

## COMING UP

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

**Women's Golf**  
at St. Mary's Rattler Invitational  
All day San Antonio, Texas

**Softball vs West Texas A&M**  
5 p.m. Mustangs Park

**Faculty Forum: Adrianna Vinar**  
7 p.m. BAC Lone Star Room

**Faculty Recital:**  
**Rafael Powell & Sung-Soo Cho**  
7:30 p.m. Akin Auditorium

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

**Softball vs West Texas A&M**  
1 & 3 p.m. Mustangs Park

**Women's Tennis vs Findlay (Ohio)**  
2 p.m. MSU Tennis Center

**Black Excellence Gala**  
5:30 p.m. Sikes Lake Center

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

**WFMA at MSU Texas:**  
**Karsten Creightney**  
All day WFMA

**Meet @ Moffett**  
2-4 p.m. Moffett Atrium

**Women's Basketball at Cameron**  
5:30 p.m. Lawton, Oklahoma

**Red River Valley Choral Festival**  
**Concert**  
7:30 p.m. Akin Auditorium

**Men's Basketball at Cameron**  
7:30 p.m. Lawton, Oklahoma

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1**  
**Men's & Women's Tennis**  
at UT Tyler Invitational  
All day Tyler, Texas

**Employee Appreciation Day**  
1:30-2:30 p.m. Hardin Foyer

**Opening reception**  
**for Juried Student Exhibition**  
6-8 p.m. Fain Fine Arts galleries

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**  
**Softball at UT Permian Basin**  
2 & 4 p.m. Odessa, Texas

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**  
**Softball at UT Permian Basin**  
Noon Odessa, Texas

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**  
**Therapy Dogs**  
6-7:30 p.m. Moffett Library

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## AROUND CAMPUS

### Streich Family Lecture Series

The Dillard College of Business Administration will present the 41st Annual Streich Family Lecture from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, in Dillard 101. Speaker Nirmala Devkota's topic will be "Financial Industries: Careers in Analytics." [Email Pattie Redder](#) or call ext. 4379 for more information.

### Faculty Forum: Arianna Vinar

Assistant Professor of Nursing Adrianna Vinar will be the speaker for the next Faculty Forum presentation. Her topic will be "Using Quantitative Methods to Explore Multidisciplinary Teamwork Perceptions." She will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, in Bridwell Activity Center's Lone Star Room. Admission is free and open to all: faculty, staff, students, community. Faculty Forum Committee members are Assistant Professor of Nursing Stacey Machado, Associate Professor of Philosophy Tyler Williams, and Chair and Professor of Geological Science Jonathan Price. [Email Price](#) or call ext. 4288 for more information.

### Department of Music: Faculty Recital

The Department of Music will present a Faculty Recital with Rafael Powell on saxophone and Sung-Soo Cho on piano at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, in Akin Auditorium. Powell is a freelance woodwind teacher, clinician, and performer based in Dallas-Fort Worth; he joined the MSU Texas faculty as visiting instructor of single reeds in 2023. He teaches applied saxophone, clarinet, woodwind methods, and improvisation. Powell has performed across the nation as a touring musician with various artists. Cho is the piano accompanist and collaborative pianist at MSU Texas. Admission is free. Call ext. 4267 for more information.

### Black Excellence Gala

Join the Black Student Union for the annual Black Excellence Gala at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Sikes Lake Center. This event is formal, so dress to IMPRESS! There will be food, awards, and free goodies throughout the evening. Tickets are on sale now. Student tickets are \$5; community tickets are \$10. To purchase tickets or ask questions, contact the BSU at [@msutexas\\_bsu](#) on Instagram or [email the BSU](#).

