

COMING UP

TUESDAY, MAY 2

Dillard Student Managed Investment Fund presentation
7 p.m. Dillard 101

Didzun Honors Recital
7:30 p.m. Akin Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Gallery Talk with Erin Cluley
5:30 p.m. Zoom

Therapy Dogs
6-7:30 p.m. Moffett Library

THURSDAY, MAY 4

Women's Track at LSC Track & Field Championships
All day Lubbock, Texas

Finals Frenzy
4-10 p.m. Various locations

Music: Terry Riley's "In C"
7:30 p.m. Akin Auditorium

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Last Day of Classes

Women's Track at LSC Track & Field Championships
All day Lubbock, Texas

Retirement reception: Pat Andersen
3 p.m. Bridwell Hall Atrium

College Night at the WFMA
5-7 p.m. WFMA

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Women's Track at LSC Track & Field Championships
All day Lubbock, Texas

THURSDAY, MAY 11

Men's Golf at NCAA II West/South Central Super Regional
All day Rohnert Park, California

Faculty Senate
3 p.m. Zoom

Mother's Day Plein Air workshop
5:30-7 p.m. WFMA

FRIDAY, MAY 12

Men's Golf at NCAA II West/South Central Super Regional
All day Rohnert Park, California

Senior Documentary Screening
Noon Fain Fine Arts Center Theatre

Senior Spirit Walk
3:30-5:30 p.m. Spirit of the Mustangs Plaza

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AROUND CAMPUS

Dillard: Student Managed Investment Fund presentation

The Dillard College of Business Student Managed Investment Fund invites you to their End-of-Semester Stock Portfolio Performance Presentation at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, in Dillard 101. Updates on current market trends and an evaluation of the performance of the Dillard College stock portfolio will be presented. This is a unique opportunity to gain valuable insights into the financial markets and learn about the Student Managed Investment Fund's achievements this semester. Email Professor of Finance [Quan Li](#) or call ext. 4711 for more information.

Didzun Honors Recital

The Department of Music will present the Didzun Honors Recital at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, in Akin Auditorium. The recital features performances by singers, instrumentalists, and keyboardists – all students selected by their music teachers as the finest in their classes. Admission is free. [Email Jessica Hulett](#) or call ext. 4243 for more information.

WFMA: Lecture with Erin Cluley

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas will host a Zoom talk with Erin Cluley, owner of Erin Cluley Gallery, at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 3. She will discuss her careers and art and her experience as a gallery owner. [Join the Zoom meeting here.](#) For more information, [email Kaitlin Hancock](#) or call the museum at ext. 8900.

Finals Frenzy

The Office of Student Leadership and Involvement will host Finals Frenzy Thursday, May 4, to provide students with a safe and fun way to relieve some stress before finals. The theme for this Finals Frenzy is Field Day. The main events will be from 4-8 p.m. with a late night breakfast

that follows. Volunteers are needed to make this an enjoyable time for the students.

Brief schedule:

4 p.m.

- Faculty/Staff vs. Students Kickball Game – practice fields near D.L. Ligon Coliseum.
- Dunk Tank: Dunkees needed from 4-7 p.m. for 15-20 minute shifts at practice fields near D.L. Ligon Coliseum.
- Esports Gaming Competition – Mario Kart and SmashBros (You don't have to be good at the games.) Legacy Multipurpose Room.
- Pool Tournament – Clark Student Center.
- Art activities – Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas.
- Graduation Cap Decorating.

8-10 p.m.

- Serve students late-night breakfast at the Mesquite Dining Hall. (You don't have to participate the whole time.)

You don't need to plan anything for these events, just show up and have some fun with students at the end of the semester. If interested in helping with any of the activities, [email Marcos Lopez](#) or call ext. 4412 with any times you're available to help.

Music: Terry Riley's *In C*

The Department of Music will present Terry Riley's *In C* at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, in Akin Auditorium. [Email Jessica Hulett](#) or call ext. 4243 for more information.

