



Daily Eagle

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. 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
- **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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Annual Employee Awards Luncheon is set for Jan. 29

"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.



Please send photos of graduations, engagements, weddings, babies and other events to Ayla Baldwin at Ayla.Baldwin@tamut.edu.

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

To RSVP for the event, contact Ayla at Ayla.Baldwin@tamut.edu by Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Priority registration continues for spring 2016

Priority registration for new and returning students for the spring 2016 semester at Texas A&M University-Texarkana will continue through Jan. 18. Late registration is Jan. 19-21.

Undergraduate students can find information on admission and apply online here. Students who wish to pursue a graduate degree should visit the university website for details on Graduate Studies admission.

Current students can register for spring semester classes online at tamut.edu.

Students who plan to attend A&M-Texarkana in the spring semester also have time to apply for financial aid and should complete the 2015-16 Free

Application for Federal Student Aid here.

To schedule an appoint-

ment with a financial aid advisor, call (903) 334-6601 at least 24 hours in advance.

A financial aid advisor is also available without an appointment Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on a walk-in basis.

PRIORITY REGISTRATION

Calendar of Events

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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

New Sunday hours for library take effect Jan. 10

Effective Jan. 10, new Sunday hours at the John F. Moss Library at Texas A&M University-Texarkana will be 1-9 p.m.

The library is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Barbara Mackey at Barbara.Mackey@tamut.edu or (903) 223-3092.



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 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.



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Annual Employee Awards Luncheon

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.**

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**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!



**WalkTM
Across
Texas!**

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Librarian II/Reference Services – Closing Jan. 9

<http://jobpath.tamu.edu/postings/92018>

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.



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.

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 or (903) 334-6752.

Are you receiving Weekly Wellness?

To register to receive the Weekly Wellness email blast from Human Resources, email Ayla Baldwin at Ayla.Baldwin@tamut.edu. Weekly Wellness includes fantastic information on health, fitness, nutrition (including great recipes to try) and employee fitness contests.

This week’s health tip: Wear a pedometer. New research suggests that routinely wearing a pedometer encourages people to walk about an extra mile each day, lose weight, and lower their blood pressure. Aim for at least 30 minutes of brisk walking and a total of 10,000 steps per day.

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.



Revenue Service’s standard mileage rate.

For information, contact Marcie Whisenhunt, Inventory Control/Travel Specialist, at Marcie.Whisenhunt@tamut.edu

tamut.edu or (903) 223-3112.

This rate is consistent with the Internal