

COMING UP

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18
Women's Basketball at Angelo State
5:30 p.m. San Angelo, Texas

Men's Basketball at Angelo State
7:30 p.m. San Angelo, Texas

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19
**Women's Track at Rumble in the
Jungle Invitational**
All day Pittsburg, Kansas

**WFMA at MSU Texas: Steamroller
Print Show reception**
5-7 p.m. WFMA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
**Women's Basketball
vs UT Permian Basin**
1 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

**Men's Basketball
vs UT Permian Basin**
3 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23
Therapy Dogs at Moffett Library
6-7:30 p.m. Moffett Library

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24
Therapy Dogs at Moffett Library
6-7:30 p.m. Moffett Library

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
Mustangs Studio Grand Opening
2 p.m. Moffett Library

**Women's Basketball
at Arkansas-Fort Smith**
5:30 p.m. Fort Smith, Arkansas

**Men's Basketball
at Arkansas-Fort Smith**
7:30 p.m. Fort Smith, Arkansas

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
**Women's Basketball
vs Oklahoma Christian**
1 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

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

**Men's Basketball
vs Oklahoma Christian**
3 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

The next *Update* will be published Jan. 29, 2024. Please submit your information to public.information@msutexas.edu by 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, to be included in the next issue.

AROUND CAMPUS

WFMA at MSU Texas: Steamroller Print Show reception

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas will host a reception for the Steamroller Print Show from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, at the museum. Call the museum at ext. 8900 for more information.

Three exhibitions to open in Fain Fine Arts

Three exhibitions will open Jan. 19 in the Pit and Foyer galleries and the Juanita Harvey Art Gallery in Fain Fine Arts. The Juanita Harvey Art Gallery will display ceramics by Sana Musasama in conjunction with the "Not Alone" exhibition in the Foyer Gallery, which supports Women Trafficking Awareness Month during January. Musasama, an African-American ceramic and mixed-media artist based in New York City, 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. Her artistic journey extends across diverse landscapes, including studies at institutions like the Archie Bray Foundation in Helena, Montana; the Gakium Designer College in Tokyo, Japan; the Tuscarora International School of Ceramics in Tuscarora, Nevada; and Mende Pottery in Mendeland, Sierra Leone.

From the Ceramics Studio 18, in the Pit Gallery, is the annual Community Education Ceramics Exhibition. A closing reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call ext. 4264 for more information.

WFMA at MSU Texas: On the Wall Workshops

The WFMA at MSU Texas will host a workshop on using charcoal to make gestural drawings from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at the WFMA. Participants will view the technique of drawing gesturally in different WFMA Collection pieces. This

workshop is free and space is limited. [RSVP online for gestural drawing workshop](#). This workshop will be led by WFMA Education Curator Sarah Griego. Contact [Griego](#) at ext. 8900 for more information.

Staff Employee Incentive & Dependent Educational Assistance Programs

Applications are now being accepted for Spring 2024 Staff Employee Incentive & Dependent Educational Assistance Programs. Both programs can be found on the [Human Resources forms page](#). Please return to Human Resources, Hardin 210, or email [Ivon Mendoza](#).

Deadline date to apply is by **5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19**.

If this is your first time to enroll in the Dependent Program, please make sure to attach appropriate documentation for verification of your dependent and the [FAFSA](#) has been completed for the current academic term (2023/24). Acceptable documents for a dependent child include a birth certificate, a tax return, and/or other legal documents as appropriate.

- [Dependent Educational Assistance Policy - OP 52.65](#)
- [Staff Employee Educational Incentive Policy - OP 52.88](#)

A separate application must be submitted to Human Resources by the deadline date for each semester enrolled. Late applications will not be considered.

Community Ceramics classes

Wichita Falls artist, MSU Resident Ceramic Artist, and alumna Pamela Möller, along with MSU Ceramic Resident Artist William McKinney, will teach beginning, intermediate, and advanced handbuilding (sculpture) night classes starting Jan. 22. If you are not sure, just come by and see what you think! Sign up soon to guarantee your spot.