### WFMA at MSU Texas: Karsten Creightney

Beginning Feb. 29, the Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas will host the exhibition "Fragments and Selected Scraps: The Works of Karsten Creightney." Creightney is Assistant Professor of Printmaking at the University of New Mexico. He works in multiple media combining prints, paint, photographs and found materials to create images that capture the partly lived, partly imagined sense of place experienced in memory. His work is in the collection of the Arkansas Arts Center, Cleveland Museum of Art, Detroit Institute of Arts, Flint Institute of Arts, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Springfield Art Museum and numerous other institutions. The exhibition will be on display through Sept. 28, 2024. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-5 p.m. Saturdays. Call the museum at ext. 8900 for more information.

### Meet @ Moffett

Join Tutoring & Academic Support Programs and Moffett Library for a write-in session from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 29, in the Moffett atrium. Bring a writing project from any course and work through stations that will help support student writers throughout their draft. Snacks will be provided. TASP Director Ashley Hurst and Chris Depineda, instruction librarian, are available to help students. For those looking for feedback on writing, working with peers, finding articles to help inform writing, or a chance to learn new techniques, then this is for you. Email [Allison Atherton](#) or call ext. 4698 for more information.

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 7**

**Men's Basketball  
at LSC Postseason Tournament**  
All day Frisco, Texas

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8**

**Men's & Women's Tennis  
vs Nebraska-Kearney**  
2 p.m. MSU Tennis Center

**Mosaic: First-Gen Friday webinar**  
2 p.m. Virtual

**Softball vs UT Tyler**  
2 & 4 p.m. Mustangs Park

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**

**High School Art Competition**  
Noon Virtual

**Softball vs UT Tyler**  
1 p.m. Mustangs Park

**Women's & Men's Tennis  
vs Washburn (Kansas)**  
2 p.m. MSU Tennis Center

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

**Women's & Men's Tennis  
vs Washburn (Kansas)**  
2 p.m. MSU Tennis Center

**MONDAY, MARCH 11**

**Spring Break**  
No classes

## Department of Music: Red River Valley Choral Festival Concert

The Department of Music will present the Red River Valley Choral Festival Concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 29, in Akin Auditorium. Call ext. 4267 for more information.

## Employee Appreciation Day

Human Resources and President Stacia Haynie will host Employee Appreciation Day from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Friday, March 1, in the Hardin Foyer. Take a break and enjoy snacks and chances to win MSU Texas giveaways. Contact HR at ext. 4784 for more information.

## Harvey School of Visual Arts: Juried Student Exhibition

Fain Fine Arts' Juanita Harvey Art Gallery and Foyer Gallery will host the Juried Student Exhibition from March 1-April 5, with an opening reception from 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 1. The exhibition will be juried by Brynn Higgins-Stirrup, professor of art at the University of Texas Dallas. Higgins-Stirrup will give a juror's statement at the opening reception on March 1. Artworks will be exhibited from all the disciplines taught in the art department during the 2023-2024 academic year: ceramics, drawing, graphic design, metals, painting, photography, printmaking, and sculpture. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Email [Gerber Pease](#) or call ext. 4264 for more information.

## UGROW Call for Project Proposals

Research proposals for this year's Undergraduate Research Opportunities and Summer Workshop (UGROW) are currently being accepted. This is the faculty-led, student-executed intensive summer research program. Although managed by the McCoy College of Science, Mathematics & Engineering, the program is open to faculty research mentors campuswide. As in years past, UGROW will provide a program in which mentors oversee full-time engagement in a month-long project involving one or possibly two students.

The program facilitates student exposure to research techniques and provides opportunities for presentation and interaction over a focused time frame.

UGROW 24 starts on May 28 and ends on July 3. The first week of faculty- and staff-led workshops provides students with a concentrated introduction to research. The remaining four weeks are dedicated to project work. UGROW concludes with a symposium of presentations by student researchers. Participating faculty receive a stipend, and student participants will receive a scholarship on completion of the program.

**If you are interested in joining UGROW 24, please compete the [call for proposal form](#) by 5 p.m. March 1.** You will be asked to provide a title, a student-oriented project description, and three keywords for your intended project. Further details are available at the [UGROW webpage](#). UGROW24 organizers are [Jonathan Price](#), Kimbell School of Geosciences chair, and [Sarah Cobb](#), interim dean of the McCoy College of Science, Engineering & Mathematics.

