

COMING UP

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Therapy Dogs
6-7:30 p.m. Moffett Library

Rec Sports vs Sheppard AFB Softball
6 p.m. Mustangs Park

THURSDAY, MAY 2

TLRC: Burgers & Beer
4-5:30 p.m. Moffett Atrium

Choir Concert
7:30 p.m. Akin Auditorium

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Last day of classes

Formula SAE car unveiling
Noon McCoy 139

Faculty Recital: Christopher Vivio
7:30 p.m. Akin Auditorium

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Finals begin

MONDAY, MAY 6

**Women's Golf at NCAA II
West Super Regional**
All day Stockton, California

Retirement Celebration: Beth Veale
2-3:30 p.m. Centennial Hall
4th floor atrium

TUESDAY, MAY 7

**Women's Golf
at NCAA II West Super Regional**
All day Stockton, California

Voice Studio Recital
7:30 p.m. Akin Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

**Women's Golf at NCAA II
West Super Regional**
All day Stockton, California

THURSDAY, MAY 9

**Men's Golf at NCAA II West/South
Central Regional**
All day Las Cruces, New Mexico

**WFMA at MSU Texas:
Plein Air workshop**
5:30 7 p.m. WFMA

FRIDAY, MAY 10

**Men's Golf at NCAA II
West/South Central Regional**
All day Las Cruces, New Mexico

**Women's Track at LSC Outdoor Track
& Field Championships**
All day San Angelo, Texas

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AROUND CAMPUS

MSU Texas/SAFB Softball

The MSU Texas Rec Sports softball team will take on a team from Sheppard Air Force Base at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, at Mustangs Park. Come cheer for both teams in the joint operation. [Email Cody Ford](#) for more information.

TLRC: Burgers & Beer

The Teaching and Learning Resource Collaborative will celebrate the end of the 2023-24 and recognize colleagues who have shown leadership through their Core Values in Action, as well as years of service to MSU Texas. The celebration will take place at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 2, in the Moffett Library Atrium.

Contact Kristen Garrison at ext. 6305 for more information.

Department of Music: Choir Concert

The Department of Music will present a choir concert featuring the work of local composers at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2, in Akin Auditorium. Admission is free. Call ext. 4267 for more information.

Formula SAE car unveiling

The Formula Society of Automotive Engineers have been working hard to design and build their formula-style racing car. They will host an unveiling for the Model MR-2 car at noon, Friday, May 3, in McCoy Engineering Hall 136. Contact [Sarah Cobb](#) at ext. 4253 for more information.

Department of Music: Faculty Recital with Christopher Vivio

The Department of Music will present a faculty recital with Associate Professor of Music Christopher Vivio on tuba at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 3, in Akin Auditorium. Admission is free. Call ext. 4267 for more information.

MSU Texas Staff Senate Voting

Staff members are invited to submit their votes for the new 2024-2026 Staff Senate

representatives. The MSU Staff Senate serves as an advisory board to the President of the University regarding matters affecting staff employees.

Each EEO category has at least one senate representative. Senators serve two-year terms and are limited to a maximum of two consecutive terms of service. There are currently openings for EEO1, EEO3, EEO4, and EEO5. Voting is now open and will be available online through **5 p.m. Friday, May 3.**

- [Please to cast your vote online](#)
- Login will be the username you use to sign in to your computer/MSU Network.
- Password will be your network password.
- Voting will close at 5 p.m. Friday, May 3.

Voting is anonymous. Supervisors are urged to make computer access available to all staff employees in their respective area for the purpose of senate nominations and elections. Contact Elizabeth Ysasi at ext. 4335 for more information.

Retirement Celebration: Beth Vealé

A retirement celebration for Chair of Radiologic Sciences Beth Vealé will be from 2-3:30 p.m. Monday, May 6, in the fourth floor atrium of Centennial Hall.

OSPR Faculty Grants Academy

The Office of Sponsored Programs & Research will host the Summer 2024 Grants Academy from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, May 14-15, and 8:30 a.m.-noon Thursday, May 16, with scheduled afternoon consultations. Lunch will be provided Tuesday and Wednesday.