Handbuilding

6-9 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 22 to May 6.
Juanita and Ralph Harvey School of Visual

Art, ceramics studio (C119)
Tuition: \$350 (Includes all materials and firings)
[Sign up online for Handbuilding classes.](#)

Mustangs Studio grand opening

Join Moffett Library for the Grand Opening of Mustangs Studio from 2-2:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25. Walk through the studio and enjoy light snacks and refreshments. Beginning at 2:45 p.m., Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Marcy Brown Marsden will give opening remarks. Club Moffett Talks will record a podcast with special guest, MSU Texas President Stacia Haynie.

Mustangs Studio is available for MSU Texas faculty, students, and staff to record and edit their own podcasts, audio stories, and other media on professional equipment. Training is required to use Mustangs Studio and will be offered at 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22; 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23; and 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24. [Sign up for studio training online.](#)

WFMA at MSU Texas: 'Wilderness Passing: The Hudson River Portfolio, 1820-1825'

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas will host "Wilderness Passing: The Hudson River Portfolio, 1820-1825." This exhibition highlights one of the most important early American etching books produced in the 19th century. The portfolio was published to help make people aware of the beauty of the American landscape and to stimulate a sense of national identity, like the early novels of James Fenimore Cooper, short stories of Washington Irving, and poetry of William Cullen Bryant, all of whom will be presented in dialogue with the artworks on display. The exhibition opens Jan. 27 and will be on display through Dec. 21, 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.

CAMPUS NEWS

Montoya receives Faculty Award

Claudia Montoya, professor of Spanish, was presented with the Faculty Award during the Fall 2023 Commencement Ceremony Dec. 16 at D.L. Ligon Coliseum.

Students describe Montoya as "fun, upbeat, and enjoyable," Faculty Senate Chair Karen Moriarty said when announcing Montoya as the recipient. Montoya has served on numerous university committees, councils, and workgroups since starting here in 2002. She currently serves as a member of the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Award recipient is selected by the 239 members of the MSU Texas faculty at large and kept secret until commencement. [Read more about Montoya](#) in the MSU Texas news.

Mom of 2, marketing major reached finish line online

On one hand, Bethany Russell didn't have to have a bachelor's degree. A mother of two, she has a fulfilling life and great job experience in two fields. But Bethany, 26, wanted this degree, and she wasn't going to wait any longer. The wait was over when Bethany, a marketing major, received her diploma from the Dillard College of Business Administration in December. [Read more about Bethany's journey](#) in the MSU Texas news.

MSU Texas employee earns second master's

For the past 21 years, DaNette Stalnaker has worked at MSU Texas, helping students through her job as Assistant Director of Testing Services, in admissions helping new students work through the process, and even as an adjunct professor. After receiving her master's degree in Clinical Mental Health from MSU Texas in December, she'll continue to help student Mustangs as a counselor in the Counseling Center. [Read more about DaNette](#) in the MSU Texas news.

Study Abroad helps nursing graduate see new aspects of health care

A high school program that allowed Graham High School students to obtain a Certified Nursing Assistant license set Abigail Hurst on her educational path. Her choice was solidified when she entered the Wilson School of Nursing at MSU Texas. Abigail graduated in December with a bachelor's degree in nursing. "My high school set me up for nursing," she said. "However, I wasn't 100% sold until I started the nursing program at MSU Texas. Once my skills, knowledge, and confidence grew, I fell in love with nursing." [Read Abigail's story](#) in the MSU Texas news.

Remembering Larry Williams and Study Abroad beginnings

Traveling abroad may have once been connected to having great wealth, but Larry Williams made it his mission to make Study Abroad at Midwestern State University something different. He wanted to provide unique study experiences to as many students as possible. Williams, who started the Study Abroad program for MSU Texas in 1986 and stayed involved for 30 years, passed away on Nov. 3 at the age of 77. Read more about [Williams and the program's beginnings](#) in the MSU Texas news.

