



# Nutrition Matters at TEXAS TECH

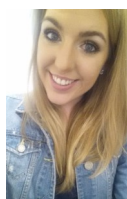
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## Meet NS Office Staff

In this issue we want to highlight our outstanding administrative staff and tell you a little about them! Jenna Seale, Ashley Wenzel and Jennifer Zulauf provide essential administrative support that allows our department to achieve its mission and continue to grow. Jenna is from Grapevine, TX and graduated from TTU with Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. She serves as the unit coordinator in the office of our Department. While every day is a busy day for her, she says that Mondays are usually the busiest, because of the requests coming during the weekends. This summer she will be working, attending her sister's wedding and taking some time for travel. Jenna says that her dream vacation is to see any places she has never visited. Ashley is the administrative business assistant of our Department and she is from Friendswood, TX South of Houston. She received



Ashley and Jenna



Jennifer

her Bachelor's Degree from TTU in Multidisciplinary Studies in December 2014. She is also a former TTU Masked Rider! She plans to continue to work and get ready for the fall semester. She likes to spend her vacations on anything that has to do with a beach or horses. Jennifer, who is a Nutritional Sciences undergraduate is the student assistant of our Department and she is from Salado, TX. She will spend her summer with her family and volunteer at a local hospital to get involved further in the field of nutrition and dietetics.

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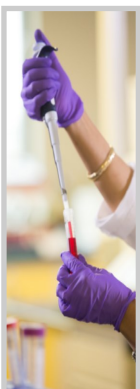
An impressive amount of high quality exposure for TTU. [READ MORE.](#)

### GNO Events

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### Other Announcements and Notices

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### Faculty Awards

Our faculty members received prestigious awards from TTU. [READ MORE.](#)

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# Department Announcements

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## Dietetic Internships Matched 97 Percent This Year

The national match day for dietetic internships was on April 12, 2015. Ninety-seven percent of our undergraduate Nutritional Sciences & Dietetic students were accepted to a dietetic internship whereas nationally only 50% of students were matched this year. This is a great accomplishment for our Department! This was also reported in Texas Tech Today. <http://goo.gl/zuY42t>

## Ceremony to Congratulate Spring and Summer Graduates of the Department

The first Graduation Celebration of the Nutritional Sciences Department was held on May 15, 2015. It was a great opportunity to honor our May and August M.S. and Ph.D. Graduates.

- Ph.D. Candidates: Tiffany McAllister, Priyanka Bapat, Monique LeMieux, Michael Rogowski, Jada Stevenson
- M.S. Candidates: Justine Sustaita, Katie Dodd, Stephanie Garcia, Celine Miyazono, Alisha Kluzek, Tammilee Kerr, Kelli Kaufman



## Master's Theses and Doctoral Dissertations

### Monique LeMieux

- Degree: Ph.D.
- Defense Date: May 27, 2015
- Dissertation Title: Targeting Obesity-Related Inflammation through Nutritional and Genetic Approaches
- Dissertation Committee: Dr. Naima Moustaid-Moussa (Committee Chair), Dr. Shu Wang, Dr. Shaikh Rahman, Dr. Nathan Collie and Dr. Rao Kottapalli.

## Lab Updates

### Dr. Moustaid-Moussa and Dr. Ramalingam's Lab

Yao Liu is a summer medical school intern and is a first year medical student from Texas Tech Health Science Center. He will pursue a small project as part of the summer research program of the Health Sciences Center for medical students.

Kenneth Pham will pursue research for seven weeks as a part of the Clark Scholars Program from Irvine, CA. The Clark Scholars Program provides opportunities for high-achieving, high school seniors or juniors from around the nation to have an opportunity to work with faculty and graduate students in a research setting. Learn more about the [Clark Scholars Program](#).

### Behavioral Medicine & Translational Research Lab (Dr. Binks)

Blake Johns joined the BMTR Lab as an undergraduate research assistant. He is a senior undergraduate student who is majoring in Psychology and minoring in Nutrition. He is interested in the effects of various nutrients and dietary interventions on neurochemistry and behavior, and how behavior affects eating patterns.

