We are excited to announce that we recently set up our MSU Texas BAAS Facebook page! It has been important to us to get this underway not only to provide information to prospective students, but to also keep current students in the loop as to what is going on around campus.

Our Facebook page will be a great way for us to keep students informed of important information and dates relevant to BAAS students.

You can visit the MSU Texas BAAS page here: www.facebook.com/mwsubaas. We hope you will visit our page and give us a like!

The BAAS Program offers two $250 scholarships to two current students each Fall semester. We would like to extend our congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients, Ms. Lisa Wegman and Ms. Sundia Kizzee.

Donations to the BAAS Program help to make these scholarships possible. We want to thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McFarland, Jr. Mr. McFarland is a 2005 MSU Texas BAAS alum. The generous donations by Mr and Mrs. McFarland have been instrumental in funding the BAAS scholarship. We are grateful to the McFarland family for their donations to the program over the years. Thank you for all that you do for our students!

If you would like to make a donation to the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) Program please use this Donation Form. The scholarships available in the fall help to support BAAS students who may need assistance with textbooks for a semester. Contributions to Midwestern State University are used exclusively for public purposes and are deductible under section 170 (c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code.

All donations are greatly appreciated!
My name is Sabrina Starns and I am an Instructor of Diagnostic Medical Sonography at San Jacinto College. I come from a family of imaging professionals. My mother and sister are both Radiologic Technologists.

After receiving my Associate’s degree in Diagnostic Sonography in 2008 I began working in the field immediately. Before long, I was hungry for more education. I continued to grow my knowledge in my field by way of obtaining more certifications and continuing education in my particular modality. I eventually settled in this career path for a few years and felt satisfied. I did not have the desire to obtain my Bachelor’s degree until I went through a major, personal life event.

While obtaining my degree I took many classes on education and family systems. These classes helped me grow and develop as a person and they really changed my view of the world around me. In addition, I found that getting good grades was a confidence boost for me during rough times. I couldn’t give credit to anyone else except myself for my success.

I chose a BAAS degree because this degree was an excellent building block from my AAS and a stepping stone for my future MBA. I am motivated by my personal growth. I went for my bachelor’s degree for myself, no one else is depending on me at this point.

The greatest challenge has been the time it took. There were many times that I had to do homework in the evenings rather than relaxing and not working. It was also a challenge to manage my money in order to afford college, MSU Texas is very reasonably priced, however I still had to budget my home, car and other bills wisely so as to not get too far behind. Lastly, Hurricane Harvey caused me to take one semester off, which was no one’s fault. Life happens.

My advice for fellow nontraditional students would be, although it may get rough at times juggling life and school, do not quit. The pay off is definitely worth the sacrifice mentally and financially. Never forget that progress, even if it seems slow, is still progress. Online classes are amazing for this very reason.

I would encourage students to print out the syllabus and calendar the first day the class opens and organize your life immediately for the semester. Decide in advance when you will study. Of course, this may need to be adjusted week to week, but at least you will know what is expected of you before that happens. In the case of an emergency or situation out of your control, get in touch with your professors sooner rather than later. They want you to succeed and understand that you are a nontraditional student. Most of the professors have been in your shoes and are willing to work with you if you make them aware of what is going on in a timely manner. Some instructors already have a hazard plan built into their schedule.

My last piece of advice is to try your hardest to enjoy everything you are learning. It will change your life for the better no doubt about it.

Sabrina graduated with a BAAS in August 2018. Sabrina’s future plans include obtaining a Master’s in Business Administration and to start her own business. We wish her the best in any and everything that she does!
We want to take a moment to recognize and extend a special note of congratulations to our BAAS May and August graduates! We are so proud of every one of you and all of the hard work you have put forth to accomplish this goal. Best wishes for a bright future!

May 2018 Graduates
Madison Beth Adcock
Owais Ali
Ashley Alaine Batts
Brooke Green Brasher
Joseph Alan Burrer
Phillip Keith Cagle
Dudley Darren Calloway
Connie E. Carter
Karen Pursel Castle
Travis Richard Cline
Katelynn Nicole Esterer
Christian Connor Floyd
Michelor Angela Garcia
James Leroy Garner
Sharon Castillo Gonzales
McKenzie Kay Henderson
Shannon Michelle Henley
Sarah G. Huizenga
Sidney Phillips Johnson
William Maurice Jordan
Chadwick Alan Krenik
Emilia Maria Kuczynska
Sandy Lynn Lamb
Robert Louis Macklin
Migdalia McKnight
Sirrommie Lovette McNeal
Tanna Sky Moeller
Bella Corina Olguin
Alexander William Phillips
George Dale Ralston, Jr.
Terin Lynn Ramsey
Roberto Rene Saldana, Sr.
Brandon Reshard Sampson
Savannah Jean Sandoval
Katherine Lee Scaling
Bambi Jo Shelnutt
Sheri Cain Speegle
Erica Nicole Spivey-Preuninger
Tiffany O. Uke
Addison ReAnne Wyatt
Charles Robert Young III

