptist
9 a.m. Mustangs Park

Rockhurst vs. Fort Hays State
11:30 a.m. Mustangs Park

Oklahoma Baptist vs. Cameron
2 p.m. Mustangs Park

Southwestern Okla. vs. Rockhurst
4:30 p.m. Mustangs Park

Cameron vs. Northwestern Okla.
7 p.m. Mustangs Park

Take Back the Night

8-10 p.m. Bridwell Activities Center

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

MSU Round Up Softball

Rockhurst vs. Southwestern Okla.
9 a.m. Mustangs Park

Southwestern Okla. vs. Fort Hays
11:30 a.m. Mustangs Park

MSU Round Up Softball

Oklahoma Baptist vs. Rockhurst
2 p.m. Mustangs Park

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AROUND CAMPUS

Rescheduled Study Abroad Information Sessions

Study abroad will host in-depth information sessions for each education abroad program. Learn about the study abroad programs, the application process, or financial aid. For those unable to attend, set up an appointment with study abroad.

These are last ones information sessions available before the study abroad application deadline on March 1.

- London program info session: 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, Dillard 101
- France/ Spain info session: 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, Dillard 121
- Berlin/ Grenada info session: 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, Dillard 121
- General information session: 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, Dillard 121

Contact [Brycen Johnson](#) at ext. 4038 for more information.

Academic Workshops

First2Go, Tutoring & Academic Support Programs, and the Counseling Center are partnering to bring a suite of Academic Workshops to address common student barriers to success. There will be door prizes and content useful for academic goals. Contact [Zachary Zoet](#) in the Counseling Center at ext. 4618 for more information.

- [Test Anxiety Workshop](#): 3:30-4:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, Legacy MPR
- [Study Skills Workshop](#): 3:30-4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, Legacy MPR
- [Time Management Workshop](#): 3:30-4:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, Legacy MPR
- [Career Indecision Workshop](#): 3:30-4:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, Legacy MPR

Music Series at Akin

The Music Series at Akin will host the Dover Quartet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, in Akin Auditorium. Named by *BBC*

Music Magazine as one of the greatest string quartets of the last 100 years, they were nominated for two Grammy Awards this year. Tickets may be purchased by contacting the MSU Music Department at ext. 4267, or visiting [msufineartstickets.com](#). General admission tickets are \$25 for each performance or \$40 for season tickets. Tickets for senior citizens and military are \$23 for each or \$36 for season tickets. Tickets for MSU faculty and staff are \$15 or \$24 for season tickets.

Piano for Children

Piano for Children at MSU Texas is a program for children ages 6-and-a-half to 10 years old. This introductory level class is designed for students who have had no previous piano instruction. Classes will meet once a week for 55 minutes. A total of eight classes will be held on Mondays from 5-5:55 p.m. Feb. 13-April 10 in the Fain Fine Arts Center, room B124.

The non-refundable class tuition and registration is \$100, due by Feb. 9. Students will be enrolled for the entire period of instruction. Placement will be limited to 10 students on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information contact [Jessica Hulett](#) at ext. 4243.

MOSAIC DEI Training

MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center invites the campus to explore the [DEI training webpage](#) featuring upcoming DEI educational sessions and training events for the spring semester. The target audience for the DEI educational sessions and training are MSU Texas faculty and staff, but the events are open to the entire MSU community.

For more information and full listing of events, visit the [DEI training webpage](#).

- Donuts & Discussion: Allyship in Higher Ed, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8. CSC Cheyenne.
- Lunch & Learns Webinar: Retaining Black Men: Strategies for Before,

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Fort Hays vs. Northwestern Okla.
4:30 p.m. Mustangs Park

Softball vs. Oklahoma Baptist
7:30 p.m. Mustangs Park

Women's Basketball vs. Angelo State
1 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

**Men's & Women's Tennis
vs. Southeastern Oklahoma**
2 p.m. MSU Tennis Center

Men's Basketball vs. Angelo State
3 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