## Students Achievements

### Monique LeMieux, Ph.D. student

Received the Horn Professors Graduate Achievement Award which has been established by the Paul Whitfield Horn Professors at Texas Tech University to recognize and reward outstanding research by graduate students.



### Teresia Mbogori, Ph.D. student

Received the Faculty for the Future award from the Schlumberger Foundation. This fellowship is provided to women scientists and engineers from the developing world to pursue postgraduate studies at leading universities worldwide.

### Michael Rogowski, Ph.D. student

Won the first place in Science V category at the 2015 TTU Graduate Poster Competition. Poster title: 3-iodothyronamine (T1AM) Upregulates Fat Oxidation Metabolism in Adipocytes.

**Jada Stevenson, Ph.D. student**

Won the second place in Science V category at the 2015 TTU Graduate Poster Competition.

Poster title: Acute metabolic responses to high-fat meals before and after a 7-day poly-unsaturated-rich diet.

**Kembra Albracht-Schulte , Ph.D. student**

Won the third place in Science V category at the 2015 TTU Graduate Poster Competition. Poster title: Eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) supplementation regulates hepatic lipid metabolism in diet induced obese mice.

**Kelli Kaufman, M.S. student**

Was placed second in Multidisciplinary Science category at the 2015 TTU Graduate Poster Competition. Poster title: Obesity prevalence and psychosocial variables in a sickle cell disease (SCD) clinic sample.

**Jia Zhang, Ph.D. student**

Received the Paul Whitfield Horn Fellowship for the 2015-2016 school year. The University Women's Club provides this fellowship for graduate students who demonstrate professional achievement, academic ability, character and financial need.

**Mandana Pahlavani, Ph.D. student**

Received the Frances and Tommy Lyle Scholarship from the College of Human Sciences at Texas Tech University for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Ashley Knuf, M.S. student**

Received the Clara McPherson Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Elizabeth Castelli, M.S. student**

Received the Clara McPherson Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Sophia Jimenez, undergrad student**

Received the Clara McPherson Undergraduate Scholarship and the Horton A. and Mildred Proctor Hobbs Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Vanessa Garcia, M.S. student**

Received the Dr. Elizabeth Fox Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Katherine Olansen, M.S. student**

Received the Elizabeth F. Smith Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Justina Casiano, M.S. student**

Received the Elizabeth F. Smith Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Julie Jun, undergrad student**

Received the Food and Nutrition Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Julia Harkness, undergrad student**

Received the Food and Nutrition Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Dylan Bailey, M.S. student**

Received the Helen C. Brittin Scholarship for Food and Nutrition from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Brian Decanio, M.S. student**

Received the Helen C. Brittin Scholarship for Food and Nutrition from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Shao-Hua Chin, M.S. student**

Received the Helen C. Brittin Scholarship for Food and Nutrition from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Suhadinie Gamage, M.S. student**

Received the Horton A. and Mildred Proctor Hobbs Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Hailey Buster, undergrad student**

Received the Horton A. and Mildred Proctor Hobbs Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Hailey Harris, undergrad student**

Received the Horton A. and Mildred Proctor Hobbs Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Soni Khandelwal, Ph.D. student**

Received the Jack and Mildred Buchanan Nutritional Sciences Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Seth Klobodu, Ph.D. student**

Received the Jack and Mildred Buchanan Nutritional Sciences Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Md. Ruhul Amin, Ph.D. student**

Received the Jack and Mildred Buchanan Nutritional Sciences Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Ashlee Taylor, Ph.D. student**

Received the Jane Williams Gamble and Joe Gamble Fellowship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Kembra Albracht-Schulte, Ph.D. student**

Received the Jane Williams Gamble and Joe Gamble Fellowship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Jessie Fox, undergrad student**

Received the Jean Poteet Jones Memorial Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Milen Halie, undergrad student**

Received the Jean Poteet Jones Memorial Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Kaitlin George, undergrad student**

Received the Katherine Reese Shepherd Scholarship and the Lanell Camp (Chambers) and Edythe Carlton (Chambers) Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Devin Sirianni, undergrad student**

Received the Lanell Camp (Chambers) and Edythe Carlton (Chambers) Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.



