

# TheUpdate

May 19, 2023

# **COMING UP**

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 20**

Guest talk with Jodi Voice Yellowfish and Fawn Tsatoke 2-4 p.m. WFMA

#### **THURSDAY, MAY 25**

Live at the Lake

6-8 p.m. WFMA Priddy Pavilion

#### **MONDAY, MAY 29**

Memorial Day Holiday Campus closed

#### **THURSDAY, JUNE 8**

Cyanotype workshop 5:30-7:30 p.m. WFMA

#### **MONDAY, JUNE 19**

**Emancipation Day Holiday Campus closed** 

# **AROUND CAMPUS**

# WFMA: Guest talk with Jodi Voice Yellowfish and Fawn Tsatoke

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas will host Jodi Voice Yellowtalk and Fawn Tsatoke for a conversation about the Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons crisis from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 20.

Yellowfish is founder and chair of the Missing or Murdered Indigenous Women Texas Rematriate and Tsatoke is founder and president of the MMIP Kiowa Chapter. They will discuss the history and current day realities of the MMIW/MMIP crisis. This event is in conjunction with the WFMA's current exhibition, "Supporting Indigenous Sisters: An International Print Exchange." Call the museum at ext. 8900 for more information.

#### WFMA: Live at the Lake

Live at the Lake returns for summer fun from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 25, with the Kelly Jackson Band at the Priddy Pavilion at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas. The Gypsy Kit food truck will be on hand. Bring your chairs or blankets and drinks (limited to beer and wine). Recommended donation of \$10 at door. Call the museum at ext. 8900 for more information.

#### Midwestern Club Scholarship

Applications are being accepted for the 2023-24 Midwestern Club Scholarship. The recipient must be a full-time faculty, staff, or administration member at MSU Texas or an immediate family member (husband, wife, son, or daughter) of a full-time MSU Texas employee. The recipient must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours. The scholarship is for one year and is equally divided between the fall and spring semesters. Applications are available online. The deadline to apply is June 1.

# McCoy School of Engineering to host summer YES camp

The McCoy School of Engineering will host a free week-long Young Engineers Summer (YES) day camp focused on bringing the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering, and math to life for local middle school and high school students, ages 13-18. Dates for the camp are June 26-30.

The one-week intensive summer camp will provide students with an opportunity to gain experience in STEM fields through various workshops, a site visit, and social activities overseen by engineering faculty at MSU Texas. These hands-on experiments are geared to help students build academic and life skills.

YES camp is made possible by a \$20,000 grant from the Howmet Aerospace Foundation. Assistant Professors of Engineering Zeki Ilhan and Pranaya Pokharel, and Associate Professor of Engineering Mahmoud Elsharafi were the principal investigators on the grant.

# **Deadline for applications is June**

**12**. Spaces are limited. Applicants will need to fill out the <u>online application</u>, which includes a short essay on their education goals and what they hope to experience during the camp. Hours are approximately 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and attendees will need transportation to and from camp each day. Lunch will be provided.

For more information visit the <u>YES</u> camp webpage, email Christina Miller, or call ext. 4286.

#### **Wellness Center summer hours**

The Bruce & Graciela Redwine Student Wellness Center summer hours began May 15. Hours are now 5:15 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Please visit the Wellness Center's webpage for the group fitness schedule or for more information.

#### WFMA: On the Wall Workshops

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas will host two cyanotype workshops this summer. Workshops will be from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, June 8, and 2-4 p.m. Saturday, June 17. Cyanotype is a photographic process that creates a cyan blue silhouette when an object is placed on a reactive surface and exposed to ultraviolet light. Materials are provided. Contact the museum at ext. 8900 for more information.

### **CAMPUS NEWS**

# Hardin Professor, Faculty Awards announced

Kirsten Lodge, professor of English and humanities, was named Hardin Professor for 2023 during Midwestern State University's commencement ceremony. Hardin Professor is the highest honor bestowed upon a faculty member at the university each year. Individual faculty awards also were announced. See the full list in the MSU Texas news.

### **President's Medal for Excellence recipients**

Students graduating with the highest grade point averages from each of the six academic colleges were honored at the Midwestern State University commencement ceremony held May 13. The President's Medal for Excellence winners received their medals from Interim President Keith Lamb. See the full list here.

### MSU Cycling wins first national title since 2016

The Midwestern State University cycling team came away victorious last weekend at the Collegiate Road Cycling Nationals in Albuquerque, New Mexico. MSU Texas won the men's varsity criterium as a team, and Dušan Kalaba won the criterium individually. Read about the victory in the MSU Texas news.

# Gonzalez completes First Gen journey

Lynda Gonzalez became a first-generation college graduate Saturday at Kay Yeager Coliseum. She received a bachelor's degree in respiratory care from the Robert D. and Carol Gunn College of Health Sciences and Human Services. She's the first from either side of her family to graduate from college. Read Lynda's story in the MSU Texas news.

# Against the odds: Master's degree becomes reality

The past year was not easy for graduate student Kelsey Weldon. Since graduating cum laude from MSU Texas with her bachelor's in kinesiology in 2018, Weldon had worked as a fifth-grade science teacher in her hometown of Jacksboro, Texas. That's in addition to being a mom of two children under the age of 5. On March 21, 2022, an F-4 tornado destroyed the elementary school and her home. Read Kelsey's story in the MSU Texas news.

# **Sweatt sworn in to TTU System Board of Regents**

Former MSU Texas Board of Regents member Shelley Sweatt, Ed.D, of Wichita Falls, was sworn into the Texas Tech University System's Board of Regents earlier this month. She is serving as vice chair of the Academic, Clinical and Student Affairs Committee and as a member of the Regents' Rules Review Committee. Read more about Sweatt in the MSU Texas news.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

History major **Michael Olds**, an advisee of Chair and Associate Professor of History **John Ashbrook** has been chosen as the recipient of the Phi Alpha Theta Graydon A. Tunstall Undergraduate Student Scholarship. This is a prestigious and competitive scholarship provided by Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society. Olds is the first MSU Texas student to be selected for this scholarship.

# **JOBS**

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#### **Accounting Assistant III**

Department: Business Office

Starting Date: ASAP

Starting Salary: \$2,358.17 monthly, plus benefits

#### Assistant to the Dean

Department: Fain College of Fine Arts

Starting Date: June 12, 2023

Starting Salary: \$2531.00 monthly, plus benefits

#### **Payroll Assistant**

Department: Payroll

Starting Date: June 5, 2023

Starting Salary: \$2,443.08 monthly, plus benefits

The next *Update* will be published June 12, 2023. Please submit your information to <u>public.information@msutexas.edu</u> by **5 p.m. Thursday, June 8**, to be included in the next issue.