SUNDAY, FEB. 12

MSU Round Up Softball

Softball vs. Northwestern Okla.
10 a.m. Mustangs Park

Cameron vs. Northwestern Okla.
12:30 p.m. Mustangs Park

Softball vs. Southwestern Okla.
3 p.m. Mustangs Park

Southwestern Okla. vs. Cameron
5:30 p.m. Mustangs Park

MONDAY, FEB. 13

Men's Golf at Houston Classic
All day Houston, Texas

**Lunch & Learns Webinar:
Retaining Black Men**
Noon-1 p.m. TBA

**Chancellor's Council
Distinguished Teaching
& Research Award Presentation**
1:15 p.m. CSC Atrium

TUESDAY, FEB. 14

Men's Golf at Houston Classic
All day Houston, Texas

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15
**MSU Chemistry presents
Rigoberto Hernandez**
7 p.m. Bolin 100

THURSDAY, FEB. 16

**Women's Basketball
at Texas A&M-Kingsville**
5:30 p.m. Kingsville, Texas

**MSU Chemistry presents
Rigoberto Hernandez**
7 p.m. Bolin 100

**Men's Basketball
at Texas A&M-Kingsville**
7:30 p.m. Kingsville, Texas

FRIDAY, FEB. 17

Softball at Texas A&M International
Noon & 2 p.m. Laredo, Texas

MSU Tennis at Tyler Junior College
1 p.m. Tyler, Texas

**Black History Month
Black Excellence Gala**
7-9 p.m. CSC Comanche

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During, and After College, Noon- 1 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 13, location TBA.

Request a Training: In addition to the DEI Educational Sessions, MSU Texas community members may request trainings.

Please submit training requests at least three weeks before the requested training date. For more information contact [Ruby Garrett](#) at ext. 4500.

OSPR Webinar

Join the Office of Sponsored Programs & Research for a webinar on the do's and don'ts of writing manuscripts for publication at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10. Manuscript writing can be a dreaded task, but with prior preparation, organization and – importantly – enthusiasm for the task, creating a manuscript for a book or journal article can become not just a manageable process but one to be faced with anticipation. In this seminar, Warren Burggren – author of more than 300 publications including books, book chapters, and journal articles – shares his tools, tricks and techniques for effective and compelling writing.

[Register for this webinar](#) by Thursday, Feb. 9. Can't attend live? Register anyway. A recording will be made available to all who register for this event. Contact [Brittany Norman](#) at 940-397-4714 for more information.

Take Back the Night

The Office of Title IX and the '22 Society VIPs invite the campus community to Take Back the Night 2023 from 8-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, in the Bridwell Activities Center.

Take Back the Night is a university program where we, as a campus community, become part of a worldwide effort to combat sexual violence and violence against women. We challenge the campus community to work with us to end sexual violence in all forms and support survivors in their healing. The program is filled with opportunities to learn about sexual assault, engage with resources, and support those affected, all while also enjoying food trucks, music, giveaways, and more.

If you or someone you know is need resources about sexual assault, please contact the MSU Title IX Office at ext. 4213, the MSU Police Department at ext. 4239, or First Step Inc. at 940-723-7799 or 1-800-658-2683. For more information about Take Back the Night contact [Laura Hetrick](#) at ext. 4213.

Business Etiquette Dinner

The Dillard College of Business Administration will host a Business Etiquette Dinner from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, in CSC Comanche. Guest speaker Janus Buss, an etiquette consultant trained and certified by the Protocol School of Washington in Washington, D.C., will discuss the rules of dining and business etiquette. Each attendee receives a free etiquette guide. Priority registration will be given to students who have not yet attended an etiquette dinner.

This event requires professional business attire. Many resale clothing stores carry items that can be mixed and matched for a professional look. Students may also borrow from the Career Closet at the Career Management Center in Hardin South. Students must have a Handshake account, ID card, and mention the dinner.

RSVP for the dinner to [Ashlee Paslawski](#) in the Dillard Advising Center, Rm 267, or by phone at ext. 4727, by Feb 13. A \$10 cash deposit is due at sign-up with full refund at the event.