**Virginia Rogan, undergrad student**

Received the Lanell Camp (Chambers) and Edythe Carlton (Chambers) Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Regan Anthony, undergrad student**

Received the Laurel Earlene Weddle Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Nadeeja Wijayatunga, Ph.D. student**

Received the Margaret Chan Carter Scholarship for 2015-2016. The award is designed for undergraduates and graduate students in Nutritional Sciences Department who were born outside the USA, regardless of the citizenship, nationality of origin, race or ethnicity.

**Md. Khurshidul Zahid, Ph.D. student**

Received the Margaret Chan Carter Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Chanaka Kahathuduwa, Ph.D. student**

Received the Margarete Harden Food and Nutrition Scholarship for the 2015-2016 school year. This award is designed for undergraduate and graduate students in Nutritional Sciences Department who have demonstrated leadership skills and potential for success as a human sciences professional.

**Arwa Al-Jawadi, Ph.D. student**

Received the Margarete Harden Food and Nutrition Scholarship and the S. P. Yang Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Carina Greenfield, M.S. student**

Received the Marguerite B. Snyder Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Rachel Floyd, M.S. student**

Received the Marguerite B. Snyder Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Amy Williamson, M.S. student**

Received the Mozelle Craddock Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Sanjoy Saha, M.S. student**

Received the Reuby Tom Maeker Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Mia Mendez, M.S. student**

Received the Reuby Tom Maeker Scholarship from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Christian Martinez, undergrad student**

Received the W. B. "Dub" Rushing Family Scholarship in Food and Nutrition from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Julia Harkness, undergrad student**

Received the W. B. "Dub" Rushing Family Scholarship in Food and Nutrition from the Texas Tech University Nutritional Sciences Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Kelli Kaufman, M.S. student**

Received an award at the 2015 Obesity Cluster Meeting Poster Competition. Poster title: A Cross sectional descriptive study with further analysis of body mass index, psychosocial correlates and pain as predictors of activities of daily living in African American adult sickle cell disease clinic patients. Kelli also received the thesis approval scholarship for Nutritional Sciences Department 2014-2015.

**Ashlee Taylor, Ph.D. student**

Received an award at the 2015 Obesity Cluster Meeting Poster Competition. Poster title: Qualitative research identifies intervention needs of military parents to prevent childhood obesity.

**Nadeeja Wijayatunga, Ph.D. student**

Received an award at the 2015 Obesity Cluster Meeting Poster Competition. Poster title: Inflammatory and metabolic changes following bariatric surgery.



### **Mandana Pahlavani, Ph.D. student**

Participated in the [TLPDC Groundwork Program](#) on May 20-22th, 2015. This program provides training to selected graduate students to learn teaching skills in college classroom.

### **Fitia Razafimanjato, undergrad student**

Was awarded the outstanding senior undergraduate student in Spring 2014. She conducted undergrad research in Dr. Moustaid-Moussa's lab and is considering to apply for dental schools in South Africa or return to graduate school at TTU.

## ***Faculty Awards***

### **Dr. Debra Reed**



Received membership to the prestigious Texas Tech University Teaching Academy. The Teaching Academy at Texas Tech University advocates for teaching excellence, promotes service related to the university's teaching mission and shares knowledge about teaching strategies. Learn more about [TTU Teaching Academy](#) and see [the current membership list](#). Her profile as an Integrated Scholar here at TTU is now available at <http://goo.gl/gf0NIF>.

## ***Funding***

**Title: : Neurophysiological correlates of L-theanine, caffeine and their combination on improving selective attention in a visual reaction time task: A functional magnetic resonance imaging study.**

Funding Source: COHS Neuroimaging Seed Grant

Amount: \$7,500

Principal Investigators: **Martin Binks**

Co-Investigators: Tyler Davis, **Chanaka Kahathuduwa**

# ***Publications, Invited Lectures and Boards***

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## **Professors' Oral Paper Presentations**

- **Binks M.** Engendering positive partnerships with industry to address obesity: A framework for collaboration. *Obesity Facts*. 2015;8(suppl 1):116.

