

COMING UP

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

Valentine's Day Print Sale
Noon-2 p.m. Fain C105

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
Men's Golf at Houston Classic
All day Houston, Texas

Drug Trends seminar
6 p.m. Akin Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
OSPR Webinar
Noon-1:30 p.m. Ferguson 201

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15
Red River Regional Science Fair
4 p.m. CSC Comanche

Women's Basketball
at UT Permian Basin
5:30 p.m. Odessa, Texas

Human Trafficking Awareness:
Sana Musasama
6:30 p.m. Legacy Hall
Multipurpose Room

Men's Basketball at UT Permian Basin
7:30 p.m. Odessa, Texas

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Red River Regional Science Fair
8 a.m. CSC Comanche

Men's Tennis vs Southern Arkansas
2 p.m. Arkadelphia, Arkansas

Softball at Angelo State
4 p.m. San Angelo, Texas

Closing reception: Sana Musasama &
From the Ceramics Studio
6-8 p.m. Fain Fine Arts galleries

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
Men's Tennis at Ouachita Baptist
9 a.m. Arkadelphia, Arkansas

Womens Basketball at Angelo State
1 p.m. San Angelo, Texas

Softball at Angelo State
1 & 3 p.m. San Angelo, Texas

Men's Basketball at Angelo State
3 p.m. San Angelo, Texas

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Men's Golf at St. Mary's
Rattler Invitational
All day San Antonio, Texas

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AROUND CAMPUS

Valentine's Day Print Sale

The Printmaking Studio will host a Valentine's Day Print Sale from noon-2 p.m. in Fain C105 Monday, Feb. 12. The sale supports students and artists. Live printing and pre-printed cards available. Cards \$2 each or three cards for \$5. Make & take cards \$3. Bring your own shirt and get it printed for \$5. Cash only! [Email Catherine Prose](#) or call ext. 4264 for more information.

AHEC: Drug Trends seminar

The North Central Texas Area Health Education Center, with the West Texas AHEC and Sigma, will host Wichita Falls Police Department peace officer Brian Arias for a talk on current drug trends at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, in Akin Auditorium.

Arias has been a peace officer nine years. During this time, he worked on day and night patrol, was a detective in the misdemeanor crimes unit, and is now assigned to the Community Services Division. He holds a Master Peace Officer License, Public Information Officer Certification, SCUBA certification, and Hostage Negotiator Certification. Arias is a native of Wichita Falls, having graduated from Rider High School and MSU Texas with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Two free Continuing Education credits will be given to nurses who attend. Contact [Sandi Wilder](#) at ext. 4597 for more information.

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

Human Trafficking Prevention Month activities

The final event to raise awareness about human trafficking will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15. The Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts will present artist Sana 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.

A closing reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, in the Fain Fine Arts Center for the exhibition of Musasama's ceramics and "Not Alone: Working Together in the Fight Against Human Trafficking." The exhibitions were 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. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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

Red River Regional Science Fair

The McCoy College of Science, Mathematics & Engineering will host the Red River

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**Women's Golf
at Southern Invitational**
All day Cypress, Texas

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
**Men's Golf at St. Mary's Rattler
Invitational**
All day San Antonio, Texas

**Women's Golf
at Southern Invitational**
All day Cypress, Texas

Lunch & Learn:
Office of Undergraduate Research
Noon BAC Spirit conference
room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
**Women's Basketball
vs Texas A&M-Kingsville**
5:30 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

Phi Alpha Theta Speaker Series:
Michael Murphy
6-7 p.m. Zoom

**Men's Basketball
vs Texas A&M-Kingsville**
7:30 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

MSU Texas Theatre: Now. Here. This.
7:30 p.m. Fain Fine Arts
Center Theatre

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23
Men's & Women's Tennis vs Tyler JC
2 p.m. MSU Tennis Center

Softball vs Cameron
2 & 4 p.m. Mustangs Park

MSU Texas Theatre: Now. Here. This.
7:30 p.m. Fain Fine Arts
Center Theatre

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
**Women's & Men's Tennis
at Southeastern Oklahoma**
1 p.m. Durant, Oklahoma