The MSU Grants Academy is an exciting opportunity for professional development presented by the OSPR with support from the National Institutes of Health. The Grants Academy equips faculty with crucial knowledge and skills for grant seeking. Expert external facilitators will teach participants how to successfully compete for funding for research or institutional support projects. Participants will receive one-on-one consultations with grant professionals and have the opportunity to network with other faculty.

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**Women's Tennis at NCAA II
South Central Regional**
TBA

Senior Documentary Screenings
Noon Fain Fine Arts
Center Theatre

Spirit of the Mustangs Graduate Walk
3:30-5 p.m. Spirit of the Mustangs
Plaza

**Commencement – Dr. Billie Doris
McAda Graduate School**
6 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

Reception for Senior Exhibition
6-8 p.m. Fain Fine Arts galleries

SATURDAY, MAY 11
**Men's Golf at NCAA II
West/South Central Regional**
All day Las Cruces, New Mexico

**Women's Track at LSC Outdoor
Track & Field Championships**
All day San Angelo, Texas

**Women's Tennis at NCAA II
South Central Regional**
TBA

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2 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

**WFMA at MSU Texas:
Plein Air workshop**
2-4 p.m. WFMA

MONDAY, MAY 13
**Men's Tennis at NCAA II
South Central Regional**
TBA

This event is capped at 12 participants. Please [register early for Grants Academy](#) to ensure you don't miss out! **Brief application form required by May 7.** For more information, email sponsoredprograms@msutexas.edu.

WFMA: Plein Air workshop

In celebration of Mother's Day, join the Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas for a plein air workshop from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, May 9 and 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 11. Attendees will learn how to DIY a plein air painting kit and practice painting outside at the Sikes Lake walking trail. This is a free event, all supplies will be provided. Space is limited. Contact the museum at ext. 8900 for more information.

Senior Documentary screenings

The Department of Mass Communication will present screenings of senior documentaries at noon Friday, May 10, in the Fain Fine Arts Center Theatre. Call 940-397-4670 for more information.

Senior Exhibition reception

A reception for graduating senior artists in the Senior Exhibition will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 10, in the Fain Fine Arts building. The exhibition will be on display through 5 p.m. Friday, May 17. Gallery hours are from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call ext. 4264 for more information.

Spring Commencement

MSU Texas will present the Mustangs Graduate Walk and hold three ceremonies as follows:

Friday, May 10
3:30-5 p.m. Spirit of the Mustangs Graduate Walk

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

Saturday, May 11
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 in Ligon Coliseum

2 p.m. Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony comprised 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 in Ligon Coliseum

For more information contact the Office of the Registrar at ext. 4321 or visit the [Commencement webpage](#).

Summer Staff Employee Education Incentive

Applications are now being accepted for the Summer 2024 Staff Employee Education Incentive & Dependent Educational Assistance Programs. Applications can be found on the [Human Resources forms page](#).

Deadlines for application:

Summer I – **Friday, May 31, 2024**

Summer II – **Friday, July 5, 2024**

If this is your first time to enroll in the Dependent Program, please make sure to attach appropriate documentation for verification and that the FASFA has been completed for the current academic term (23/24). Acceptable documents for a dependent child include a birth certificate, tax return, and/or other legal documents as appropriate.

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

A separate application must be submitted to Human Resources by the deadline date for each semester. Late applications will not be considered. Contact [Ivon Mendoza by email](#) or call ext. 4207 for more information.

EURECA Proposals accepted for Fall 2024

The Office of Undergraduate Research is now accepting EURECA Proposals for Fall 2024. The guidelines for submitting a proposal are attached and available on the Office of Undergraduate Research website under Application Process. All proposals will be submitted electronically to a fillable Microsoft form. **The proposal application**

deadline is June 1, 2024. For more information, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Research at 940-397-6274 or email eureca@msutexas.edu.

Credit Union Scholarship reminder

The Midwestern State University Credit Union is proud to once again award the annual Doris L. Murray, Marjorie A Gramlich, Mike & Patricia Hagler Scholarship for the Fall of 2024/Spring 2025 school year. This scholarship is open to full-time MSU Texas students. (Must be enrolled in at least 12 hours per semester). The scholarship will automatically renew during the spring semester if satisfactory progress (at least a 2.0 GPA) is maintained. Call 940-397-4622 or stop by MSU Credit Union for more information or an application form. To be eligible an applicant should have completed the application process by **noon, June 14, 2024**.

