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News and Information for A&M-Texarkana Faculty and Staff

Calendar of Events

- **Through Jan. 18** Spring 2016 priority registration
- Jan. 11-19 Emergency loans and book vouchers available for spring 2016 semester
- Jan. 18 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday (campus closed)
- Jan. 19 First class day for 16-week (full term) and first 8-week session
- Jan. 19-21 Welcome Back -Spring 2016 at A&M-Texarkana at Northeast Texas Community College
- Jan. 21 "Red River Navigation" presentation by John M. Stone, CCIM, CPM, CIPS sponsored by the College of Business, 2-3 p.m., University Center 210
- Jan. 26 College of Business Meet and Greet, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., University Center, Third Floor Atrium
- Jan. 29 Employee Awards Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Eagle Hall
- Jan. 29 Eagles Women's Tennis vs. Henderson State University, 9:30 a.m., Arkadelphia, Arkansas
- Jan. 29 Eagles Women's Tennis vs. Ouachita Baptist University, 2:30 p.m., Arkadelphia, Arkansas
- Jan. 29 Inaugural Baseball Game -Eagles vs. Evangel University, 3 p.m., George Dobson Field, Spring Lake Park, Texarkana, Texas
- Jan. 30 Eagles Tennis vs. Christian Brothers University, 9 a.m., North Ridge Country Club, Texarkana, Texas
- Jan. 30 Eagles Tennis vs. Jacksonville College, 4 p.m., Texas High School, Texarkana, Texas
- Jan. 30 Eagles Baseball vs. Evangel University, 1 p.m., George Dobson Field, Spring Lake Park, Texarkana, Texas

'Campus Carry' website now available

Additional information regarding

Senate Bill 11 / Texas Government Code §411.2031

(Campus Carry) is now
available here. The website
provides campus carry information, including links



• <u>Draft A&M-Texarkana Rule Tem-</u> <u>plate</u>, and

> • Office of the Attorney General of Texas Opinion #KP-005 (Re: Authority of an institution of higher education to establish certain rules regarding the carrying of handguns on campus).

January 13, 2016

- Senate Bill 11,
- <u>Campus Carry Town</u> Hall presentation/notes,
- Campus Carry Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs),

For questions or additional feedback, contact Charlotte Banks at (903) 334-6755 or send e-mail to <u>campus-carrry@tamut.edu</u>.

'We Can't Spell S_CCESS Without U' is theme of Jan. 29 employee luncheon

"We Can't Spell S_CCESS Without U" is the theme for the Annual Employee Awards Luncheon on Friday, Jan. 29, at 11:30 a.m. in Eagle Hall of the University Center.

The event is designed to honor and recognize retirees' and employees' service for the 2015 calendar year.

Human Resources is collecting faculty and staff photos to include in the PowerPoint presentation for the event.

"We want to celebrate and recognize all your milestones that occurred in 2015! Please share your pictures from your family's graduations, engagements, weddings, babies or any other big events you want to share," said

Ayla Baldwin with Human Resources.

Send all pictures to Ayla at Ayla.Baldwin@tamut.edu. The pictures will be shown at the Employee Recognition Luncheon.

New employees also should make sure Ayla has a photo for the presentation. To arrange a photo session, contact Casey Roberts at <u>Casey</u>. Roberts@tamut.edu.

To RSVP for the event, please contact Ayla at <u>Ayla.Baldwin@tamut.edu</u> by Tuesday, Jan. 19.



Reminder: Texas A&M University-Texarkana wants to celebrate and recognize all of the milestones that occurred in your life in 2015. Please send photos of graduations, engagements, weddings, babies or any other big events you want to share at the Annual Employee Awards Luncheon on Jan. 29 to Ayla Baldwin at Ayla.Baldwin@tamut.edu.

Calendar of Events

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- Feb. 5 Eagles Tennis vs. Shreiner University, 9 a.m., Shreiner University Tournament, Kerrville, Texas
- Feb. 5 Eagles Baseball vs. Our Lady of the Lake University, 12 p.m., San Antonio, Texas
- Feb. 6 Eagles Tennis vs. Shreiner University, 9 a.m., Shreiner University Tournament, Kerrville, Texas
- Feb. 6 Eagles Baseball vs. Our Lady of the Lake University, 12 p.m., San Antonio, Texas
- Feb. 12 Eagles Tennis vs. University of Texas-Tyler, 2:30 p.m., Tyler, Texas
- Feb. 12 Eagles Baseball vs. Friends University, 7 p.m., George Dobson Field, Spring Lake Park, Texarkana,
- Feb. 13 Eagles Tennis vs. Hendrix College, 12 p.m., North Ridge Country Club, Texarkana, Texas
- Feb. 13 Eagles Baseball vs. Friends University, 1 p.m., George Dobson Field, Spring Lake Park, Texarkana, Texas
- Feb. 14 Eagles Baseball vs. Friends University, 12 p.m., George Dobson Field, Spring Lake Park, Texarkana, Texas
- Feb. 16 "Local Success Stories" Symposium II, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Hall
- Feb. 19 Eagles Tennis vs. Collin County Community College, Time TBA, Plano, Texas
- Feb. 20 Eagles Tennis vs. New Mexico Military Institute, Time TBA, Plano, Texas
- Feb. 20 -- Eagle Open House for prospective students, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Eagle Hall
- Feb. 20 Eagles Baseball vs. Bethany College, 3 p.m., George Dobson Field, Spring Lake Park, Texarkana, Texas
- Feb. 21 Eagles Tennis vs. University of the Southwest, Time TBA, Plano, **Texas**
- Feb. 21 Eagles Baseball vs. Bethany College, 1 p.m., George Dobson Field, Spring Lake Park, Texarkana,
- March 28-31 SACSCOC on-site visit

Deer Oaks EAP provides services and resources for managers/supervisors

By Tina Tindal

As part of your Employee Assistance Program, Deer Oaks provides a comprehensive list of services and resources to support your managers and supervisors as they carry out their important leadership roles within our organization. These resources, which are part of Deer Oaks Supervisor Excellence Program, include leadership skills seminars, management consultations, and monthly supervisor tips newsletters. Also, Deer Oaks will

Webinar Series designed to provide your managers and supervisors with enhanced skills to help improve employee morale and productivity. These webinars will not count against your bank of seminar hours.