**Women's Basketball vs Texas A&M
International: Senior Night**
1 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

**Men's Basketball vs Texas A&M
International: Senior Night**
3 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

MSU Texas Theatre: Now. Here. This.
7:30 p.m. Fain Fine Arts
Center Theatre

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25
Softball vs. Cameron
1 p.m. Mustangs Park

MSU Texas Theatre: Now. Here. This.
2:30 p.m. Fain Fine Arts
Center Theatre

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. [Read more about Curtis on Tour](#) in the MSU Texas news. Contact [Ross Cleveland by email](#) or call ext. 4267 for more information. Faculty/staff tickets are \$15 and [are available online](#).

Jesse W. Rogers Staff Senate Scholarship

The Staff Senate Scholarship Committee is accepting Spring 2024 applications for the Jesse W. Rogers Staff Senate Scholarship. This scholarship is for benefit-eligible staff only. For more information regarding the eligibility criteria and application, please visit the [Staff Senate Scholarship Application](#). The completed scholarship application may be [emailed to Ashley Hurst](#). **Please note that the deadline for scholarship applications is 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16.**

Lunch & Learn: Office of Undergraduate Research

The Office of Undergraduate Research invites new and current faculty interested in participating in undergraduate research to bring their lunch to the UGR Lunch & Learn from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, in the Bridwell Activities Center Spirit conference room. Bring lunch and learn more about being a mentor, embedded research courses, and getting involved in EURECA and UGRCAF. For more information, contact the UGR office at ext. 6274 or [email Julie Scales](#).

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 free for MSU Texas staff, faculty, and students. Tickets are \$10 for general public. [Purchase theatre tickets here](#).

CAMPUS NEWS

Online education a good fit for investigator

Karen Box started her college journey nearly 30 years ago. It was a different world in many ways. She had enjoyed a successful career in law enforcement and raised a family in Franklin, Texas, but she still had the desire to finish college. She heard about MSU Texas while attending the TCOLE (Texas Commission on Law Enforcement) conference in Corpus Christi. [Read more about Box's experience](#) in the MSU Texas news.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Celebration of Scholarship

Save the Date: The MSU Texas Celebration of Scholarship is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, April 17-18, in Clark Student Center. If you have a research or creative project that you would like to share with the campus community, please submit an abstract. **Final abstracts for the 2024 Celebration of Scholarship are due Wednesday, April 3, 2024.**

For additional information about guidelines

and the event, see the call for abstracts for undergraduates, graduates, and faculty.

- [Undergraduate Call for Abstracts](#)
- [Graduate Call for Abstracts](#)
- [Faculty Call for Abstracts](#)

Contact [Julie Scales by email](#) or call ext. 6274 for more information.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Artwork by Professor of Art **Catherine Prose** will be featured in the exhibition “Pulp Fiction: HERstory is History” March 1-31 at Rock, Paper, Shears Studio and Gallery, in Lubbock, Texas. Additionally, Prose’s artwork has been selected to be included in an international print portfolio exchange “Listen to the Earth” curated by Melanie Yazzie, head of Printmaking at the University of Colorado. This portfolio exchange brings together 20 artists exploring a deeper understanding of their interconnectedness with the planet.

Frank B. Wyatt, professor of Athletic Training and Exercise Physiology, has been selected by the NCAA Sport Science Institute as a member of the Training and Performance Advisory Group. Members of the TPAG committee will serve to “provide guidance and recommendations on performance and training-related topics.” Wyatt was selected to represent the professional organization, the American Society of Exercise Physiologists. The Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology and Master of Science in Exercise Physiology at MSU Texas are both accredited by ASEP.

Research scholars funded for spring 2024

The MSU Texas Office of Undergraduate Research will fund 29 undergraduates, one graduate mentor, and 22 faculty mentors in 22 EURECA research projects for the spring 2024 term. These projects were selected by peer-review from the six colleges.

The EURECA scholars, along with other undergraduates involved in research through coursework and programs across campus, will present their results at the 22nd Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Forum April 18 in Clark Student Center.

