

COMING UP

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13
International Education Week
Noon Dillard 101

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
International Education Week
11-11:30 a.m. Dillard 101
Noon-2 p.m. CSC

Moffett Movie Madness: *Scrooged*
7 p.m. Moffett Library

Percussion Ensemble Concert
7:30 p.m. Akin Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15
International Education Week
11-11:30 a.m. Dillard 101
Noon-2 p.m. CSC
4-5 p.m. Legacy Multipurpose Room

OSPR Faculty Research Workshop
2-3:30 p.m. Ferguson 201

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16
**Undergraduate Research
& Creative Activities Forum**
9 a.m.-5 p.m. CSC

International Education Week
Noon-2 p.m. CSC

Men's Soccer at NCAA Postseason
TBA

TLRC Workshop
4:30-6:30 p.m. Moffett Library

WFMA: On the Wall Workshop
5:30-7 p.m. WFMA

Speakers & Issues:
Lizbette Ocasio-Russe
7 p.m. WFMA

Men's Basketball vs Dallas Christian
7:30 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

Jazz Ensemble Concert
7:30 p.m. Akin Auditorium

MSU Texas Theatre:
A Marriage Proposal and The Bear
7:30 p.m. Fain Fine Arts
Center Theatre

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17
Senior Exhibition opens
All day Harvey Art Gallery

MSU Texas Theatre:
A Marriage Proposal and The Bear
7:30 p.m. Fain Fine Arts
Center Theatre

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18
MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights Fun Run
10 a.m. Hardin front lawn

**Women's Basketball
at Southeastern Oklahoma**
1 p.m. Durant, Oklahoma

WFMA On the Wall Workshop
2-4 p.m. WFMA

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AROUND CAMPUS

International Education Week

International Education Week is one of many educational and cultural events held to raise awareness about the breadth of international education, activities, and resources available in the college and community. Events begin at noon Monday, Nov. 13, in Dillard 101.

Monday, Nov. 13, Dillard 101
Noon-12:30 p.m.

Foundation of Business – Michael Mills
Int'l Student Presentations – Robert Forrester

Tuesday, Nov. 14, Dillard 101
11-11:30 a.m.

Foundation of Business – Curtis Knobloch
Int'l Student Presentations – DeAndrea Davis

Noon-2 p.m., Clark Student Center
Student Ambassadors Study Abroad
Presentation and Discussion

Wednesday, Nov. 15, Dillard 101
11-11:30 a.m.

Foundation of Business – Tony Dunkerley
Int'l Student Presentations -- Robert Forrester

Noon-2 p.m., Clark Student Center
Student Ambassadors Study Abroad
Presentation and Discussion

4 p.m., Legacy Multipurpose Room
Study Abroad Info Session – London,
Spain, France and Grenada Study Abroad
Presentation and Discussion
Michael Mills, Bryce Johnson

**5:30 p.m., Global Ed Office, Bridwell
Activities Center 107**
Global Education Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, Nov. 16, Clark Student Center
Noon-2 p.m.
Student Ambassadors Study Abroad
Presentation and Discussion

Moffett Movie Madness: *Scrooged*

Moffett Library will show the 1988 film *Scrooged* at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, in the Moffett Atrium. Whitney Snow, associate professor of History, and Jennifer Dawes, professor/chair of the English Department,

will introduce the classic tale of three spirits showing a selfish, cynical television executive his past, present, and future, on Christmas Eve. Join us for free popcorn and lots of fun! Call ext. 4698 for more information.

MSU Texas Music: Percussion Ensemble Concert

The Department of Music will host a Percussion Ensemble Concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, in Akin Auditorium. Call ext. 4267 for more information.