Retirement Reception: Pat Andersen

Come celebrate the retirement of Associate Professor of Counseling Pat Andersen at 3 p.m. Friday, May 5, in the Bridwell Hall Atrium. Food, cake, and other refreshments will be served. If you or someone you know has been wonderfully influenced by Dr. Andersen, come and let her know!

WFMA: Plein Air Mother's Day workshops

In celebration of Mother's Day, join the

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Reception: Senior Exhibition
6-8 p.m. Harvey Art Gallery

SATURDAY, MAY 13
Commencement
10 a.m. Kay Yeager Coliseum

Men's Golf at NCAA II West/South Central Super Regional
All day Rohnert Park, California

Mother's Day Plein Air workshop
2-4 p.m. WFMA

The next *Update* will be published May 15, 2023. Please submit your information to public.information@msutexas.edu by **5 p.m. Thursday, May 11**, to be included in the next issue.

Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas for a plein air workshop from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, May 11 and 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 13. Attendees will learn how to DIY a plein air painting kit and practice painting outside at the Sikes Lake walking trail. This is a free event, all supplies will be provided. This workshop will be led by Education Coordinator Sarah Griego. Contact the museum at ext. 8900 for more information.

Senior Documentary Screening

The Department of Mass Communication will present screenings of senior documentaries at noon, Friday, May 12, in the Fain Fine Arts Center theatre. [Email Jessica Hulett](mailto:Jessica.Hulett@msutexas.edu) or call ext. 4243 for more information.

Senior Spirit Walk

The Senior Spirit Walk will be from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Friday, May 12. Graduating seniors will meet at their respective college and their dean and faculty will walk them to the Spirit of the Mustangs Plaza. A reception will follow in CSC Comanche. [Email Melissa Boerma](mailto:Melissa.Boerma@msutexas.edu) or call ext. 4226 for more information

Reception for Senior Exhibition

A reception for the Senior Exhibition will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 12, in the Juanita Harvey Art Gallery. [Read more about the exhibition](#) in the MSU Texas news. [Email Steve Hilton](mailto:Steve.Hilton@msutexas.edu) or call ext. 4270 for more information.

Spring Commencement

The MSU commencement ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 13, in Kay Yeager Coliseum. Please meet at 9 a.m. in the back hallway in the MPEC to line up with your college. Faculty who need a special seating pass for spouses to sit in the reserved section #5, please request one from the Office of the Provost no later than Monday, May 1. Call the MSU Registrar's Office at ext. 4116 or visit the [commencement information webpage](#) for more information.

CAMPUS NEWS

West College recipient of \$1.3 million federal grant

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn announced that Midwestern State University has received \$136,863, which is the first installment of a \$1.3 million federal grant for the training of school counselors, social workers, and other mental health professionals qualified to provide school-based mental health services. [Read more about how this grant](#) will benefit graduate students in the Gordon T. & Ellen West College of Education and the Burkburnett Independent School District in the MSU Texas news.

Honors Recognition Banquet

The Hardin and Clark Scholars, the top academic honors at Midwestern State University, and many other outstanding students were named during the annual Honors Recognition Banquet on April 28 in D.L. Ligon Coliseum. [See the full list of honorees](#) in the MSU Texas news.

FIRST2GO inducts new members to honor societies

FIRST2GO, a MOSAIC program, coordinates new member induction, officer training and student organization support for three honor societies. Each group recognizes the success of students new to MSU Texas (in any major). Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma recognize the first and/or second semester achievement of students in their first year of college. Tau Sigma is exclusively for academically successful transfer students.

Ninety-eight MSU Texas students are being inducted into these honor societies this week. Spring 2023 Induction lists have been posted to the [FIRST2GO webpage](#). Contact first2go@msutexas.edu for information on the induction ceremonies.

Gose named Dean of Fain College

Leah Gose has been named dean of Midwestern State University's Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts. Gose has served

as interim this past year and begins immediately as dean. [Read more about Gose](#) in the MSU Texas news.

Student media earns TIPA honors

Midwestern State University's student media won 28 awards at the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association competition in Fort Worth on April 7-8. *The Wichitan* was awarded first place for best website and placed second overall in the Best of Show newspaper category, as well as an Honorable Mention in general excellence. [Read more about the TIPA honors](#) in the MSU Texas news.

