AROUND CAMPUS

Critical Conversations: A Guide to Activism

The Critical Conversations Series will present “A Guide to Activism” at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, in the Legacy Multipurpose Room. Advocacy and activism are important elements to civic and community engagement that ranges from passive to resistance strategies. This critical conversation will explore the various ways to step up engagement in the things that matter to us. The program is presented by the Office of Equity, Inclusion & Multicultural Affairs. For more information, call ext. 4947 or equityandinclusion@mwsu.edu.

Celebration of Scholarship

Join faculty and students as they showcase their research and creative activities at the annual Celebration of Scholarship.

Wednesday, April 25
Graduate Student & Faculty Presentations
1-5 p.m. CSC Atrium

Thursday, April 26
Undergraduate Student Presentations
9 a.m.-5 p.m. CSC Atrium

Wind Ensemble & Award Ceremony
7:30 p.m. Akin Auditorium

For more information, contact the Office of Undergraduate Research at ext. 6274.

Multicultural Community Reception

The end-of-the-year reception will highlight the accomplishments of MSU Texas’ diverse community and send off graduating seniors in style at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 26, in the Legacy Multipurpose Room. For more information, contact the Office of Equity, Inclusion & Multicultural Affairs at ext. 4947.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

QPR Suicide Prevention Training

MSU has adopted the QPR Suicide Prevention Training model to assist all faculty, staff, and students in knowing ways to talk to distressed students and to ask if they are feeling suicidal. QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer, which are the three steps of the QPR model. QPR teaches people how to identify a student, friend, co-worker, or family member who might be depressed or suicidal. The training also provides guidance in asking the person the important question of “Are you feeling suicidal and thinking of killing yourself?”

Join other faculty and staff in learning the three-step QPR model by attending a training session conducted by the professional counselors from the Counseling Center at noon Monday, April 30, in CSC Cheyenne. The training is free to faculty and staff, and lasts one hour. A box lunch from McAlister’s Deli will be served. Call the Counseling Center at ext. 4618 no later than Friday, April 20 to reserve a lunch.

Sex Signals: Sexual Assault Prevention Program

Sex Signals is an unorthodox, humorous, and inclusive approach to
examining our culture, sex, and prevention strategies. It is one of the most popular sexual assault prevention programs on college campuses in the United States. The program is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, in the Legacy Multipurpose Room.

**Percussion Ensemble**

The Department of Music will present the percussion ensemble at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 30, in Akin Auditorium. Admission is free. For more information, call ext. 4267.

**Didzun Student Honor Recital**

The Didzun Student Honor Recital will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, in Akin Auditorium. The recital features performances by singers, instrumentalists, and keyboardists – all students selected by their music teachers as the finest in their classes. Admission is free. For more information, call ext. 4267.

**Retirement Reception: Dr. Rebecca Dodge**

The campus community is invited to attend a retirement reception honoring Dr. Rebecca Dodge, Associate Professor and Graduate Coordinator in the Kimbell School of Geosciences, from 2-4 p.m. Friday, May 4, in CSC Kiowa.

**Red River Reading Series: Release Party for Voices**

The Red River Reading Series will host a release party for *Voices*, the arts and literary journal published by students and faculty at MSU, at 4 p.m. Friday, May 4, in the Legacy Multipurpose Room. Contributors will read works published in the journal. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Dr. John Schulze at john.schulze@mwsu.edu.

**Opening Reception: Juried Student Exhibition and Senior Exhibition**

The Juanita Harvey Art Gallery will present the Juried Student Exhibition and the Senior Exhibition opening reception from 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 4. For more information, call ext. 4264 or visit the fine arts webpage.

**Lemonade Day**

Lemonade Day is back on May 5! In conjunction with the Small Business Development Center, Lemonade Day is a fun, experiential program that teaches youth how to start, own, and operate their very own business – a lemonade stand. Each year, in participating cities, youth have the opportunity to experience entrepreneurship by setting up their business during their city’s communitywide Lemonade Day. Watch for lemonade stand scattered throughout Wichita Falls on May 5, and support these young entrepreneurs. For more information, visit the program’s website.

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**Credit Card Processor Conversion April 30-May 1**

The university will be contracting with a new credit card processor beginning May 1. While making the conversion, no credit or debit card transactions can be processed on April 30 and the morning of May 1. The new processor should be available for transactions by noon May 1.

Students will not be able to use a credit card or debit card to pay on student accounts during this time. MarketPlace will not be available for credit card or debit card transactions. Departments should notify their users that the credit card system will be down and credit card and debit card transactions will not be accepted during this time. If you experience difficulties after noon May 1, contact the Business Office at ext. 4101.

**Clothing Drive for First Step, Inc.**

As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Vinson Health Center has placed eight boxes around campus to collect clothing items for First Step, Inc. Donation boxes are located in:
- Clark Student Center Atrium
- Dillard College of Business Administration
- Bridwell Hall
- Prothro-Yeager Hall
- Bolin Hall
- Fain Fine Arts Center
- Killingsworth Hall
- Legacy Hall

**Commencement**

To the Faculty: Commencement will be Saturday, May 12, at the Kay Yeager Coliseum. Please meet at 9:30 a.m. at the MPEC in rooms 3 and 4 to line up with your college for the 10 a.m. commencement ceremony. Faculty who need a special seating pass for spouses to sit in the reserved section #5, please request one from Jolene in Hardin 114C before 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 9.

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

Eduardo Colmenares, Tina Johnson, Bingyang Wei, and Richard Simpson attended the Consortium for Computing Sciences:SC in Colleges on April 6 at TCU in
Fort Worth. Simpson presented a lightning talk over an algorithms research paper that can be used for student projects and Johnson presented a lightning talk over Tech for Teens. All faculty members attended sessions and served as moderators. Colmenares, Johnson, and Wei serve on the CCSC:SC Conference Steering Committee.

Ranette Halverson, Professor and Chair of Computer Science, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of North Texas, Denton, on April 20. Barrett Bryant, Chair of the UNT Department, made the presentation at the Department’s Awards and Scholarship Banquet. Halverson graduated from UNT in 1993 with a Ph.D. in Computer Science.

Yvonne Franke, Assistant Professor of German, recently presented a paper at the 49th Annual Northeast Modern Language Association Conference in Pittsburgh, PA. Her paper was titled “Outreach via STE(A)M: Forming Allies with the Sciences.”

FOR SALE

Moving sale: Two queen bedroom sets, washer and dryer, push mower, and some lawn tools. Call Kevin at ext. 4062 for pricing and more information.