

COMING UP

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Women's Basketball
at Lubbock Christian
5:30 p.m. Lubbock, Texas

Men's Basketball
at Lubbock Christian
7:30 p.m. Lubbock, Texas

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Softball at D2 First Pitch Invitational
Softball vs Colorado Mesa
10 a.m. Conroe, Texas

Softball vs Regis (Colorado)
12:15 p.m. Conroe, Texas

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Softball vs Central Washington
10 a.m. Conroe, Texas

Women's Basketball
at West Texas A&M
1 p.m. Canyon, Texas

Softball vs Rogers State (Oklahoma)
2:30 p.m. Conroe, Texas

Men's Basketball at West Texas A&M
3 p.m. Canyon, Texas

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Softball vs East Central (Oklahoma)
2 & 4 p.m. Mustangs Park

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Wellness Fair
3-5 p.m. Wellness Center

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

WFMA at MSU Texas:
On the Wall Workshops
5:30-7 p.m. WFMA

Women's Basketball
vs Eastern New Mexico
5:30 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

Men's Basketball vs Eastern New Mexico
7:30 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Women's Track at Jarvis Scott Open
All day Lubbock, Texas

WFMA HeartArt Valentine Luncheon
10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. WFMA

Softball vs Fort Hays State (Kansas)
Noon Mustangs Park

Men's & Women's Tennis
vs Cowley County CC
1 p.m. MSU Texas Tennis Center

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AROUND CAMPUS

Human Trafficking Prevention Month activities

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month and activities at Midwestern State University in conjunction with Austin's Bullock Museum will serve to raise awareness about the issue.

Ceramics by artist Sana Musasama are on display in the Juanita Harvey Art Gallery. Musasama intertwines her artistic practice with a deep commitment to education and human rights causes, notably focusing on the plight of women subjected to human trafficking. In conjunction with Musasama's exhibition, on display in the Fain Fine Arts Foyer Gallery is "Not Alone: Working Together in the Fight Against Human Trafficking." This exhibition is presented by the MSU Texas Social Work Department and the Juanita & Ralph Harvey School of Visual Arts. "Not Alone" is geared toward teen and adult audiences and provides visitors with the tools to identify trafficking and the resources to find help and support survivors.

These exhibitions will be on display through Friday, Feb. 16. A closing reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 16 in the Fain Fine Arts Building. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15

Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts presents Musasama in a keynote address in Legacy Hall's Multipurpose Room. Following Musasama's talk, the Office of Title IX and VIP Peer Educators will present information about Take Back the Night, a movement to end all forms of sexual violence.

For more information contact Social Work Department Chair [Catherine Earley by email](#) or call ext. 4319.

Wellness Fair

The Wellness Center will host a Wellness Fair from 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7. Information to help anyone begin a fitness

journey will be available from Disability Support Services, the MSU Texas Counseling Center, Redwine Wellness Center, Recreational Sports, the Wichita Falls Public Health Department, Mentoring in Motion, Texas A&M Ag. Ext., Absolute Wellness, and Complete Nutrition. The event is come and go and is also sponsored by Disability Support Services and the MSU Texas Counseling Center. Call ext. 4206 for more information.

WFMA at MSU Texas: On the Wall Workshops

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas will host Vintage Valentine workshops from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, and from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10. Taking inspiration from Valentines of the 1950s and 1960s, participants will create their own Valentines. Space is limited. [RSVP at the workshop webpage](#). Workshops are free and all supplies provided. This workshop will be led by WFMA at MSU Texas Education Curator Sarah Griego. Contact [Griego](#) at ext. 8900 for more information.

2024 WFMA at MSU Texas Silent HeartArt Auction

The 2024 Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas Silent HeartArt Auction is now open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. through Thursday, Feb. 8. Visit the WFMA boardroom to place your bid on your favorite HeartArt. Starting bid is \$20 with a minimum increase of \$10. All bids must be made in person. Attendees to the Valentine Luncheon receive the final bid. To receive an invitation for the 11th Annual Valentine Luncheon, contact the museum at ext. 8900. The luncheon is 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 at the museum. Reservations are \$60 per seat. [Purchase your ticket online](#).

Mosaic: First-Gen Friday Webinar

Mosaic Center for Community & Belonging invites you to an upcoming professional development event, the First-Gen Friday Webinar. These optional educational opportunities are for faculty and staff, but

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Red River Reading Series
4 p.m. CSC Kiowa

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
Women's Track at Jarvis Scott Open
All day Lubbock, Texas

Softball vs Northwestern Oklahoma
11 a.m. Mustangs Park

**Men's & Women's Tennis
vs Cowley County CC**
1 p.m. MSU Texas Tennis Center

**Women's Basketball
vs Western New Mexico
(Ovarian Cancer Awareness)**
1 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

**WFMA at MSU Texas:
On the Wall Workshop**
2-4 p.m. WFMA

**Men's Basketball
vs Western New Mexico**
3 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

Softball vs Fort Hays State (Kansas)
3:30 p.m. Mustangs Park

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Softball vs Northwest Missouri State
10 a.m. Mustangs Park

Softball vs Southwestern Oklahoma
12:15 p.m. Mustangs Park

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12
Men's Golf at Houston Classic
All day Houston, Texas

The next *Update* will be published Feb. 12, 2024. Please submit your information to public.information@msutexas.edu by 5 p.m. **Thursday, Feb. 8**, to be included in the next issue.

the events are open to the entire MSU Texas community. For more information and events, visit the [Mosaic Professional Development page](#).