Please find attached the 2016 Supervisor Excellence Webinar Series schedule. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us at (903) 223-3113 or Tina.Tindal@tamut.edu.



to recognize and honor our retirees' and employees' service for the 2015 calendar year.

Please join us

Friday, January 29, 2016 at 11:30am Eagle Hall

Please RSVP to Ayla Baldwin at abaldwin@tamut.edu by Tuesday, January 19.





STAFF AND FACULTY: WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN COMPETING IN WALK ACROSS TEXAS?



All you need is a team of EIGHT. This can include family, but must have at least four Texas A&M-Texarkana employees.

The Walk Across Texas! program was designed to help establish the habit of regular physical activity. So dust off your walking shoes, fill up your bike tires or grab your bathing suit and prepare to join us on this eight week journey across Texas!

If you are interested in joining a team or you have a team of eight, please contact Ayla Baldwin in Human Resources.

We are trying to get interest, if enough interest kick off date will be February 22nd!

Please let Ayla Baldwin know you are interested by 1/29/2016!



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Employee of the Month applications due Jan. 15

The deadline for nominations for December 2015 Employee of the Month is Friday, Jan. 15, at 5 p.m.

Click <u>here</u> to download the Employee of the Month nomination form.

Please submit forms to <u>Jayson Ferguson</u>, Chair of the Staff Council, or any Staff Council member.

For more information, contact Jayson at Jayson.Ferguson@tamut.edu.



Happenings

- Jan. 15 UAMS Southwest Ribbon Cutting, 11 a.m.
- Jan. 20 U of A-Texarkana Ribbon Cutting, 11 a.m.
- Jan. 29 "Come Sail Away,"
 Texarkana Chamber of Commerce
 Annual Celebration, 6 p.m., Holiday
 Inn Texarkana Arkansas Convention
 Center & Holiday Springs
 Waterpark
- Jan. 30 16th Annual Bridal Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Convention Center, Texarkana, Texas
- Jan. 31 Six Leg Fun Run & 5K benefiting Animal Care & Adoption Center of Texarkana, 2 p.m., downtown Texarkana
- Feb. 4 CHRISTUS Family Medicine Center Ribbon Cutting, 11:30 a.m.
- Feb. 13 "Play It Cool," Texarkana Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Perot Theatre
- Feb. 16 "Run the Line Half Marathon," early start 7:30 a.m., general start 8 a.m., 201 W. Broad St., Texarkana
- Feb. 20 <u>"Kids Run the Line Too,"</u> 4 p.m., CHRISTUS St. Michael Health System

Do you have a community event or activity that you would like to promote to the A&M-Texarkana community? Send information and URL to Carol Langston at Carol.Langston@tamut.edu.

Daily Eagle Holiday Photo Contest

Whether you spent your holidays in the mountains, on the beach or right here in beautiful Texarkana, USA, the *Daily Eagle* wants to know about it.

Share your holiday memories and enter to win the 2016 *Daily Eagle* Holiday Photo Contest.

Email your photos to Carol Langston at <u>Carol.Langston@tamut.edu</u> by Friday, Jan. 22. (One photo per category, please!)

The best photos in the following categories will be showcased in the *Daily Eagle*:

- Nature: Animals, plants and landscapes; geological or climatological features; and scientific processes and endeavors.
- Travel: Locales, people or activities in the United States and abroad that convey a sense of place.
- People: Individuals from all walks of life enjoying holiday/winter fun.

- The Texarkana Experience: Events, objects or activities connecting Texarkana citizens to their history or their cultural heritage; photographs that tell us what it means to be a Texarkanian and provide a sense of what it is like to live in this community.
- Altered Images: Photographs manipulated for artistic purposes by applying digital and/or traditional special effects (i.e., colorizing, toning, collage, photo composites, HDR, etc.).
- **Mobile:** The *Daily Eagle* will choose the best photograph submitted in any of the other categories that was taken with a mobile device (phone or tablet). Please indicate the device used in the email message.

A grand-prize winner will be selected to receive an A&M-Texarkana swag bag.

Laissez les bons temps rouler

Spring Eagle Open House features Mardi Gras flair

Beads, masks and fleur-de-lis will be the order of the day at the Spring 2016 Eagle Open House set for Saturday, Feb.

20, beginning with check-in at 10 a.m. in the University Center lobby.

The Mardi Grasthemed event promises to be both informative and entertaining for prospective students and their family members.

Information about degree programs, housing, student life, admissions, financial aid and more will be available.

"We are targeting high school seniors and transfer students," said Director of Admissions Toney Favors, who promises another spectacular event as a follow-up to the fall western-themed event.

The Office of Admissions will host two

Eagle Open House one-hour update sessions for faculty and staff on Wednesday, Jan. 20, and Thursday, Jan. 21 at noon in University Center 217.

Faculty and staff are invited to attend the sessions to find out more about Eagle Open House and to volunteer for the event. Lunch will be provided.

For more information and to RSVP for an update session, contact Jennifer Felps at Jennifer.Felps@tamut.edu or (903) 334-6752.