Model UN earns recognition at conference

Midwestern State University's Model United Nations team earned recognition at the national conference held in New York City earlier this month. For the second time in three years, the team earned an Outstanding Delegation Award, the highest honor at the conference, which draws teams from around the globe. [Read more about the team's honors](#) in the MSU Texas news.

Graduate student's essay receives honor

An essay by a graduate student in Midwestern State University's Gordon T. & Ellen West College of Education received an Honorable Mention in a nationwide contest held by the American Counseling Association. Aaron Trewitt, a teacher in the Keller Independent School District, wrote his essay on the importance of culturally competent counseling in K-12 schools, quoting poet Maya Angelou on the "rich tapestry" that is the diversity of society. [Read more about Trewitt's essay](#) in the MSU Texas news.

Six cyclists qualify for Collegiate Road Nationals

Pavle Kalaba of Midwestern State won the overall conference championship (Men's A) at the South Central Collegiate Cycling Conference event in Celina, Texas. His brother and teammate, Dušan Kalaba, claimed second place. MSU Texas qualified six riders for the Collegiate Road Nationals May 5-7 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. [Read more about the MSU Cycling Team](#) in the MSU Texas news.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Associate Professor and Chair of Political Science **Linda Veazey** was invited to be on the keynote panel of REDRaider Talks, a program from the President's Gender Equity Council at Texas Tech University. The April 17 talk focused on the women's and gender studies programs at Texas Tech University, Midwestern State University, and Angelo State University.

The faculty of the Computer Science Department hosted

the North Texas Area Student Conference, Saturday, April 15. Professor of Computer Science **Catherine Stringfellow** and Associate Professor **Eduardo Colmenares** served as Conference Chair and Site Chair, respectively. **Alyssa Villanueva** served as Conference Secretary. Faculty involved included Emeriti Professors **Ranette Halverson**, program co-chair, and **Richard Simpson**; Professors **Nelson Passos** and **Tina Johnson**; Associate Professors **Lopamundra Roychoudhuri** and **Terry Griffin**; and Instructor **Mika Morgan**. In attendance were 95 students and 12 faculty from the Computer Science Department and from the McCoy College of Engineering. **Sarah Cobb**, Interim Dean of the McCoy College of Science, Mathematics & Engineering, gave the welcome. Keynote speaker was **Paulius Micikevicius**, senior distinguished engineer from NVIDIA and a 1998 alumni. Gift donations were provided by the Office of the President, Marketing and Public Information, MSU Bookstore, McCoy Dean's Office, Athletics-Football, and Richard Simpson.

Vicki Dillard, associate professor of Radiologic Sciences, presented "Urinary Pathology for Radiologist Assistants" at the 24th Annual Society of Radiology Physician Extenders meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, on April 14.

Eric Lynch, assistant professor of French, recently presented the paper titled "Poetry as a How-To Manual: Disassembling and Reassembling Language" at the 40th Annual 20th and 21st Century French and Francophone Studies International Colloquium held in Tucson, Arizona.

Three faculty members from the Department of World Languages and Cultures recently presented at the 76th Annual Kentucky Foreign Language Conference at the University of Kentucky, in Lexington. Assistant Professor of Spanish **Philip Allen** presented the paper titled "Adaptation Impossible: The Case of Francisco de Quevedo's 'El buscon,'" an examination of a contemporary movie adaptation of one of the most important Golden Age of Spain narratives. **Lee Gagum**, assistant professor of German, presented an essay on fairy tales in German, titled "Transcending Conventional Fairy Tales Gender Roles in 'Rapunzel.'" **Sarah Butler**, instructor of Spanish, presented "Ancient Languages Find a Modern Voice," a cultural studies examination of how current musicians are using Quechua (Peru) and Mayan (Guatemala) to promote causes of social justice in their respective countries.