The first event is "Demystifying Data to Drive First-Generation Student Success" at 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 9, in CSC Caddo. This webinar will identify key data sources and metrics that institutions should consider as they leverage data to inform decision-making and advance first-generation student success. We will have data on first-generations students at MSU Texas and discuss how to use it.

Click here for more information on [First-Gen Friday Webinars](#). For more information, [email mosaic@msutexas.edu](mailto:email.mosaic@msutexas.edu) or call ext. 4500.

Red River Reading Series

The next Red River Reading Series will feature creative readings from students Michaela Aleman and Breanna Cotner, and English lecturer Rita Beeman. Refreshments will be served. The readings will be at 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, in CSC Kiowa. Call ext. 6249 for more information.

CAMPUS NEWS

Deaths of emeriti professors

Nancy Steele English, former chair of the Harvey School of Visual Arts, died in Virginia. English was chair for 10 years and instrumental in the accreditation of the Harvey School of Visual Arts by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. She retired from MSU Texas in 2012. [Read her obituary here](#).

Fred Stangl taught zoology and biology classes at MSU Texas for 28 years. He was named Hardin Professor in 1990 and received the MSU Faculty Award in 1993. He also earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the university and was named a distinguished alumni in 2015. The Texas Society of Mammalogists honored him in 2013 for lifetime accomplishments in teaching and research in mammalogy. The field collecting activities of Stangl and his

students resulted in doubling size of the university's existing mammal collection to more than 23,000 specimens. He retired in 2012. [Read Stangl's obituary here](#).

David Martin taught political science at MSU Texas for 37 years. He was the administrator for the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences program for many years. A [scholarship in his name](#) benefits a student in the program. [Read Martin's obituary here](#).

Documentaries by Mass Comm students win honors

Two documentaries by students in the Department of Mass Communication received honors from the Broadcast Education Association in November. The program *In Their Shoes*, produced by students Maleah Lifland, Keza Muvunyi, and Miranda Salinas, was cited in the Documentary category. In addition, *How We Heal*, produced by Randi Heaton, Alexis Martin, Jeromy Stacy, and Gasmyne Cox, won an Award of Excellence in the Documentary category. [Read more about the honors](#) in the MSU Texas news.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OSPR: Grant Writing webinar

The Office of Sponsored Programs & Research will host a webinar from noon-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, in Ferguson 201, the Faculty Resource Center. "Grant Writing by Deconstructing a Funded Proposal" is presented by Global Proposal Solutions. The workshop is designed for all levels of experience in proposal writing. Presenters will take two proposals (one to a federal agency and one to a private foundation) and systematically deconstruct it, highlighting effective approaches as demonstrated in the narrative. The workshop will also touch on getting started, moving from a blank screen to a completed and submitted grant proposal. [Registration required](#).

Attendance options:

- Live and in-person (faculty and staff only): Join us in the Faculty Resource Center (Ferguson 201) to view the webinar live with colleagues. Lunch

provided by OSPR. [Registration required by Feb. 6 for lunch.](#)

- Live via Zoom: Participate live from your own device.
- Watch later: [Register now](#) to receive a link to the recording and copies of handouts.

Red River Regional Science Fair

The McCoy College of Science, Mathematics & Engineering will host the Red River Regional Science Fair beginning at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, and all day Friday, Feb. 16, in CSC Comanche. [Email Candice Fulton](#) or call ext. 4450 for more information.

Music Series at Akin

The Department of Music will host Curtis on Tour for the Music Series at Akin at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 15. Curtis on Tour is an ensemble of winds and strings from Philadelphia's Curtis Institute of Music. The Curtis Institute offers merit-based full-tuition scholarships to musically gifted students. Curtis alumni have gone on to receive Pulitzer Prizes, Guggenheim Fellowships, and Avery Fisher Awards, and perform with symphonies and musical establishments around the world. Curtis on Tour is the Nina von Maltzahn Global Touring Initiative of the Curtis Institute of Music. Contact [Ross Cleveland by email or call](#) ext. 4267 for more information. Faculty/staff tickets are \$15 and [are available online](#).

Department of Theatre: *Now. Here. This.*

MSU Texas Theatre presents *Now. Here. This.* at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 22-24, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, in the Fain Fine Arts Center Theatre. *Now. Here. This.* follows the evolution and adventures of four friends in a natural history museum as they journey through time – from the present day museum, to the past, and back again. Inspired by various exhibits (bees, reptiles, early man, ancient civilizations and outer space), the foursome shares their stories about friendship, hoarding, hiding, laughing, living, dying and middle school in an attempt to step directly into that elusive “present moment”: the Now. Here. This. Admission is free for MSU Texas staff, faculty, and students. Tickets are \$10 for general public. [Purchase theatre tickets here.](#)

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The December Staff Senate “You Make A Difference Award” recipient was **Ronnie Wherry** of Facilities Services. Nominating comments include:

“Ronnie is great. He is very people-centered and keeps our floor clean.”

“Ronnie has taken such excellent care of the building and us in Prothro-Yeager ... Having Ronnie in PY has been such a gift.”



Ronnie Wherry