



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. 16** - Holiday Potluck and Gift Exchange, 12 p.m., Eagle Hall
- **Dec. 17-18** - Service and maintenance of Blackboard systems
- **Dec. 18** - Holiday Office Decorating Contest Judging, time TBA
- **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
- **Jan. 29** - Employee Recognition Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Eagle Hall
- **Jan. 29** - Inaugural Baseball Game - Eagles vs. Evangel University, 3 p.m., George Dobson Field, Spring Lake Park, Texarkana, Texas
- **Feb. 20** - Eagle Open House for prospective students, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Eagle Hall (All attendees will receive tickets to the Eagles baseball double-header that afternoon.)

Please send Calendar of Events items to Carol Langston at Carol.Langston@tamut.edu.

Important information on energy conservation for the winter break

By Sara Power

Faculty and staff are asked to turn off all unnecessary equipment before leaving for the winter break. Every kilowatt conserved is energy and money saved; so these funds can be used for other university needs. Conserving energy can be as simple as turning off lights, coffee pots, computers and other electrical equipment.

While some equipment -- such as computer servers and research-related equipment -- must remain in operation, other equipment can be turned off. This includes desktop computers, monitors, printers, office copiers and non-essential electrical appliances. While these easily accomplished tasks may seem minor by themselves, they can add up to significant savings when applied across the campus.

When you prepare to leave for the winter break, please do the following:

1. Turn OFF all unnecessary equipment and computers. This includes lab equipment such as empty incubators, water baths, ovens, etc.
2. Office electronic equipment should also be turned off.
3. All lights in offices, conference rooms, labs and hallways need to be turned off (other than for the purpose of experimental needs and security lighting). If you are the last one to leave your area, be sure to "flip" the light switch off in both your lab/office and in the hallway, same as you would do when leaving home.

Over the winter break, temperature set points will be changed to "unoccupied mode." If you visit your office during the break, you may find space temperatures outside the normal operating range. Areas that require normal operating temperatures to be maintained will be kept between 70F to 74F. All space temperatures should be back to the normal range upon return from the winter break.

Thank you for your ongoing support of reducing campus energy waste and happy holidays!



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.





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.

Biology degree named to 360Career best value colleges list for 2015

360Career, an online education resource for college and career services, recently named Texas A&M University-Texarkana as one of the top 50 best value small colleges for a biology degree in 2015.

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 biology.

Texas A&M University-Texarkana, which ranked 45th, was recognized for its Bachelor of Science in biology.

“Biology is one of the most popular majors here at A&M-Texarkana, and we are honored to be included on this list,” said Dr. Donald Peterson, Dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics at A&M-Texarkana.

“Congratulations to Dr. David Allard and Dr. Nurul Alam in Biology, Dr. Md Abul Kalam and Dr. Yi Su in Chemistry, and Brandon Quaid, lab coordinator, and to all of the other faculty who have and continue to support this program, its students and its momentum for continual improvement.”

A&M-Texarkana was recognized for having a “comprehensive and flexible” biology program.

“After completing your foundational courses, you may take courses such as Global Change, Endangered Ecosystems, Evolutionary Biology, Biotechnology and Forensic Science,” Career360 noted. “Concentration areas are available in general biology, environmental science, as well as pre-health.”

For more information, visit the following website:

<http://www.360career.com/rankings/50-of-the-best-small-value-colleges-for-a-biology-degree-in-2015/>



Happenings

- **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.

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.