## **Students' Posters**

- **Aljawadi A**, Ouertani M, Siriwardhana N, Scoggin S, Gollahon L, Dharmawardhane S, **Moustaid-Moussa N.** Adipocyte-breast cancer cell interactions: Preventive effects of omega-3 fatty acids. 14<sup>th</sup> Annual TTU Graduate Research Poster Competition; 2015 Apr; Lubbock, TX.
- **Dhanasekara CS, Zhang J**, Nie S, **Wang S.** Detection of intimal macrophages in atherosclerotic lesions using macrophage targeting nano-particles. 14<sup>th</sup> Annual TTU Graduate Research Poster Competition; 2015 Apr; Lubbock, TX.
- **Boyd L, Kahathuduwa C, Kaufman K**, Wood M, Barker C, Reif R, Whitfield KE, Edwards CL, **Binks M.** BMI and pain predict activities of daily living (ADLs) in an obese sickle cell disease (SCD) clinic population. 14<sup>th</sup> Annual TTU Graduate Research Poster Competition; 2015 Apr; Lubbock, TX.
- **Mbogori T**, Amin MR, **Murimi M.** Nutrition education intervention: Using train the trainer approach to reach populations with low literacy in Turkana Kenya. 14<sup>th</sup> Annual TTU Graduate Research Poster Competition; 2015 Apr; Lubbock, TX.
- **Pahlavani M, Razafimanjato F**, Kalupahana NS, **Scoggin S, Ramalingam L, Moustaid-Moussa N.** Eicosapentaenoic acid increases brown adipose tissue thermogenic markers in high fat fed mice. 14<sup>th</sup> Annual TTU Graduate Research Poster Competition; 2015 Apr; Lubbock, TX.
- **Zhang J**, Nie S, Hossena MN, Sun M, Martinez-Zaguilan R, Sennoune S, **Wang S.** Anti-atherogenic effects of lesion-targeted epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG) - loaded nanoparticles. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TTU Obesity Research Cluster Meeting; 2015 May; Lubbock, TX.
- **Zu Y, Zhang J**, Nie S, **Wang S.** The effects of EGCG and EGCG nanoparticles on body weight and body composition in LDL receptor null mice. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TTU Obesity Research Cluster Meeting; 2015 May; Lubbock, TX.

- **Tami SH, Reed DB.** Parenting style and home environments and their relationships to obesity in Arab children living in urban Texas. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TTU Obesity Research Cluster Meeting; 2015 May; Lubbock, TX.
- **Albracht-Schulte K, Ramalingam L,** Kalupahana NS, Brocard C, **Moustaid- Moussa N.** Eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) supplementation regulates hepatic lipid metabolism and inflammation in diet induced obese mice. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TTU Obesity Research Cluster Meeting; 2015 May; Lubbock, TX.
- **Aljawadi A,** Ouertani M, Siriwardhana N, **Scoggin S,** Gollahon L, Dharmawardhane S, **Moustaid-Moussa N.** Adipocyte-breast cancer cell interactions: Preventive effects of omega-3 fatty acids. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TTU Obesity Research Cluster Meeting; 2015 May; Lubbock, TX.
- **Bailey D, Dhurandhar NV, Cooper J, Dawson J, Childress A.** Are eggs a novel dietary aid for the treatment and management of obesity? 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TTU Obesity Research Cluster Meeting; 2015 May; Lubbock, TX.
- **Boyd L, Kahathuduwa C, Kaufman K,** Wood M, Barker C, Reif R, Whitfield KE, Edwards CL, **Binks M.** BMI and pain predict activities of daily living (ADLs) in an obese sickle cell disease (SCD) clinic population. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TTU Obesity Research Cluster Meeting; 2015 May; Lubbock, TX.
- **Garrison RL, Scoggin S,** Siriwardhana N, Labbé N, Ownley B, Gwinn K, D'Souza D, **Moustaid-Moussa N.** Anti-inflammatory effects of extracts from a bioenergy crop, switchgrass, in cultured adipocytes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TTU Obesity Research Cluster Meeting; 2015 May; Lubbock, TX.
- **LeMieux MJ,** Polizzi C, Mynatt R, Kalupahana NS, Quignard-Boulange A, **Ramalingam L, Moustaid-Moussa N.** Inactivation of adipose angiotensinogen reduces inflammatory adipokines and adipose tissue macrophages. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TTU Obesity Research Cluster Meeting; 2015 May; Lubbock, TX.
- Liyanage S, Bouyanfif A, **Ramalingam L, Scoggin S, Moustaid-Moussa N,** Abidi N. FTIR microspectroscopy imaging technique and its application for material. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TTU Obesity Research Cluster Meeting; 2015 May; Lubbock, TX.
- **Pahlavani M, Razafimanjato F,** Kalupahana NS, **Scoggin S, Ramalingam L, Moustaid-Moussa N.** Eicosapentaenoic acid increases brown adipose tissue thermogenic markers in high fat fed mice. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TTU Obesity Research Cluster Meeting; 2015 May; Lubbock, TX.
- **Zahid MK, Doyel A,** Janssen RC, **Wang S,** Friedman JE, **Rahman SM.** C/EBP-beta regulates lipid homeostasis and autophagy activation in liver and macrophages. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TTU Obesity Research Cluster Meeting; 2015 May; Lubbock, TX.

