



## 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. 29** - Employee Recognition 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
- **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

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# Dr. Lawrence named to Chancellor's Academy of Teacher Educators

Dr. Sara Lawrence, Assistant Professor of Educational Psychology of Texas A&M University-Texarkana, is one of 10 faculty members in The Texas A&M University System named as a 2015 recipient of the Chancellor's Academy of Teacher Educators.

The Academy recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of teacher education and highlights the role of the A&M System in producing K-12 teachers for the state of Texas.

Dr. Lawrence joins Dr. Jane Schielack, Texas A&M University; Dr. David Brown, Texas A&M University-Commerce; Dr. Anita Castaneda, Tarleton State University; Dr. Elsa Diego-Medrano, West Texas A&M University; Dr. Randall Williams, Texas A&M University-Kingsville; Dr. Frank Lucido, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; Dr. Sumalai Maroonroge, Texas A&M International University; Dr. Deborah Davis, Texas A&M University-Central Texas; and Dr. Amy Porter, Texas A&M University-San Antonio.

Past Academy members help select the latest inductees. University faculty, staff and students are able to nominate any full-time faculty member who has had a significant impact in the preparation of teachers.

Academy members each receive a \$1,000 stipend, a commemorative medallion and a certificate. The 10 new inductees will be officially recognized at the Chancellor's Century

Council annual meeting in Austin in March 2016.

"Because of the hard work our faculty put into preparing teachers for the classroom, the Texas A&M System is known throughout the

country for producing some of the best teachers," said Chancellor John Sharp of the Texas A&M System.

"Through the Academy, we recognize those who have worked tirelessly to ensure that students are equipped with the experience and knowledge necessary to become top-quality teachers themselves. I am proud to

honor and welcome the latest inductees."

Dr. Lawrence joined the A&M-Texarkana Department of Education in August 2006. At the undergraduate level, she teaches courses for teacher preparation, psychology and the arts. She teaches her Foundations of Education and Growth and Development EC-12 courses in partnership with local schools, called lab classes.

"I'm proud of our partnerships with local districts in preparing future teachers for our schools," Dr. Lawrence said. "Working with teachers and principals has been so fulfilling."

At the graduate level, Dr. Lawrence teaches Educational Research, Learner-Centered Teaching Strategies, and Human Growth and Development.



*Dr. Sara Lawrence*

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- **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, Texas
- **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. 21** – Eagles Tennis vs. University of the Southwest, 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 Baseball vs. Bethany College, 1 p.m., George Dobson Field, Spring Lake Park, Texarkana, Texas
- **Feb. 23** – Eagles Baseball vs. Oklahoma City University, 1 p.m., George Dobson Field, Spring Lake Park, Texarkana, Texas
- **Feb. 26** – Eagles Tennis Dual Match, TBA, Dallas, Texas
- **Feb. 26** – Eagles Baseball vs. Jarvis Christian College, 4 p.m., George Dobson Field, Spring Lake Park, Texarkana, Texas
- **March 28-31** – SACSCOC on-site visit

## Dr. Lawrence

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She received a Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Psychology and a Master of Science in Psychology from Texas A&M University-Commerce and a Master of Teaching in Special Education and Elementary Education and a Bachelor of Arts in Art History with a minor in Studio Arts from the University of Virginia.

Her research interests include creativity in psychology and education, game theory for education, inductive reasoning in young children, and innovative teaching strategies. She has received a number of grants and been published in an array of academic journals.

“We are thrilled to have Dr. Lawrence join the Academy’s distinguished ranks of outstanding teacher educators,” said Dr. Emily Cutrer, President of A&M-Texarkana. “Our faculty members continue to lead us in providing high-quality education for the citizens of east Texas and the four-state region.”

## Daily Eagle Holiday Photo Contest

Whether you spend 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 [Carol.Langston@tamut.edu](mailto:Carol.Langston@tamut.edu) 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

## It’s time to nominate Admin of the Year

It is nomination time for the Administrator of the Year. The deadline for submission is Friday, Jan. 15. Please use the previously emailed form to submit a nomination. The recipient will be announced at the Employee Awards Luncheon.

