



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
Staff Senate™
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Hello TTU Staff Members,

We made it to December...in 2020. Let us take a deep breath together and reflect on the good things that have happened this year. Take a moment to celebrate your small and large victories. Be proud of yourselves and use that momentum to propel you into the new year.

We are SO proud of the effort you all have contributed to your work, the challenges you have faced and overcome, and the creative solutions you constructed to continue to reach our students. Our staff truly are the BEST OF THE BEST, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your hard work, perseverance and determination to continue to show up for yourself, your students, your fellow staff and the Texas Tech community.

With all the "above and beyond" going on, we invite you to take a moment out of your day to recognize staff contributions by giving a [Bravo!](#). The Bravo! Board is an initiative created by Staff Senate as a way for faculty, staff, or students to recognize TTU staff members for their job well done.

The Staff Senate wants you to know that as a valued member of the Red Raider Family, *You Have a Voice*. We invite you to [submit an issue](#) as we are here to represent your interests and concerns to the greater Texas Tech community and administration.

Read below for Senate and campus updates, campus resources and upcoming events.

Stay safe, and Wreck 'Em!





Chancellor's Award of Excellence

- **Philip Brown**, Plant & Soil Science
- **Kelley Coleman**, Office of International Affairs
- **Ashley Langdon**, School of Law
- **Matt Roe**, Environmental Health & Safety

President's Award of Excellence

- **Pat McConnel**, Academic Testing Center
- **Jacy Proctor**, Center for Transformative Undergraduate Experiences
- **Joan Goodman-Williamson**, Office of International Affairs

Staff Senate Award

Matador Award

- **Robert Baca**, Physics
- **Laurel Beneze**, Human Resources
- **Linda Mint**, College of Engineering
- **Liliana Rivera Sandoval**, Physics
- **Shannon Sears**, Center for Biotechnology & Genomics

Guns Up Award

Environmental Toxicology

- Ryan Bounds
- Jerry Cowen
- Julie Gollihugh
- Lori Gibler
- Gary Reid
- Tamie James
- Matthew Young

- **Kristin Miller**, Student Union & Activities

Masked Rider Award

- **Morgan Chavez- Brannon**, Parent & Family Relations
- **Jesse Cantu**, University Student Housing
- **Dawn Cepica**, Office of International Affairs
- **Karissa Greathouse**, College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources
- **Candice Laster**, Athletics - Academic Services
- **K. John Perrin**, Southwest Collection

eLearning & Academic Partnerships

- Holley Baker
- Conner Bryant
- William Bukowski
- Catherine Muscemi
- Michelle Demel
- Leslie DeBusk
- Marian Gossett
- Terry Knight
- Courtney Line
- Chyrel Mayfield
- Alan Michels
- Stephanie Rincon
- Jessica Saenz
- Leslie Smith

CAMPUS EVENTS



Happy Half Hour

Tuesday, Dec. 8th

2 - 2:30PM, Zoom

Join other Red Raiders across campus for a campus team builder activity to decompress your mind and finish your day strong!

Register through [Cornerstone](#) or email maclay.buie@ttu.edu.



Managing Emotions within a Pandemic

Thursday, Dec. 10th

1:15 - 2:30PM, Zoom

Join HR and the TTUHSC Counseling Center to learn how to recognize, understand and manage emotions during stressful times.

Register through [Cornerstone](#) or email maclay.buie@ttu.edu.



3rd Annual SBS Pack the Pantry! Virtual BINGO

Tuesday, December 15th 6:30PM

Zoom

All proceeds go to Raider Red's (TTU) or Helping Hands (HSC) food pantries.

Step 1: Donate

\$6 = 3 BINGO cards (for 3 games), additional cards are \$2 each (if you want more than one card per game)

ANYONE who donates can play - it is not limited to TTU people.

[Donate to Raider Red's Pantry \(TTU\)>>](#)

[Donate to Helping Hands Food Pantry \(HSC\)>>](#)

Step 2: Email

Email donation receipt to shelley.johnson@ttu.edu or allie.wilson@ttu.edu. Include your name and Mail Stop to receive physical cards, or have them emailed for personal printing.

**All cards purchased after Dec. 10th will be emailed.*

Step 3: BINGO!

Join the Zoom link sent on Dec. 15th to play three games of BINGO! You'll use each BINGO card ONCE but are welcome to play as many cards each round as you like. Prizes for winners.

If you would like to donate a BINGO prize, contact Shelley or Allie (emails above).

Coffee Breaks via Zoom

Join us for a three-day training series
to set yourself up for success!

Goal Setting for the New Year

December 15th @ 2-2:30pm

Tidying up Your Space for a Stress

Free Start

December 16th @ 2-2:30pm



'Planning' for Success: Discover the

Best 2021 Planner for YOU

December 17th @ 2-2:30pm

Register through [Cornerstone](#) or email

hr.talentdevelopment@ttu.edu.



Employee Assistance Program

The Counseling Center @ TTUHSC

provides consultation and
therapeutic services to employers,

and their employees, with the
primary mission being to promote

health and wellness in the

workplace. Call 806.743.1327 or

800.327.0328 to schedule an

appointment. [Read more>>](#)

FLEXIBLE WORK SCHEDULES

Realizing the university is still open, students are still on campus, and some scheduled events are still taking place, it is important that departments remain open and operational. However, flexible work schedules are encouraged to limit the number of faculty and staff on campus in university buildings at any one

time. Supervisors may implement flexible work schedules when possible through December 31 following these [guidelines](#).



Catch the Makerspace Workshop Reruns!

Check out all the Library Makerspace Workshop recordings in the TTU Mediasite Catalog: <https://tinyurl.com/MakerspaceVideos>.

- Sign-in with your eRaider username and password.
- Search for “Makerspace”, or browse all Library workshops by selecting “Library” from the left-hand menu.

Questions: make@ttu.edu. Keep an eye out for the brand new workshops Makerspace will offer in Spring 2021!



As the holiday season continues, be sure to choose the safest options for your holiday celebrations. Read the [CDC Holiday & Small Event Guidance](#) on how to make your gatherings as safe as possible. On-campus testing is available through December 9 and additional COVID-19 resources are available from [Human Resources](#), [Environmental Health & Safety](#), [TTU Commitment](#), [Operations Division](#). Please contact (806) 742-5929 if you have campus COVID-19 related questions.





congratulations

TO ALL THE TEXAS TECH STAFF
WHO ARE GRADUATING THIS
SEMESTER!



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**The Staff Senate family wishes you and
your family a safe and healthy Winter Break
(December 23rd - January 1st)!**



ABOUT THE SENATE

Who We Are:

- Elected representatives from different EEO classifications on campus
- For a list of current Senators, [click here](#)

What We Do:

- We're the voice of staff on campus! We care about:
 - *your* issues,
 - *your* needs,
 - *your* ideas!
- General Senate Meeting on the first Wednesday of every month. You are invited to join our [next meeting](#) via **Zoom on December 2nd at 4PM**. Meeting ID: 951 6857 4355, Password: 529175.

Current Senate Initiatives:

- Finalizing the implementation of the Staff Emergency Fund
- Support of the HR Learning Series
- Continuing to support staff education through the Staff Senate Scholarship
- Continued support of and implementation of gender neutral language
- Need to submit an issue? [Click here>>](#)

Strive For Honor,

Staff Senate Officer Team

Dee Nguyen, President

Stacy Stockard-Caliva, President-Elect

Ryan Bain, Treasurer

Heather Coats, Secretary



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