OSPR Faculty Research Workshops

The Office of Sponsored Programs & Research webinar on research collaborations and partnerships has been rescheduled for 2-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15. The webinar will be conducted by Rick Nader of Global Proposal Solutions and presented via Zoom and in the Faculty Resource Center in Ferguson 201. In the spirit of collaboration, we have invited faculty from Angelo State University to join the webinar. This could be a good opportunity to get to know colleagues within the system and potentially identify common areas of scholarly interest. [Registration is required](#). If you can't attend, a recording will be emailed to those who sign up.

This workshop will cover motivations, management, and institutional considerations for faculty engaging in research collaborations. It will also touch on the basics of international research partnerships and international sponsors. Participants will conclude the workshop with an understanding of the broad spectrum of considerations to enable successful and productive scholarly partnerships. [Email OSPR](#) for more information.

Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities Forum

The Office of Undergraduate Research is hosting the 21st Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Forum from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, in Clark Student Center.

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Men's Basketball vs. St. Mary's
5 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

MSU Texas Theatre:
A Marriage Proposal and The Bear
7:30 p.m. Fain Fine Arts
Center Theatre

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

MSU Texas Theatre:
A Marriage Proposal and The Bear
2:30 p.m. Fain Fine Arts
Center Theatre

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Storytime Readings
12:30-1 p.m. Moffett Library

MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights opening
6 p.m. Hardin front lawn

MSU Texas Music:
Festival of Lights concert
7 p.m. Akin Auditorium

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Storytime Readings
12:30-1 p.m. Moffett Library

Men's Basketball vs Sterling (Kansas)
2 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

Women's Basketball
at Oklahoma Baptist
7 p.m. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Thanksgiving Holiday
No classes

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Thanksgiving Holiday
Campus closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Thanksgiving Holiday
Campus closed

Women's Basketball vs Tampa (Fla.)
3 p.m. San Angelo, Texas

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Women's Basketball vs Missouri Southern
3 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

Men's Basketball
at Northwestern Oklahoma
3 p.m. Alva, Oklahoma

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Men's Soccer at NCAA Postseason

Women's Basketball vs Texas Woman's
5:30 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

Faculty Forum: Greg Giddings
7 p.m. Legacy Hall
Multipurpose Room

Men's Basketball vs Dallas Baptist
7:30 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Women's Basketball vs UT Tyler
1 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

Men's Basketball at UT Tyler
3 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

For anyone interested, we are providing an extra credit opportunity for students. If you wish to participate and offer the extra credit opportunity to your students, use your MSU email and login to sign up on [the linked form](#) below by Nov. 14. [UGRCAF Extra Credit Sign-Up.](#)

Call ext. 6274 or email [Julie Scales](#) for more information.

TLRC Workshop

The Teaching & Resource Center will host the workshop "Building Classroom Community and Belonging: Pedagogies that Include All Students" from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, in Moffett Library.

This program will highlight the importance of facilitating students' sense of belonging and community in their courses in order to ensure that all students feel welcome, and to support their academic success and personal growth. Panelists include Hillary Coenen (English), Kelly Medellin (Curriculum & Learning), Tara Fox (Clinical Mental Health), and Erica Judie (Respiratory Care). They will share practical examples of community-building practices and activities that MSU Texas faculty will be able to use in their own courses, and attendees will have an opportunity to share and discuss their own practices as well.

TLRC Committee members realize this workshop falls on the same day as the Fall UGRCAF, and we hope you will see it as a fitting way to wrap up a day that is all about creating community for and with our students!

Please be sure to [RSVP here](#) to ensure you receive an attendance certificate.

WFMA at MSU Texas: On the Wall Workshops

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas will host two workshops on stress relief with guest artist Ginger Boller. Workshops will be from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, and 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. Workshops are free and materials are provided. Contact the museum at ext. 8900 for more information.