Chancellor's Council Distinguished Teaching & Research Awards

Chancellor Tedd L. Mitchell, M.D., and Interim President Keith Lamb, Ph.D., invite the campus to celebrate the presentation of the Texas Tech University System's highest faculty honors, the Chancellor's Council Distinguished Teaching & Research Awards, to Professor of Economics John Martinez and Associate Professor of Education Christina Janise Wickard. These awards recognize outstanding teaching and research at Midwestern State University and are made possible by gifts to the Chancellor's Council. The ceremony will

SATURDAY, FEB. 18

**Women's Track
at LSC Indoor Championships**
All day Lubbock, Texas

MSU Tennis vs. Cowley College
9 a.m. MSU Tennis Center

Softball at Texas A&M International
Noon Laredo, Texas

**Women's Basketball at Texas A&M
International**
1 p.m. Laredo, Texas

MSU Tennis vs. Collin College
2 p.m. MSU Tennis Center

**Men's Basketball at Texas A&M
International**
3 p.m. Laredo, Texas

SUNDAY, FEB. 19

**Women's Track at LSC Indoor
Championships**
All day Lubbock, Texas

MONDAY, FEB. 20
**Women's Golf at Southern
Invitational**
All day Cypress, Texas

The next *Update* will be published Feb. 20, 2023. Please submit your information to public.information@msutexas.edu by 5 p.m. **Thursday, Feb. 16**, to be included in the next issue.

take place at 1:15 p.m., Monday, Feb. 13, in the Clark Student Center Atrium. Martinez will receive the Distinguished Teaching Award and Wikard will receive the Distinguished Research Award.

**Chemistry Department Guest
Speaker: Rigoberto Hernandez**

The MSU Chemistry Department and the Wichita Falls-Duncan section of the American Chemical Society present Rigoberto Hernandez, professor of chemistry at Johns Hopkins University at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, in Bolin Science Hall 100. Wednesday, Hernandez will speak about Microscale Models, Macroscale Impacts, and Thursday his topic will be Managing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging in STEM departments.

Hernandez is the Gompf Family Professor in the Department of Chemistry at the Johns Hopkins University and the Director of the Open Chemistry Collaborative in Diversity Equity (OXIDE). Before Hopkins, he was a Professor in the School of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Georgia Tech, and Co-Director of the Center for Computational Molecular Science and Technology he co-founded. He is the recipient of a National Science Foundation CAREER Award, among many other honors.

Contact Assistant Professor of Chemistry [Candice Fulton](mailto:Candice.Fulton@msu.edu) at 940-397-4450 for more information.

**Black History Month:
Black Excellence Gala**

Join MOSAIC in the annual Black Excellence Gala at MSU Texas from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17. Bring your best fit to the red carpet. There will be food, entertainment, awards, and superlatives awarded throughout the evening. Tickets are on sale in MOSAIC, CSC 194. Student tickets are \$10; Community tickets are \$15. Contact the Office of Student Affairs at ext. 4500 for more information or email [MOSAIC](mailto:MOSAIC@msu.edu).

Give Kids a Smile Day

The Dental Hygiene Department will host Give Kids a Smile Day Monday, Feb. 20. Children from ages 5-12 will have the opportunity to have dental x-rays and cleanings provided by the students in the dental hygiene program at no charge. Appointments are available at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 1 p.m. Contact the Dental Hygiene Department at ext. 4737 for an appointment.

CAMPUS NEWS

**Add Pronouns
to MSU Texas Directory**

The MSU Texas Directory now includes a field for indicating your pronouns. Entering your pronouns is strongly encouraged to help create a more inclusive and respectful campus community. To set your pronouns, log in to the [MSU Texas directory](#). Under "My profile," there is a field labeled "Preferred Pronouns." Want more information on pronouns? Check out the [MOSAIC Guide to Pronouns online](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**MSU Texas Theatre presents
*Moonlight and Magnolias***

MSU Texas Theatre will present Ron Hutchinson's *Moonlight and Magnolias* at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Feb. 23-25, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, in the Fain Fine Arts Center Theatre.