Vinson Health Center Medical Director **Keith Williamson** co-authored an article published April 26, 2023, in the *Asian Exercise and Sport Science Journal*. [The article](#), "LPS-induced TLR4 activation during a 164 km and 100 km cycling event in a hot and humid environment," explores the hypothesis regarding the etiology of exertional heat stroke involves increased gut permeability due to decreased blood supply during exercise. Subsequently, LPS (lipopolysaccharide, also known as gram-

negative endotoxin) leaks into the blood stream triggering an inflammatory response which can be detected in the activation of TLR4 (Toll-Like Receptor 4). The researchers measured both markers in Hotter'n Hell participants with the results lending some support to this idea.

Groundskeeper **Mason Kemper** was named the Facilities Services Star Award recipient in April. Comments about the great job Mason does include, "is always working hard and willing to lend a hand to help anyone that needs it." "Assisting others whenever he is asked is greatly appreciated by his co-workers and his supervisors." "He does a great job helping Grounds beautify the campus!"

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, a unique copper mustang trophy, and their name is added to a plaque outside 106C in the Facilities Services administration area of J.S. Bridwell.

Congratulations to **Melissa Wright**, Assistant to the Dean, Dillard College of Business Administration and **Kayla Meaders**, Manager, Educator Preparation, West College of Education as the 2022-2023 recipients of the President's Staff Awards. Melissa and Kayla both received an engraved award, a watch with the MSU insignia, and a check for \$500. The awards were presented during the Employee Recognition Celebration on April 21. In addition to Melissa and Kayla, congratulations also go out to these employees who were nominated for the awards and recognized for their outstanding service to the university.

Classified Staff Award Nominees

Jeana Brunson	Secretary, Dental Hygiene
Jadine Buckley	University Nurse
Ronald Ewing	Residence Hall Maintenance Technician
Darrious Gilliam	Warehouse Specialist, Purchasing and Contract Mgmt.
Kristin Grassi	Coordinator, ADA Accommodations
Catherine Healy	Secretary, Nursing
Jennifer Hudson	Contract Coordinator, Purchasing and Contract Mgmt.
Jessica Hulett	Assistant to the Dean, Fain Fine Arts
Timothy Noble	Residence Hall Maintenance Technician
Christina Nugent	Assistant to the Dean, Prothro-Yeager
Larry Perez	Custodian, Facilities Services
Jeanette Perry	Administrative and Academic Recruitment Specialist, Prothro-Yeager
Kathi Shilanski	Financial Aid Processor/Counselor
Debby Watson	Assistant to the Associate Vice President, Facilities Services
Melanie Whitbey	Custodian, Facilities Services

Non-Classified Staff Award Nominees

Sandra Barnett	Assistant Director, Marketing and Brand Management
Janet Clark	Assistant Director, Student Business Services
Cody Ford	Assistant Director, Recreational Sports and Wellness Center
Phillip King	Accountant III
Danielle McAfee	Manager, Distance Education
Kathy McGowan	Academic Counselor Coordinator, Dillard College
Joe Mrugalski	Assistant Director, Purchasing and Contract Mgmt.
Zach Zoet	Assistant Director, MSU Counseling Center

JOBS

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Administrative Assistant

Department: Dillard College of Business Administration
Starting Date: ASAP
Starting Salary: \$2,276.25 monthly, plus benefits

Digital Media Specialist

Department: Marketing & Public Information
Starting Date: ASAP
Starting Salary: \$3,030.67 monthly, plus benefits

Payroll Assistant

Department: Payroll
Starting Date: June 5, 2023
Starting Salary: \$2,443.08 monthly, plus benefits

Project Coordinator, Project School Mental Health Grant

Department: Counseling & Special Education
Starting Date: ASAP
Starting Salary: \$2,814.33 monthly, plus benefits

Secretary

Department: Mass Communication
Starting Date: ASAP
Starting Salary: \$2,045.33 monthly, plus benefits

Strength & Conditioning Coach

Department: Athletics
Starting Date: June 1, 2023
Starting Salary: Commensurate with experience

Veterans Affairs Specialist

Department: Office of the Registrar
Starting Date: ASAP
Starting Salary: \$3,035.65 monthly plus benefits