## Professors' Posters

- **Binks M**, Keys A, Feliu M, O'Garro K, Hill L, **Kaufman K**, Edwards CL. Overweight and obesity in sickle cell disease: Primary disease management, psychosocial considerations and health promotion. Obesity Facts. 2015;8(suppl 1):231.
- Hill LK, O'Garro KN, **Binks M**, Wood M, Feliu M, Barker CS, Keys A, **Kaufman K**, **Kahathuduwa C**, Dorfman C, Putilin D, Applegate K, Robinson E, Edwards CL. Risk of overweight and obesity in adult patients with sickle cell disease: Are all types created equal? Obesity Facts. 2015;8(suppl 1):230.
- **Binks M**, **Kaufman K**, Wood MC, Barker C, Reif R, **Boyd L**, Edwards CL. Sickle cell disease & obesity: Implications for pain and lifestyle management. Ann Behav Med. (2015) 49 (Suppl 1):S241.

## Journal Articles

- **Oldewage-Theron W** and Napier C. Dietary intake and nutritional status of adolescent girls and young women in Durban, South Africa. Journal of family ecology and consumer sciences. 2015; 43:1-15. <http://goo.gl/Anc57a>
- Voruganti S, Qin JJ, Sarkar S, Nag S, Walbi IA, **Wang S**, Zhao Y, Wang W, Zhang R. Oral nano-delivery of anticancer ginsenoside 25-OCH<sub>3</sub>-PPD, a natural inhibitor of the MDM2 oncogene: Nanoparticle preparation, characterization, in vitro and in vivo anti-prostate cancer activity, and mechanisms of action. Oncotarget. 2015 May 24. <http://goo.gl/iLMbX0>

## Invited Lectures by Students

**Dr. Jada Stevenson**, R.D., L.D., Ph.D. student

The 35th annual US Foods: Food and Nutrition Seminar. 'Dietary Fatty Acid Influence on Metabolism and Energy Balance.' Lubbock TX. May 20, 2015.

## Invited Lectures by Professors

### **Allison Childress, M.S., R.D., L.D.**

Texas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Food and Nutrition Conference and Exhibition. 'Welcome to Your New Addiction: An Overview of Food Addiction.' Houston TX. April 10, 2015.

### **Shelley Fillipp, M.S., R.D., L.D.**

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual US Foods: Food and Nutrition Seminar. 'Aspiration and Barriers for Obesity.' Lubbock TX. May 19, 2015.

### **Lydia Kloiber, M.S., R.D., L.D.**

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual US Foods: Food and Nutrition Seminar. 'Gluten Free Diet: Beyond Celiac Disease.' Lubbock TX. May 19, 2015.

### **Allison Childress, M.S., R.D., L.D.**

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual US Foods: Food and Nutrition Seminar. 'Welcome to Your New Addiction: Understanding Food Addiction.' Lubbock TX. May 19, 2015.