Speakers & Issues: Lizbette Ocasio-Russe

The Speakers & Issues Series will present author Lizbette Ocasio-Russe at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas. In her novel *Loverbar*, Ocasio-Russe "plays with the metaphor of devastation with Hurricane Maria as a watershed moment for the Caribbean nation. Pop cultural critic, writer, comic collaborator and academic, Ocasio-Russe is an assistant professor of English at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. She completed her Ph.D. in humanities at the University of Texas at Dallas. She received her bachelor's degree in journalism and minor in creative writing from New York University and her MA in English literature from the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras campus. Contact Sally Henschel at ext. 4731 for more information.

MSU Texas Theatre: Chekhov's A Marriage Proposal and The Bear

The MSU Texas Department of Theatre will present Anton Chekhov's *A Marriage Proposal* and *The Bear* at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 16-18, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, in the Fain Fine Arts Center Theatre. Students, faculty, and staff admitted free. Tickets for the general public are \$10. Buy tickets [online here](#). Call ext. 4670 for more information.

Fantasy of Lights Fun Run

The Fantasy of Lights 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, beginning on the Hardin Lawn. Registration for the 5K is \$25, and \$15 for the 1-mile fun run. The first 100 contestants to register will receive a long-sleeved race T-shirt. Register online. A \$25 gift card will be awarded to the fastest male and female 5K runners, the best dressed holiday-themed male and female participants, and the worst dressed holiday-themed male and female participants. The character village will be available for photos. All registration proceeds help support the MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights. Check-in and late registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the race

beginning at 10 a.m. Contact Dirk Welch at ext. 4972 for more information.

MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights Opening Ceremony and Concert

The MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights opening ceremony will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, on the front lawn of the Hardin Administration Building. Festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. as MSU Texas carillonneur Jim Quashnock will play Christmas music on the Redwine Carillon.

At 7 p.m., following the lighting of the displays, the MSU Texas Music Department will host a free concert in Akin Auditorium. It is open to the public. Call ext. 4267 for more information on the concert.

After the opening ceremony, the displays will be turned on through Tuesday, Dec. 26. Hours are from dusk to 10 p.m. daily. Displays will be turned on during the day for special events from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays.

Admission is free; donations to help with maintenance of the display are welcome.

Faculty Forum: Greg Giddings – “John Williams: Wichita Falls’ Greatest Writer?”

Associate Professor of English Greg Giddings will tell the story of John Williams, who grew up in Wichita Falls, and graduated from Wichita Falls High School in 1939. That fall, he enrolled at Hardin Junior College, which had recently relocated to its current location at Taft and Hampstead. During his year at Hardin, Williams relished the extracurricular activities, but apparently did not exactly dazzle with his classwork, even in English. After stints in local radio and serving in the Air Force in WWII, Williams eventually earned degrees at the University of Denver before completing a Ph.D. from the University of Missouri. Thereafter, Williams returned to UD, where he taught the rest of his professional life. While in Denver, Williams published three major novels: *Butcher’s Crossing* (1954), *Stoner* (1965), and *Augustus* (1972). Williams won the National Book Award for this last novel but that’s not the book that contemporary readers know him for. Williams died in 1994, before *Stoner*, called by some a “perfect novel,” became an international sensation. Call Jonathan Price at ext. 4288 for more information.

CAMPUS NEWS

WFMA conducting survey on internship

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas is launching a competitive, new internship program and would like to hear from faculty/staff and students. They have posted a [three-](#)

[question survey](#) to help gauge interest for the program. This survey will be open until Friday, Nov. 17. Email WMFA Curator of Education [Sarah Griego](#) with any additional questions or comments.

“Better Together” mural wins statewide People’s Choice Award

The “Better Together” mural created by MSU Texas alumna **Jesse Baggett** and Professor of Art **Steve Hilton** has won the People’s Choice Award from the Texas Downtown Association in the Best Public Improvement in the Population over 50,000 category. The mural is located on the parking garage at Seventh Street and Indiana Avenue in downtown Wichita Falls. Downtown Wichita Falls Development and the Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts & Culture accepted the award on Oct. 25 at the President’s Awards Gala in Nacodoches, which was held in conjunction with the 2023 Texas Downtown Annual Conference. [Read more about the mural](#) in the MSU Texas news.