Arbor Creek Scholarship helps MSU Texas grad student

Midwestern State University graduate student Isabella Black is no stranger to financial insecurity, but for the first time in her life, she has a space she can call her own thanks to a special scholarship. She is the recipient of this year's Arbor Creek

Scholarship, which provides a one-bedroom apartment at Arbor Creek Apartments to a graduate student rent-free for one year. [Read more about Isabella and the Arbor Creek Scholarship](#) in the MSU Texas news.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Faculty Intramural Grants request for proposals

The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research is pleased to announce a request for proposals for Spring 2024 Faculty Intramural Grants. Intramural Grants are designed to encourage, facilitate and support the research efforts of MSU faculty. These seed grants support faculty initiatives in all disciplines, including basic, applied, and pedagogical research as well as creative projects. These awards are intended to support the research trajectory of individual faculty members as well as catalyze future external grant proposals. Priority will be given to applicants with plans to use the results of their intramural grant to explore external funding opportunities. Please visit the [Intramural Grants web page](#) for additional information and to download the full request for proposals, guidelines, and application materials.

Application deadline: 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 2024.

Email sponsoredprograms@msutexas.edu with any questions.

WFMA: 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. Call the museum at 940-397-8900 for more information.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

An article written by Assistant Professor of Sociology **Wesley D. Cohoon** was published in the December issue of *Clinical Sociology Review*. The article is titled "Evangelical Christianity and Criminal Rehabilitation: A Clinical Sociological Approach to Stigma and Identity Management."

Artwork by Ceramics and Art Education Professor **Steve Hilton** is being exhibited in the Indian Ceramics Triennale in New Delhi, India, as part of the International Academy of Ceramics exhibition, an invitational show highlighting the diversity of contemporary clay. Hilton's artwork is also being shown at three other shows globally – at the Second Taiwan International Chawan Festival, in Zhunan, Taiwan, in a curated exhibition of chawan, or teabowls; in the Nanyang Ceramics Biennale at the Singapore National Library, as part of another International Academy of Ceramics curated exhibition; and at the Plains

Art Museum in Fargo, N.D., where his work is featured in "The Practice is the Point" invitational exhibition curated by Michael Strand, emphasizing the impact of artistic practice in the realm of ceramics. For this exhibition, Hilton traveled with four of his students for the installation of the artwork.

Professor of Art **Catherine Prose**'s co-curated portfolio exchange "Supporting Indigenous Sisters" was on exhibit at the Great Plains Art Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska, and was featured as a Winter Pick in the Collage Arts Association December newsletter. The exhibitions selected for the CAA Winter Picks address issues of visibilities and invisibilities, particularly concerning artists coming from communities that have historically been marginalized. Additionally, Prose along with MSU Texas students **Holly Ferguson, Iris Gison, Rylee Hammond, Kyla Harris, Katherine Kincaid, Jaylei Lamb, and Carla Parra** participated in the "Pattern in Nature" 2023 Print Exchange at the Makers Studio Central Coast in Chittaway Bay, Australia. The artwork will be on exhibition in January 2024 and will become part of the Makers Space International Archive.

Department Chair **Beth Veale**, Associate Professor **Lynette Watts**, and Assistant Professors **Rodney Fisher** and **Debra Wynne**, all of Radiologic Sciences, hosted the Texas Business Lyceum in a tour of the Shimadzu School of Radiologic Sciences on Nov. 10. Attendees learned about the entry-level program by interacting with students. Students assisting with the lyceum were **Katelyn Donnell, Allie Garcia, Kathy Luna, Lizz Olmos, Ashlyn Payne, and Jessica Walla**.



Danielle McAfee



Kelly Fuller

The October "You Make A Difference Award" recipient was **Danielle McAfee**, Assistant Director of Distance Education. She was nominated by an anonymous colleague who said this of her, "Dani is quick and thorough with troubleshooting anything having to do with our students and D2L, even when I don't know exactly what to ask."

The November "You Make A Difference Award" recipient was **Kelly Fuller**, Payroll Specialist. She was nominated by an anonymous colleague who said, "Kelly is always willing to help employees in all situations."