### **Dr. Martin Binks**

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual US Foods: Food and Nutrition Seminar. 'Behavioral & Psychological Considerations in Obesity.' Lubbock TX. May 20, 2015.

## Miscellaneous Board and Other Appointments

### **Dr. Vijay Hegde**

Selected as Secretary/Treasurer for TOS Obesity & Cancer Section in 2015-2016 and then rotate to Chair-Elect the following year, Chair in 2017-2018, and Past Chair in 2018-2019.

# ***In the Media***

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## **Students in the Media**

**Monique LeMieux**, Ph.D. student

Highlighted in the monthly Texas magazine. 2015; 43(6):201.

**Fitia Razafimanjato**, undergrad student

Highlighted in Malagasy journal and Malagasy website <http://goo.gl/bB9gk4> in Madagascar.

## **Professors in Local Media**

**Lydia Kloiber**, M.S., R.D., L.D.

Texas Tech Today on April 28, 2015 entitled "'Hard Work Pays Off' – Dietetics Students Meet Their Matches". <http://goo.gl/ATSngl>

**Dr. Shu Wang**

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on April 30, 2015 entitle 'Nutritional Sciences Researcher Wins Grant to Study Obesity'. <http://goo.gl/2QyTQF>

**Dr. Shu Wang**

Texas Tech Today on April 30, 2015 entitled 'Nutritional Sciences Researcher Wins \$400K NIH Grant to Study Obesity'. <http://goo.gl/sSlkhh>

**Dr. Shu Wang**

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on June 2, 2015 entitle 'Local Researcher Targets Obesity Cells'. <http://goo.gl/dWWJcz>



## Professors in National Media

### Dr. Nikhil Dhurandhar

ConscienHealth on May 5, 2015 entitled 'Infectious Obesity'. <http://goo.gl/gic4HB>

### Allison Childress, M.S., R.D., L.D.

Prevention on May 18, 2015 entitle '7 Nutrients Vegetarians Aren't Getting Enough Of'. <http://goo.gl/3RDTiz>

## GNO Events

• [Arbor Day](#) • [Cinco de Mayo](#) • [Lubbock Lake Landmark Event](#)

### Arbor Day

GNO participated in Arbor Day on April 24<sup>th</sup> which is an annual planting tradition event at TTU. GNO and GSAC (Graduate Student Advisory Council) planted the flowers together to beautify the Tech campus.



### Cinco de Mayo

Avocado Fiesta was on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Leisure Pool. It was a great event to spend the last school day and educate students about avocado.



### Lubbock Lake Landmark Event

This was the last event for GNO in this semester to socialize and appoint new officers to the GNO.



# Other Announcements and Notices

• [Obesity Research Cluster \(ORC\)](#) • [ShortCourse](#)

## Obesity Research Cluster (ORC)

### Nutrition and Obesity Seminars Series

Dr. David Allison, a distinguished speaker from Nutrition Obesity Research Center, University of Alabama-Birmingham, presented on Myths and Facts about Obesity on April 30, 2015 and was interviewed by FoxNews following his seminar. <http://goo.gl/yzme8M>

### The ORC second annual meeting

The 2nd annual meeting of the ORC was held on May 6, 2015. Dr. Robert V. Duncan, the Vice President for OVPR welcomed the participants and shared TTU's support for obesity research and collaborations. Dr. Moustaid-Moussa gave an overview of the ORC activities and reported the progress of the cluster. Dr. Cynthia Peterson, Dean of the College of Science at LSU was the keynote speaker and presented on "Connecting the Dots: Opportunities for Interdisciplinary Research and Education". A networking activity was held to create new inter-disciplinary research collaborations between faculty and graduate students. More than 15 research posters were present by graduate students from the Department of Nutritional Sciences and other departments and awards were given to the top 4 posters. Click [here](#) for the booklet with the agenda and poster abstracts and [here](#) for the video of the meeting.

## ShortCourses

Technology Support offers ShortCourses on computer programs every semester. The categories include adobe creative suits, Microsoft office, statistics software and web development and publishing. Visit their website for the list of [offered courses](#) during the summer and for [registration](#).

### Writing Center

- Appointments are available for Summer I and Summer II  
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