



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Staff Senate™

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**.welcome,
january**

Happy New Year, Texas Tech Staff Members!

As we begin 2022, we welcome a new semester, new students, and the opportunities a new year brings. We look forward to seeing many of you at Wednesday's [Everyday Leadership Luncheon](#) to start the year with leadership development. It will also offer a chance to see what Staff Senate committees have in store for the spring semester.

Remember with Staff Senate, YOU have a voice. You are always able to share your thoughts by [submitting an issue](#), nominating a colleague for the [Bravo Board](#), or reaching out to a [senator](#).

Wreck 'em, Tech!



Congratulations to the Fall 2021 Staff Senate Scholarship Recipients!

Kaelene Hansen
Nettie Kwick
Macy Sharp
Ashley Rose Marino
April Hollingsworth
Laura Bilbao
Hannah Kafer



Since March 2011, the Staff Senate's Bravo Board recognizes Texas Tech staff members for a job well done.

Bravo to these staff members who made a difference in December!

Brian Chandler, Human Resources

Sandra Gallegos, Research Services

[Click here to give a Bravo!](#)



STAFF EMERGENCY FUND



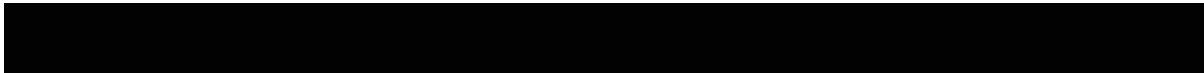
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Staff Emergency Fund Committee is accepting applications to provide limited financial assistance to TTU staff members who are experiencing a temporary hardship due to a significant life event.

To be eligible for assistance, the staff member must be a full-time or part-time, benefits-eligible, non-faculty Texas Tech University staff member for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the application date

[SEF Website](#) | [OP 70.47 Staff Emergency Fund](#) | [Application](#)

We look forward to helping TTU staff in times of need.





A significant amount of work each day is devoted to the education and mentoring of our students, academic research, and the overall advancement of the institution. On behalf of Texas Tech, President Schovanec and Provost Hendrick want to say thank you and extend their deepest gratitude for your commitment to our students and to Texas Tech.

Nominations from deans, chairs and supervisors will be accepted once a month for one faculty member and one staff member to join them for lunch beginning in January 2022. The selections for faculty will be based on contributions and service toward student success, innovative research and creative activities. The selection for staff will be based on performance, innovative actions or recommendations relating to efficiencies, and performing above and beyond standard responsibilities.

Please submit your nominations to Grace Hernandez at grace.hernandez@ttu.edu with a brief summary of why the individual is being nominated. A committee from the Offices of the President and Provost will review and recommend to the President and Provost the faculty and staff members to be recognized at the luncheon. Submissions must be received by the 15th of each month.



TECH EMPLOYEE COURTESY SHUTTLE

Transportation and Parking Services launched TECS in September 2019 to provide a way for Texas Tech University employees to have a free way to get around campus while helping decrease vehicle traffic and increase pedestrian safety on campus.

TECS offers free rides to Texas Tech University employees across the TTU, HSC, Texas Tech Plaza, and Downtown campuses every weekday when TTU is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Get rides on demand, or schedule a ride from 7 days to 2 hours in advance.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.depts.ttu.edu/parking/InformationFor/MobilitySolutions/TECS.php>





To support employee outreach and engagement activities that connect the resources of Texas Tech University with those of the community, full-time staff may use up to **16 hours of outreach and engagement service time per fiscal year**, and part-time staff are eligible to use up to **8 hours per fiscal year**.

To have your time volunteering in the Lubbock community considered as time worked through this program, outreach and engagement hours **must be pre-approved** by the employee's supervisor through the Outreach and Engagement Application at <https://apps.hr.ttu.edu/OEA/>.

For more information on the policy and suggested community partners and activities that qualify as outreach and engagement, please visit the following:

- <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/provost/outreach-engagement/Staff/index.php>
- OP 70.06, section 3(c)(11):
<https://www.depts.ttu.edu/opmanual/OP70.06.php>



CAMPUS EVENTS



Navigating a Changing Landscape

by Jennifer Rojas-McWhinney of TTUHSC Department of Psychiatry

January 20th from 1:15p-2:30p

All Spring Learning Series will be in the TLPDC Room 150 in the Library.