Legendary film producer David O. Selznick is five weeks into shooting *Gone With the Wind* when he realizes the script is awful, and that the director doesn't have a clue. He has five days to replace them, and restart the shoot, or the production will shut down. Selznick calls Victor Fleming from the set of *The Wizard to Oz* to direct, and he taps legendary playwright, screenwriter and script doctor Ben Hecht to rewrite the script. There's only one problem: Hecht hasn't read the book. Over the course of five madcap days, the three men, assisted by Selznick's assistant, Miss Poppenghul, frantically craft one of the most beloved

screenplays of all time. As Selznick and Fleming act out the book for Hecht, the phone rings off the hook with calls from the likes of Vivien Leigh, Louis B. Mayer, and Ed Sullivan. Hutchinson's play, based on historical events, is written as farce, but the characters also deal with serious questions about race and the fragile position of Jewish executives in Hollywood. Free for MSU Texas students, faculty, and staff. \$10 for general public.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Professor of Engineering **Sheldon Wang** was awarded a \$59,977 research contract from General Motors to conduct research and provide intensive summer research internships for MSU Texas undergraduate engineering students at GM's facility in Warren, Michigan. In addition to two funded internships, this contract provides support for Wang as he conducts research as well as funding for undergraduate research assistants, lab supplies, and publication expenses. The funded project is titled "Control of Doser/Meter Piston for Uniform Volumetric Output." Prior to establishing this contract, MSU students **Alexandria Wester**, **Kalyb Beaver**, and **Kuwin Wyke** completed summer internships at GM in the summer of 2022.

Bradley Wilson, associate professor of mass communication, was a featured guest on Medic2Medic, a podcast for EMS and others interested in emergency medical services. In the podcast, Steve Cohen featured three former members of Cary Area EMS in North Carolina to, as Cohen says, "tell one more story." Wilson worked in pre-hospital health care for more than 20 years, most recently working more than 10 years as an EMT-Intermediate for Cary Area EMS in North Carolina. Wilson was also featured on "The Photo Adviser," a podcast by Clint Smith, student media adviser at Texarkana High School. Wilson and Mark Murray, executive director of the Association of Texas Photography Instructors, discussed professional development for photo teachers.

The Facilities Services Star Award recipients for January were **Sammy Smith**, custodian, and **Charles Chumley**, locksmith.

Facilities Services has received several notes recently about the great job **Sammy** has done on the second floor of Bolin. Typical comments include:

"Sammy is such a pleasant individual to be around and has never complained about a single thing with his job."
He "shows an outstanding willingness to help in anything" and "is showing an extraordinary level of commitment to his tasks."
"Besides keeping our offices, corridors, and classes in excellent shape, he is doing a great job with the lab spaces, which is critical to maintaining high-quality standards in our research."
"We are truly lucky to get such an employee."
We all appreciate the effort Sammy has been providing for MSU.

Charles has many responsibilities from making a single key to

assisting in the specification and checkout of the door hardware for an entire building. One of his most important duties is managing the database that contains the details of every door lock, key, and key holder on campus. He is a stickler for following our key policies and does his best to keep us in line. Besides overseeing the locks, Charles is responsible for fixing all the mechanical door issues on campus. This is a never-ending job as a lot of our door hardware is old and sees a lot of use and abuse. The best thing about Charles is you can count on him to present a friendly, steadfast, yet cooperative demeanor.

The Star Award recognizes Facilities Services employees who take pride in their work and give outstanding service to the campus. These employees are recognized with a certificate posted in their work space as well as a unique copper mustang cut out that can be displayed on desks and/or in the Facilities Services administration area of J.S. Bridwell.

Undergraduate research scholars funded for spring 2023

The MSU Texas Office of Undergraduate Research will fund more than 20 undergraduates and 17 faculty mentors in 21 EURECA research projects for the spring 2023 term. These projects were selected by peer-review from the six colleges; 14 are new and seven are continuations from the fall funding period.

The EURECA scholars, along with other undergraduates involved in research through coursework across campus, will present their results at the 20th Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Forum April 20 in the Clark Student Center.