EURECA Spring 2024 Proposals

The Office of Undergraduate Research is now accepting EURECA Proposals for Spring 2024. The guidelines for submitting a proposal are available on the [EURECA website](#) under EURECA Proposal Application Forms. All proposals will be submitted electronically to a fillable Microsoft Form. The **proposal application deadline is Dec. 1, 2023**. For more information, contact the Office of Undergraduate Research at ext. 6274 or email eureca@msutexas.edu.

Travel website names MSU Texas “Most Beautiful College Campus in Texas”

TheTravel, a photography and destination website, has named Midwestern State University the Most Beautiful College Campus in Texas.

“... founded as a junior college in 1922, Midwestern State University has blossomed into a world-class university. It features tiled roofs on top of arched facades and signature maroon (red brick) exteriors,” the article states. “The 255-acre campus has 70 buildings and notable attractions like the Sunwatcher, the Gates of Hercules, and a replica of the Liberty Bell,” referring to a few of the attractions on the MSU Texas campus. [Read more about the honor](#) in the MSU Texas news.

Respiratory Care graduate finds fulfilling second career

Brendan Beely was one of the featured speakers at Midwestern State University’s Respiratory Care event Oct. 27, marking the first time on campus for the 2018 MSU Texas graduate. Beely earned his Bachelor of Science Degree (cum laude) from MSU Texas in 2018 as an online student. The Senior

Program Manager for The Geneva Foundation enjoyed a chance to share about his experiences at the “Take Me Home” Conference at Centennial Hall. [Read more about Beely's career path](#) in the MSU Texas news.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Commencement returns to MSU Texas campus

Commencement ceremonies will return home after 15 years of being held offsite. To accommodate the return of Commencement to campus, MSU Texas will hold three ceremonies as follows:

Friday, Dec. 15

3:30 p.m. Spirit of the Mustangs Graduate Walk (formerly known as Senior Walk)

6 p.m. Dr. Billie Doris McAda Graduate School Commencement Ceremony

Saturday, Dec. 16

10 a.m. Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony comprised of students from the Dillard College of Business Administration, Gordon T. & Ellen West College of Education, and the Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts.

2 p.m. Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony comprised of students from the Robert D. & Carol Gunn College of Health Sciences & Human Services, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities & Social Sciences, and the McCoy College of Science, Mathematics & Engineering.

Read more about [Commencement's return home](#) in the MSU Texas news. For more information contact the Office of the Registrar at ext. 4321 or visit the [Commencement webpage](#).

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

K. Lee Gagum, assistant professor of German from the World Languages and Cultures Department, published her research article in the November special edition issue of *German as a Foreign Language*, *GFL* journal. The title of her paper is “Noel's (Dis)abled Fairy Tale Life: A Graphic Novel for Disability Inclusion Curriculum.” The publication and article are available [online](#).

The **MSU Texas Respiratory Care** program will receive the 2024-2025 American Association of Respiratory Care Apex Recognition Award. An Apex designation for the MSU respiratory care program exemplifies best practices in the profession. It demonstrates that the institution enhances patient safety and enhances outcomes by preparing respiratory therapists to deliver high-quality care. As a 2024-2025 Apex recipient, the MSU Texas respiratory care program now joins an elite group of respiratory care institutions from across the U.S. that have met the award's stringent quality and educational criteria.

Professor **Catherine Prose** won first place in landscape photography at the Big Country Arts Celebration for the Jim Bob Art Park in Benjamin, Texas. Prose also has artwork on display in the exhibition titled Print Mix, October 25 - November 27, 2023, Printmaking Exhibition Cases, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.

The next *Update* will be published Dec. 4, 2023. Please submit your information to public.information@msutexas.edu by **5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30**, to be included in the next issue.