



## 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



*The beautiful and historic Perot Theatre is the setting for the fall 2015 Commencement Ceremony of Texas A&M University-Texarkana.*

## Fall 2015 Commencement is Friday at Perot Theatre

Texas A&M University-Texarkana will celebrate its fall 2015 Commencement Ceremony Friday, Dec. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Perot Theatre in historic downtown Texarkana, Texas.

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

The spring 2016 Commencement Ceremony will be May 14.

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. 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 of Longview, Texas.

Those who will not be able to attend the ceremony may view it live at the following Web address: <http://portal.stretchinternet.com/tamutadmin/>.

For more information, contact Kristie Avery, Graduation Specialist in the Office of the Registrar at (903) 334-6751 or [Kristie.Avery@tamut.edu](mailto:Kristie.Avery@tamut.edu).

### 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](mailto:Kevin.Williams@tamut.edu) for details.



# MSN program achieves continuing accreditation

The Texas A&M University-Texarkana Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program has achieved the maximum 10 years of continuing accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

"We are pleased to again receive this affirmation of the excellent work of our faculty, staff and students," said Dr. Donald Peterson, Dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. "Our MSN program is dedicated to providing excellent educational opportunities in service to the healthcare industry throughout Texas and the four-state region."

Officially recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a national accreditation agency, CCNE is an autonomous accrediting agency, contributing to the improvement of the public's health. CCNE ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate and residency programs in nursing.

CCNE serves the public interest by assessing and identifying programs that engage in effective educational practices. As a voluntary, self-regulatory process, CCNE accreditation supports and encourages continuing self-assessment by nursing programs and supports continuing growth and improvement of collegiate professional education and nurse residency programs.

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.



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**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>

**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](mailto:Rebecca.Cloude@tamut).



## Happenings

- **Dec. 10** - National Circus and Acrobats of the People's Republic of China, 7:30 p.m., Perot Theatre
- **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.
- **Jan. 20** - U of A-Texarkana 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](mailto:Carol.Langston@tamut.edu).*

## Candidate for Biology Dept. Chair to visit

Dr. David Allard, Professor of Biology, has announced the schedule of campus visits, interviews and presentations 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>.

## Take the professional development survey for staff

TAMUT Staff: Texas A&M University-Texarkana wants to know more about your professional development needs!

If you are a **non-faculty employee**, please consider completing this 5- to 10-minute survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M8VP7RR>. Your responses will help shape new professional development resources, workshops and other opportunities that will be offered starting fall 2016.

# 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](mailto:Loren.Surratt@tamut.edu) in the Office of the President at [Loren.Surratt@tamut.edu](mailto:Loren.Surratt@tamut.edu) by Friday, December 11, to [RSVP](#) and sign up for one of the above categories.