



Calendar of Events

- **Through Dec. 18** - Four States Regional Art Club Exhibit, John F. Moss Library, University Center
- **Through Jan. 18** - Spring 2016 priority registration
- **Dec. 11** - Commencement, 6:30 p.m., Perot Theatre (Graduating students and faculty/staff arrive by 5:30 p.m.)
- **Dec. 14** - Final grades due for all students - 5 p.m.
- **Dec. 17-18** - Service and maintenance of Blackboard systems
- **Dec. 24-Jan. 1** - Holidays (campus closed)
- **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



Dr. Emily Cutrer, President, offers a few commencement pointers to soon-to-be graduates during today's rehearsal at the historic Perot Theatre in downtown Texarkana, Texas.

Fall 2015 Commencement is tonight at Perot Theatre

Excited students filled the hallways, stairs and mezzanine of the historic Perot Theatre this morning during rehearsal for the fall 2015 Commencement Ceremony, which is set for today at 6:30 p.m.

It has been approximately 10 years since Texas A&M University-Texarkana had its ceremony at the Perot. Those who will not be able to attend may view it live at the following Web address: <http://portal.stretchinternet.com/tamutadmin/>.

Students and faculty are asked to arrive by 5:30 p.m. in order to prepare for the processional.

A total of 257 graduating students from August 2015 and December 2015 will receive master's and baccalaureate degrees. Approximately 188 students are expected to participate in the ceremony.

Dr. Jon Mogford, Vice Chancellor for

Research for The Texas A&M University System, will bring greetings from the A&M System.

Dr. Emily Cutrer, President of A&M-Texarkana, and Dr. Rosanne Stripling, Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, will present the candidates and confer the master's and baccalaureate degrees.

Dr. Angela Sikorski, President of the Faculty Senate, will carry the ceremonial mace and lead the faculty processional.

Dr. Bill McHenry, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research at A&M-Texarkana, will present academic hoods to recipients of master's degrees.

Music will be provided by R. Andrew Clark, Executive Director of the Texarkana Symphony Orchestra, and A&M-Texarkana student Hannah Woodard.

Announcement: *IT maintenance is Dec. 19*

Because of the upcoming holidays, Texas A&M University-Texarkana Information Technology will move regularly scheduled systems maintenance to the third Saturday of December from its regular fourth Saturday. Systems maintenance will occur on Saturday, Dec. 19. The scheduled time will remain 6-10 p.m. This change applies to the month of December 2015 ONLY. The regular maintenance schedule (fourth Saturday) will resume in January 2016.

ITED collects items for homeless shelter

The Instructional Technology department is collecting small soaps, shampoos, conditioners and lotions for the area homeless shelter.

If anyone has extras from recent trips, the homeless shelter uses all it receives.

Faculty and staff with items to donate can contact Dr. Kevin Williams at Kevin.Williams@tamut.edu for details.



College of Business programs make Best Value Schools list for 2015

Texas A&M University-Texarkana was recently named to the Best Value Schools ranking of best value small colleges for business administration degree programs.

The ranking was created using National Center for Education Statistics' College Navigator data to identify the most affordable competitive small colleges in the United States for a degree in business or management.

"We here in the College of Business at A&M-Texarkana are honored to be included on this list, and consequently, to also be considered as one of the best values in college education," said Dr. Gary Stading, Dean of the College of Business.

"We agree with this assessment because

our faculty members deliver a curriculum and an education that can be considered among the elite, and we are doing so at a cost to the student that is truly affordable. We plan to continue to serve the northeast Texas region with these standards in mind. We encourage all students to take advantage of this offer for a high level of quality education at a very reasonable cost."

Texas A&M University-Texarkana, which ranked sixth, is noted for its Bachelor of Business Administration with programs in accounting, management, marketing, management information systems and finance and its Master of Business Administration and Master of Business Administration in Energy Leadership.

Come to the Success Center to get a **FREE** t-shirt!
All you have to do is bring a gently used or new hat
and gloves for the homeless in Texarkana.





Director of International Studies – Closing Dec. 15

<http://jobpath.tamu.edu/postings/91044>

Part-time Interactive Class Facilitator – NTCC - Closing Dec. 17

<http://jobpath.tamu.edu/postings/91330>

Secretary II – STEM Nursing – Closing Dec. 18

<http://jobpath.tamu.edu/postings/91350>

Executive Director of Extended Education and Professional Development – Closing Jan. 4

<http://jobpath.tamu.edu/postings/91140>

Graphic Specialist – Open until filled

<http://jobpath.tamu.edu/postings/90320>

Part-time Library Clerk – Open until filled

<http://jobpath.tamu.edu/postings/90809>

For more information, contact Becky Cloude in the Human Resources department at Rebecca.Cloude@tamut.edu.



Happenings

- **Dec. 12** - Texarkana Museums System Santa Sprint and Reindeer Run, 9 a.m., Ace of Clubs House, Texarkana
- **Dec. 13** - Texarkana Symphony Orchestra “Christmas at the Perot,” 4 p.m., Perot Theatre
- **Dec. 14** - Healthcare Express Ribbon Cutting, 11:30 a.m., Wake Village, Texas
- **Dec. 17** - Texarkana Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at The Sanctuary, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- **Dec. 18** - Texarkana Chamber of Commerce Business to Business Breakfast, 7:45 a.m., Wyndham Garden
- **Jan. 15** - UAMS Southwest Ribbon Cutting, 11 a.m.

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.

Biology Chair candidate to visit Monday

Dr. David Allard, Professor of Biology, has announced the schedule of the campus visit, interview and presentation for the second candidate for Biology Department Chair.

Dr. Judy Ball, Associate Professor of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University will visit campus **Monday, Dec. 14**. Her presentation will be from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Science and Technology building. The exact location will be announced prior to her visit.

The presentation will take approximately 30 minutes and will include time for questions and a meet and greet with faculty and staff.

Following is the candidate’s bio:

<https://vetmed.tamu.edu/vtpb/directorydetail?userid=1967>.

Employee of the Month applications due Dec. 15

The deadline for nominations for November 2015 Employee of the Month is Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 5 p.m. Click [here](#) to download the Employee of the Month nomination form.

This is the last chance to nominate someone for Employee of the Month to be considered for 2015 Employee of the Year. Please submit forms to [Jayson Ferguson](#), Chair of the Staff Council, or any Staff Council member.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Faculty and Staff

Potluck Social and Gift Exchange

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Wednesday, December 16, 2015
Eagle Hall / University Center

Bring your favorite holiday dish, and let’s get together for some fun and fellowship before the semester break begins.

Prepare your favorite recipe to share with your colleagues in one of the following categories:

Meats and casseroles
Side dishes
Breads
Desserts

If you are interested in participating in the gift exchange, please bring a gift that is \$10 or under.

Please contact [Loren](#) in the Office of the President at Loren.Surratt@tamut.edu today to [RSVP](#) and sign up for one of the above categories.