## Inaugural Mustangs Stand United Faculty/Staff Campaign

Every year our campus joins together to further invest in our students by giving back to Midwestern State University. This year, we are excited to announce the new Mustangs Stand United Faculty/Staff Giving Campaign. This campaign is an opportunity for all of us to collectively facilitate the positive change we wish to see for the MSU Texas community.

**Through March 8**, make your gift to any MSU Texas fund, program, or department on campus as an additional expression of support to the students you serve. Our combined donations create tangible proof that MSU Texas faculty and staff are invested in leading through an emphasis upon teaching, augmented by the opportunity for students to engage in research and creative activities. Gifts of any amount count and donations of at least \$25 are eligible to receive an exclusive original T-shirt. Visit the [campaign webpage](#) to give or for more information.

## Mosaic: First-Gen Friday Webinar

Mosaic Center for Community & Belonging invites you to the March First-Gen Friday Webinar. The target audience for these optional educational opportunities are MSU Texas faculty and staff, but the events are open to the entire MSU community. For more information and events, visit the [Mosaic Professional Development page](#).

The next event will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 8, via Zoom, and the topic is "Developing and Implementing Programs for First-generation College Students." This webinar will focus on "no money, no problem" events and activities. [Register here for March 8 webinar](#).

Visit the Mosaic webpage for more information on [First-Gen Friday Webinars](#), [email mosaic@msutexas.edu](mailto:mosaic@msutexas.edu), or call ext. 4500.

## Harvey Visual Arts: High School Art Competition

Fain Fine Arts will host the 34th Annual High School Art Competition virtually on the MSU Texas [competition webpage](#). The show and the Zoom link opens Saturday, March 9. Call ext. 4264 for more information.

## WFMA at MSU Texas workshop

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas will host a mixed media collage workshop from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 9, and from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, March 21. This workshop will explore the "Fragments and Selected Scraps: The Works of Karsten Creightney" exhibition at the WFMA. Inspired by Creightney, participants will combine printmaking techniques and collage to create works of art. Bring in any previous paper artworks or collage materials to create your own unique piece. This workshop is a free event. Space is limited, [RSVP here](#). Education Coordinator Sarah Griego will be the instructor. Workshop is free and all supplies provided. Call the museum at ext. 8900 for more information.

## CAMPUS NEWS

### Outstanding Student nominations open

The annual Honors Recognition Banquet at Midwestern State University, the marquee student academic and leadership award occasion of the year, will be held Friday, April 19, 2024. As has been the tradition at Midwestern State University, all academic programs, administrative departments, and registered student organizations are invited to nominate students for the awards. The award categories include the following:

- Outstanding Freshman Man & Woman
- Outstanding Sophomore Man & Woman

- Outstanding Junior Man & Woman
- Outstanding Senior Man & Woman
- Outstanding Graduate Man & Woman
- Man & Woman of the Year
- Viola Grady Leadership Award
- Howard Farrell Community Excellence Award

The nomination form is available through the [my.MSUTexas portal](#) employee landing page and [Mustangs Link](#), as well as the [Dean of Students webpage](#) under the left menu links titled "Outstanding Student Awards."

**Completed nominations are due by midnight March 14, 2024.**

In order for a nominee to be considered for an award, they MUST submit a Nominee Information Form by midnight March 14, 2024. The Nominee Information Form is available through the [my.MSUTexas portal](#), [Mustangs Link](#), and [Dean of Students webpage](#). A committee comprised of MSU faculty and staff will review all completed nominations to determine the final selection results. Award recipients will be announced at the annual Honors Recognition Banquet, the marquee student academic and leadership award occasion of the year.

For more information or questions about the nomination process, please contact the Student Affairs Office at ext. 7500.