Fain College of Fine Arts

Hunter Doughty, Marcus Morris, and Cecil Witherspoon, “Wichita Falls: A Digital City Symphony”
Mentor: Jonathon Quam, mass communication

Blake Guldjord, “Motion-capture character design for live performance”
Mentor: Jason Bly, art

Sunny Scabora, “Pedagogy between Authority and Creativity: The Theatrics and Philosophy of Student Learning Community”
Mentor: Tyler Williams, theatrical performance/philosophy

Dillard College of Business Administration

Romario Hughes, “The impact of financial literacy programs and incentives on consumer debt and health behaviors: An exploration of psychological factors and behavioral change strategies”
Mentor: Qian Li, finance

Brittany Jackson, “The Challenges and Potential of Business Development in Downtown Wichita Falls”
Mentor: Scott Manley, management and marketing

Gunn College of Health Science and Human Services

Sydney Cooper, “Appropriateness of Artificial Intelligence and Deep Learning in Detecting Anterior Ligament Tears”
Mentor: Rodney Fisher, radiologic technology

Myia Davis and Jessica Walla, “An analysis of Compton scatter intensities under different clinical conditions”
Mentor: Rodney Fisher, radiologic technology

McCoy College of Science, Mathematics, and Engineering

Zaniya Medlin, “Genetic typing of E. coli strains from local waterfowl to determine the presence of virulence factors”
Mentor: James Masuoka, biology

Luis Tamez, “Reversion of antibiotic-resistance to antibiotic susceptibility: genetic effects”
Mentor: James Masuoka, biology

Abigail Guinan, “Using membrane protein chaperone to disrupt the alpha-synuclein protein aggregation: A potential treatment for Parkinson’s Disease”
Mentor: Fu-Cheng Liang, chemistry

Kelton Brown and Gerrit Nemec, “The effectiveness of a surfactant/alkaline on enhanced oil recovery (EOR) on a mature reservoir”
Mentor: Mahmoud Elsharafi, engineering

Calvin Walmer, “Investigating the nonlinear effect of temperature on a constrained flat plate”
Mentor: Salim Azzouz, engineering

Sharome Burton, “Controls architecture for autonomy-ready battery electric passenger vehicle”
Mentor: Yu Guo, mechanical engineering

Zantia King, “Better estimation of above ground biomass for MSU Texas tree species with parameter optimization and model validation”

Mentors: Kashif Mahmud and graduate student Elizabeth Elkins, environmental science

Jordan Swearingen, "Alteration of granite-captured rhyolite, Wichita Mountains, Oklahoma"

Mentor: Jonathan Price, geosciences

Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Zetta Cannedy and Brandon Goins, "True Crime: A Bridge to Activism Within the U.S. Justice System"

Mentor: Linda Veazey, global studies/political science

Andres Revis, "The Lao perspective in the bombing of Laos during the Cold War"

Mentors: Mike Rattanasengchanh and Eric Lynch, political science

Federica Manno and Jackson Redding, "Multi-level drivers of climate change perceptions and actions: A cross-country analysis"

Mentor: Juheon Lee, political science

Ramon Morquecho Hernandez, "From Rivals to Comradery: The Journey of Baseball from the USA to Japan in the Post-WWII Era"

Mentor: Leland Turner, history

West College of Education

Raychel Anderle, "Exploring Forms of Communication within Professional Organizations: Member Preferences for Receiving Information"

Mentor: Suzanne Lindt, child/adolescent studies

Christene Bokutu and Brisa Jimenez-Soriano, "Work Smarter, Not Harder: Utilizing AI to Enhance Elementary School Lesson Plans"

Mentors: Kelly Medellin and Stephanie Zamora Robles, EC-6 education

Cali Barton, "Strategies to Increase Connections and Belongingness in Undergraduate and Graduate Courses"

Mentor: Dittika Gupta, secondary science education

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

The next *Update* will be published Feb. 26, 2024. Please submit your information to public.information@msutexas.edu by **5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22**, to be included in the next issue.