Fain College of Fine Arts

Emily Beaman, "Darkness on the Edge of Town"
Mentor: Jonathon Quam, mass communication

Colin Stevenson, Jaylei Lamb, "Polaroid and Porcelain"
Mentor: William McKinney, ceramics/art and mass communication

Gunn College of Health Sciences & Human Services

Heriberto Torres, "Exploring the Language Barrier in Healthcare for Individuals of Latino Heritage"
Mentor: Michael Olson, exercise physiology

Jack Murdock, "Safe Medication Administration: The Case to Prevent Medication Administration Errors via Embedded Alerts"
Mentor: Stephanie Baker, nursing

Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities & Social Sciences

Zetta Cannedy, Andres Revis, "Natural Disasters and Political Efficacy in the United States, 1964 – 2018"
Mentor: Juheon Lee, political science

McCoy College of Science Mathematics & Engineering

Miguel Bethel, Nedabiah Warner, "A Fixed Wing UAV with Vertical Takeoff and Landing"

Mentor: Yu Guo, engineering

Miguel Bethel, "Using Magnets as Stabilizers"

Mentors: Jeff Hood, Yu Guo, mathematics and engineering

Elizabeth Elkins, "Terrestrial Remote Sensing Technology for Improved Forest Biomass Monitoring"

Mentor: Kashif Mahmud, geoscience

Francine Pascal, "Effect of Indole, Tryptophan and Serotonin on Germination of *Candida albicans*"

Mentor: James Masuoka, biology

Nasiha Khan, "Effect of Wall Protein Glycosylation on *Candida Albicans* Cell Surface Properties"

Mentor: James Masuoka, biology

Abigail Guinan, "Using Membrane Protein Chaperone to Prevent and Disrupt the Alpha-Synuclein Protein Aggregation in Parkinson Disease"

Mentor: Fu-Cheng Liang, chemistry/biology

Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities & Social Sciences

Ty Criss, "The Statistics Behind the Educational and Diversification Benefits for Students whom Study Abroad"

Mentor: Mahmoud Elsharafi, study abroad, world culture

Brandon Goins, "Queer Lit on PAR: A Positive Assimilation Rubric for Queer YA Literature"

Mentor: Peter Fields

West College of Education

Madeline Stanford, "PSTs Using Culturally Relevant Science and Math Tasks: Framework to Critique Learning"

Mentor: Dittika Gupta

These seven projects are continuing full-year projects:

Dillard College of Business Administration

Gabriella Pettijohn, "The Impact of Party Affiliation on Texas Counties' Balance of Payments with the Federal Government"

Mentors: John Martinez and Robert Forrester, economics and finance

McCoy College of Science Mathematics & Engineering

Zaniya Medlin, "Genetic Typing of Antibiotic-resistant *E. coli* Strains from Local Waterfowl"

Mentor: James Masuoka, biology

Ryan Azzouz, "Reversion of Antibiotic-resistance to Antibiotic-susceptibility: Genetic Effects"

Mentor: James Masuoka, biology

Abigail Matthew, "Using Membrane Protein Chaperone to Prevent Familial Mutant of Alpha-Synuclein Protein Aggregation in Parkinson's Disease"

Mentor: Fu-Cheng Liang, chemistry

McClain White and Nevil Vora, "Membrane Distillation for Clean Water Production"

Mentor: Mahmoud Elsharafi, engineering

Sharome Burton, "Autonomous Collaborative Drones – Air- and Ground-based Network"

Mentors: Yu Guo and Eduardo Colmenares-Diaz, engineering and computer science

Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities & Social Sciences

Zetta Cannedy and Cristin Martin, "Legal Consciousness and Community: A Survey of Legal Understanding and Legal Approval in Wichita County, Texas"

Mentor: Linda Veazey, political science and global studies

For more information contact the [Undergraduate Research Office](#) in the Clark Student Center, Room 161, ext. 6275, or visit the [EURECA website](#).

JOBS

Admissions Counselor

Department: Admissions

Starting Date: ASAP

Starting Salary: \$3,250 monthly, plus benefits

Purchasing Assistant (Procurement Card Administrator)

Department: Purchasing

Starting Date: ASAP

Starting Salary: \$2,276.25 monthly, plus benefits

Teller

Department: Business Office

Starting Date: ASAP

Starting Salary: \$2,121.58 monthly, plus benefits

2022-2023 FACULTY/STAFF CAMPAIGN

As a thank-you to those who donated to the [2022-23 Faculty/Staff Campaign](#), all participants will be entered into the February prize drawing. The winner of this prize will be announced on Feb. 14. Wichita Falls businesses who believe in our university have generously given back for this campaign and February's prize is thanks to our local Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers. Thank you for all that you do, day after day and year after year. Together, we make MSU Texas stronger and that's worth celebrating.