## An MSU Texas love story

Leonard and Katie Smith didn't appear to be on a collision course when they began their college journey far away from Wichita Falls. Leonard, who attended high school in Frisco, went to Tulsa University on a soccer scholarship, and Katie, from Arlington, started off at Baylor University. They transferred to MSU Texas for individual reasons. Here they found a home on campus and found each other in 2014. [Read more about Katie and Len](#) at the MSU Texas news.

## Editions & Impressions essay collection at Moffett Library

Professor of English Todd Giles has partnered with Moffett Library to write a series of essays about Moffett's Special Collections. The Rare Books Collection contains pamphlets, Bibles, historical and literary novels, and leisure reading books. The collection was created within Moffett Library with donations from prominent local figures and library staff to serve the research needs of MSU students and faculty. The items in the collection also receive special protection and care to ensure that they are available for future generations of students. The first essay in the "Editions & Impressions: A Rare Look Into Special Collections" series will be available March 1 on the [library's website](#).



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Red River Reading Series

The Red River Reading Series will present Latreanna Jackson, director of Clinical Teaching and Innovation, and students Gray and Liz Lingurar in creative readings. Refreshments will be served. The readings will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, in CSC Kiowa. [Email John Schulze](#) or call ext. 6249 for more information.

### Woodwind Studio Recital

The Department of Music will present a Studio Woodwind Recital at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 21, in Akin Auditorium. Call ext. 4267 for more information.

### WFMA at MSU Texas: Frank Gohlke's Aftermath

"Resiliency, Humility, Fortitude: Frank Gohlke's Aftermath" opens Saturday, March 23, at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas. The exhibition is of photographs that Gohlke took after the devastating tornado that hit Wichita Falls and North Texas and southern Oklahoma on April 10, 1979. The exhibition will be on display through July 13, 2024. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-5 p.m. Saturdays. Call the museum at 940-397-8900 for more information.

### Celebration of Scholarship

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.

### Employee Recognition Celebration

The Employee Recognition Celebration will be from 3-5 p.m. Friday, April 5, in D.L. Ligon Coliseum. Join your colleagues as we recognize achievements of faculty and staff. Campus offices will be closed during this time. Contact the Human Resources office at ext. 4221 for more information.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Associate Professor of Mass Communication **Bradley Wilson** delivered the opening keynote address at the Region 2 meeting of the Texas Association of Journalism Educators at the University of North Texas Feb. 16. He discussed the evolution of editing from the slot and copy-editing teams to the use of artificial intelligence in editing with students and advisers from about a dozen schools in North Texas. Wilson is also the state director for the University Interscholastic League Copy Editing Contest.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs **Marcy Brown Marsden** attended the American Conference of Academic Deans annual meeting Feb. 21-23 as a presenter and an ACAD board member. At the meeting, she presented a workshop titled "The Interim Administrator: Creating Institutional Value as a Temporary Leader During Challenging Times" with co-presenters Richard Badenhansen, dean of the Honors College, Westminster University, and Clay Motley, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Florida Gulf Coast University. She also provided one of four academic leadership catch-up sessions to give background for and promote discussion of emerging issues in higher education.

**Brown Marsden** was recently interviewed by Chris Jochum, professor and chair of the Department of Teacher Education at Fort Hays State University, for a recent episode of his Department Chair Leadership Podcast. Her episode is titled "Connecting your Academic Passion to your Leadership Position" and is available on [Apple Podcasts](#).



The January Staff Senate You Make a Difference Award recipient was **Velia Lozano**. Her nomination said, "Velia is the highlight of my day! Each morning, she greets students and staff with a 'Good morning. Have a nice day.' She always has a smile on her face, takes care of any need that may arise, and is a happy, pleasant person! She never stops going. Velia is constantly working to make the CSC look and smell amazing. I love seeing her interact with students, encouraging them, and building positive relationships with them."

The next *Update* will be published March 11, 2024. Please submit your information to [public.information@msutexas.edu](mailto:public.information@msutexas.edu) by **5 p.m. Thursday, March 7**, to be included in the next issue.