August 2018 Graduates
Heidi Lynn Allen
Clair H. Barnes
Madchen Danielle Bishop
Kaiameka Brown
Cody James Crawford
Tatum Alaine Crawford
Sheila Victoria Crissman
Rodrick De Wayne Feggins
Julia Cristina Frayser
Amanda Rae Ginther
Joshua Dwayne Gray
Amy Lynn Lee Hamlin
Kalynn Michelle Jackson
Donald Cameron Moore
Heidi Shirlene Mumm
Robin Chree Pean
Rozina Dia Marie Pittman
Brian Kent Powell
Michelle Marie Ryan
Jennifer Marie Scales
Sabrina Leanne Starns
Wesley Eric Talley
Yesenia Zavala

BAAS Honor Grad

We want to extend a very special congratulations to the 2018 BAAS Outstanding Student, Emilia M. Kuczynska. Emilia is originally from Poland and came to the United States in 2015 to complete her degree. We are so proud of you and all of your hard work! We wish Emilia and her fellow graduates the best of luck in all future endeavors!
The **Sports Administration** program is a relatively new addition to the MSU Graduate School. It is philosophically broad and provides a quality background for entry level positions in recreation and leisure administration. The curriculum is completely online, which allows students to obtain real-world work experience while working toward a degree.

The **Master of Arts in Criminal Justice** is designed to prepare graduate students in conducting research and actively participating in the development of knowledge in the areas of criminological theory, crime control, and correctional and police administration.

The **Human Resource Development** program at Midwestern State University is designed to respond to the increasing demand various businesses have for employees with a human resources specialty. The courses are application-based and allow for internship experiences, which afford graduates the benefit of a tailored human resources background they can carry with confidence into the working world.

The **MBA** program at Midwestern State University is designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and tools necessary to achieve their individual goals and objectives.

The **Training and Development** program at Midwestern State University is designed to prepare students for a career in training and development for business and industry. After completing this program, students will have the foundation to provide employees the skills they need to perform their current or future job and to solve organizational problems.

For more information on graduate programs available at MSU Texas, please visit the [Dr. Billie Doris McAda Graduate School website](#).

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**Writing Proficiency Requirement**

It is extremely important that all students keep the Writing Proficiency Requirement in mind. Failure to take the Writing Proficiency Exam in a timely manner can potentially delay your graduation plans.

The Writing Proficiency Requirement must be met by all degree-seeking students. Please do not put off the exam until your final semester. If the exam is not passed, you will be required to take and pass ENGL 2113 Intermediate Composition and Grammar. In this instance, a student will have to remain in school an additional semester in order to take the course.

The last minute addition to ENGL 2113 to your schedule can also create difficulty. There are a limited number of sections for the course and they fill up very quickly.

Students may opt to take the ENGL 2113 course in place of taking the exam. It is acceptable for students to do so, but please discuss the option with your advisor first and be prepared to register for the course as soon as registration opens.

The purpose of the Writing Proficiency Exam is to measure an individual’s flexibility and maturity in writing. Students are expected to display critical and creative thinking, be aware of the conventions of a thesis-based essay, and be proficient in the usage of standard written American English. It is important to follow directions and stay on topic.

Additionally, it is important to review the [frequently asked questions](#), preparatory materials, and information specific to [distance education](#) students at the [Writing Proficiency](#) webpage to be better informed.
BAAS Program

The Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) degree is designed to offer students with workforce education, vocational-technical training and/or professional experience in occupational fields the opportunity to obtain a baccalaureate degree. Such experienced professional/vocational students may obtain credit toward this degree via regionally accredited college-level coursework and/or certain types of professional and educational training. Students who pursue the degree are required to complete the academic core requirements, thirty-six hours of advanced credit that is complementary to the vocational-technical or professional area, and any additional hours necessary to meet the 120-hour university requirement as stated in the catalog.

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MSU Texas Alternative Teaching Certification

We are honored to share that MSU Texas now offers an alternative certification program. This program, msUteach, prepares adults with a bachelor’s degree to become a certified teacher in Texas. Many BAAS graduates have gone on to pursue an alternative certification program following graduation. If you are interested in becoming an educator, we encourage you to look into the msUteach program to see if it could be a good fit for you.

The msUteach program is online and self-paced. It seeks to provide relevant content in order to prepare prospective teachers to be effective leaders in the classroom. Payment options are available to msUteach students.

The admissions requirements for the program are:

- Bachelor’s degree with a cumulative 2.75 GPA
- 12 to 15 credit hours of content coursework with a 2.75 GPA
- A passing score on Pre-Admission Content Test (PACT) for the certification area that you are seeking

For more detailed information on this program and to request additional information, please visit the program website here: msUteach.