Administrator of the Year Criteria:

- Supervise a multiple number of people
- Impact the individual has on reaching the strategic goals of the university
- Overall evaluation process
- Demonstration of leadership
- Must be a proven team player
- Must be in current position for two years
- Not won the award within the last five years

The last five recipients are Glenda Ballard, 2010, Teri Stover, 2011, Carl Greig, 2012, Joni Millican, 2013 and Ramona Green, 2014.

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.



**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.

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



**Walk<sup>TM</sup>  
Across  
Texas!**

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Priority registration continues through Jan. 18!

## Send your pics for luncheon

The Employee Recognition Luncheon is set for Jan. 29 at 11:30 a.m. in Eagle Hall of the University Center.

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

Please send photos of graduations, engagements, weddings, babies and other events to Ayla Baldwin at [Ayla.Baldwin@tamut.edu](mailto:Ayla.Baldwin@tamut.edu). New employees also should make sure Ayla has their photo. To arrange a photo session, contact Casey Roberts at [Casey.Roberts@tamut.edu](mailto:Casey.Roberts@tamut.edu).

## Mileage reimbursement rate decreases to 54 cents on Jan. 1

The maximum state mileage reimbursement rate for state employee travel in a personal vehicle will decrease from 57.5 cents to 54 cents, effective Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2016. This rate is consistent with the Internal Revenue Service's standard



For information, contact Marcie Whisenhunt, Inventory Control/Travel Specialist, at [Marcie.Whisenhunt@tamut.edu](mailto:Marcie.Whisenhunt@tamut.edu) or (903) 223-3112.

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.





**Executive Director of Extended Education and Professional Development**

**- Closing Jan. 4**

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

**Director of International Studies - Closing Jan. 10**

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

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

# 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 Gras-themed 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](mailto:Jennifer.Felps@tamut.edu) or (903) 334-6752.

## 26 students are honor graduates

Twenty-six students were recognized as honor graduates by Texas A&M University-Texarkana at the fall 2015 commencement ceremony Dec. 11 at the historic Perot Theatre in downtown Texarkana, Texas.

Students who complete a minimum of 45 hours of their bachelor's degrees at A&M-Texarkana are considered for recognition. Summa cum laude graduates have 3.9-4.0 grade-point averages. Magna cum laude graduates have 3.75-3.89 GPAs, and cum laude graduates have an overall GPA of 3.5-3.74.

The lists are recorded alphabetically by state, county, hometown and name of student.

### Magna Cum Laude

#### Arkansas

Miller, Texarkana, Amy Lynn Stanley Polk, Mena, Lake David Philpot

#### Texas

Bowie, Maud, Daniel Ryan Mahan Bowie, Texarkana, Christopher R. Kinney Bowie, Texarkana, Ailin Pournouri

Bowie, Texarkana, Jessica Michelle Proulx Cass, Atlanta, Colton Lee Hayden Hicks Hopkins, Springs, Tammy Jolly Morris, Daingerfield, Esther Smith Pippins

### Cum Laude

#### Arkansas

Miller, Genoa, Shelby Lynae Elliott Miller, Texarkana, Tajia Rae Brower Miller, Texarkana, Neil T. Ward Sevier, Lockesburg, Casey Rhea Ayers Hardaway

#### Texas

Bowie, New Boston, Kali Anna Epperson Bowie, Texarkana, Regina Ann Estrada Bowie, Texarkana, Landon Nicolas Forbes Bowie, Wake Village, Sheila Lanette Holt Bowie, Texarkana, Mason B. Johnston Bowie, Texarkana, Zachary Mauldin Bowie, Texarkana, Garrison Cole Yeldell Cass, Atlanta, Katlyn Savage Davenport Cass, Atlanta, David Benjamin Griekspoor Cass, Atlanta, Shelby Irene Gryder Cass, Atlanta, Jordan McKaye Miller Marion, Jefferson, Emily Morgan Wallace Morris, Daingerfield, J.G. Wilson



## 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
- **Feb. 4** - CHRISTUS Family Medicine Center Ribbon Cutting, 11:30 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).