CAMPUS NEWS

Hardin, Clark Scholars named at Honors Recognition Banquet

The Hardin and Clark Scholars, the top academic honors at Midwestern State University, and other outstanding students were named during the annual Honors Recognition Banquet April 19 in D.L. Ligon Coliseum. See the [complete list of honorees](#) in the MSU Texas news.

MSU Cycling wins conference titles in home race

The Midwestern State University Cycling Team won the South Central Collegiate Cycling Conference Championship held in Wichita Falls April 13-14. The team is gearing up for Nationals May 3-5. See more [cycling results](#) in the MSU Texas news.

Gomez eyes career after D.C. internship

Caroline Gomez spent the summer of 2023 in Washington D.C. as a legislative intern for Texas District 3 Congressman Keith Self. It was the summer of a lifetime for the MSU Texas senior. Read more about [Caroline's internship](#) and her plans to return to D.C. in the MSU Texas news.

Model UN team wins honors in NYC

For the sixth straight year the Midwestern State University Model United Nations team earned recognition at the national collegiate Model UN Conference held in March at the UN headquarters in New York City. The event draws teams from across the globe. Read more about [the team's accomplishments](#) in the MSU Texas news.

MustangsRaise online crowdfunding

MustangsRaise, the MSU Texas online crowdfunding platform, launched Spring 2023. The platform empowers project owners to directly champion initiatives across campus and raise funds through online giving and peer advocacy. It allows MSU Texas

faculty, staff, and students to sit in the fundraising driver's seat to share their campaign via social media, email, text message, and word of mouth. [Visit the MustangsRaise website](#) to learn about this year's projects and participate in a campaign!

In its inaugural year, the platform saw generous donors provide more than \$40,000 in support to various projects. The 2023 lineup features groups representing our campus with several project objectives.

"We are excited to provide this platform for our MSU Texas faculty, staff and students to advocate their important projects and causes, and to share the good work they are already doing to enrich the MSU student experience," said Garrett Holland, director of Annual and Leadership Giving. "We are always inspired to see the real-time impact of crowdfunding, especially when it's Mustangs coming together to lift students up."

Online crowdfunding is growing in popularity around the world. It allows projects of all sizes to reach potential donors interested in their causes. The system allows donors to make secure online gifts, follow projects through updates and communications, and advocate for selected projects through social media or email.

MustangsRaise is hosted by University Advancement and is a crowdfunding platform that helps our faculty, staff and registered student organizations fund their passion projects. If you are interested in setting up a MustangsRaise campaign, [submit your application here](#).

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Lee Gagum, assistant professor of German, recently presented the paper titled "Faustine in a Fairy Tale" at the 77th Annual Kentucky Foreign Language Conference in Lexington, Kentucky.

Spanish instructor **Sarah Butler** also presented at the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference. Her paper was titled "Pop Song Pedagogy: Language, Culture and History in a Music Video."

Pam Morgan, director for Academic Outreach & Distance Education, has been named a coordinator for the State Authorization Network. SAN is the leader for guidance and support for navigating regulatory compliance for out-of-state activities of postsecondary institutions and the organizations that support that work.

Tau Sigma National Honor Society, an academic honor society designed specifically to recognize and promote the academic excellence and involvement of transfer students, will welcome 17 inductees at 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 26 in Dillard 121. To review the list of new members or learn more about the organization, visit [the first2go webpage](#).

Christina Gragg, medical office coordinator at the Counseling Center was the March Staff Senate "You Make a Difference"

winner. The nominator said, “Christina brings warmth and kindness to the counseling center. She is kind and understanding and often works with our students when they are at their lowest point. She is a crucial part of the mental health services on campus.”



FROM THE BOOKSTORE

The majority of clearance clothing and gift items is now 50% off the original price. Faculty/staff and departmental discounts will also apply after the deep discounts. Shop in-store and online, while the selection is good!

The next *Update* will be published May 13, 2024. Please submit your information to public.information@msutexas.edu by **5 p.m. Thursday, May 9**, to be included in the next issue.