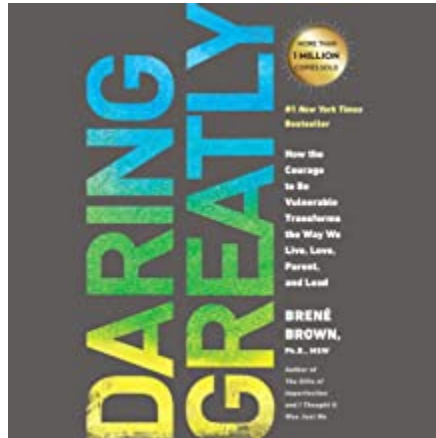
Mental Health Expert Panel Discussion

featuring Laura Nobles, Dr. Tyler Bradstreet, and Dr. John Cooley

January 27th from 2p-2:30p via Zoom

Please register via Cornerstone at <https://ttu.csod.com/samldefault.aspx> under "Happy Half Hours" or email hr.talentdevelopment@ttu.edu.





Daring Greatly Book Club

Every day we experience uncertainty, risks, and emotional exposure that define what it means to be vulnerable or to dare greatly. Based on 12 years of pioneering research, Dr. Brené Brown dispels the cultural myth that vulnerability is weakness and argues that it is, in truth, our most accurate measure of courage.

Session 1: February 2, 2022 from 2p-2:50p

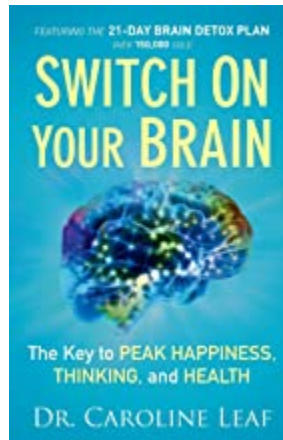
Session 2: February 16, 2022 from 2p-2:50p

Session 3: March 2, 2022 from 2p-2:50p

All sessions will be via Zoom.

To register, please email hr.talentdevelopment@ttu.edu.





Spring Book Club lead by Kristie Collins, LPC-S, LMFT,
featuring Switch on Your Brain: The Key to Peak Happiness, Thinking, and
Health

Please join us as TTUHSC Counseling Center's Associate Director, Kristie Collins, LPC-S, LMFT, leads a 3-part discussion on *Switch on Your Brain*. In this book, author, Dr. Caroline Leaf "shares with readers the "switch" in our brains that enables us to live happier, healthier, more enjoyable lives."

Session 1: February 23rd from 11a-12p

Session 2: March 9th from 11a-12p

Session 3: March 23rd from 11a-12p

All sessions will be via Zoom.

To register, please email hr.talentdevelopment@ttu.edu.





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STYLES, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

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The Library Makerspace is an educational space where faculty, staff and students can explore 3D printing, sewing, laser-cutting and more! Have an idea for a personal or work project? Just want to play with some spiffy technology?

Stop by any day of the week and bring your ideas or curiosity!

<https://www.depts.ttu.edu/library/make>

The Library Makerspace is offering more online/in-person workshops!

Workshops are free for faculty, staff and students.

Make with Cricut - 1/13 from 5-7pm - Online/In-Person

Make Community - MLK & In the Spirit of Service - 1/15 from 3-5pm - In-Person

Make with 3D Printing (Intro) - 1/18 from 3:30-4:30pm - Online/In-Person

Make with Rhino3D (Intro) - Arch - 1/19 from 9-11am - Online/In-Person

Make with Code - 1/20 from 4-6pm - Online/In-Person

Celebrate Lunar New Year w/ Cricut - 1/21 from 3-5pm - In-Person

Paint Models w/ the Makerspace - 1/23 from 3-5pm - In-Person

Make with Autodesk's Inventor (Intro) - 1/24 from 5-7pm - Online/In-Person

Make with Rhino3D (Intro) - Arch - 1/25 from 9-11am - Online/In-Person

Make with Laser Cutting (Intro) - 1/25 from 3:30-4:30pm - Online/In-Person

Textile Thursday - 1/27 from 5-7pm - In-Person

Make with Python - 1/31 from 5-7pm - Online/In-Person

Our workshops are a great introduction to the coolest tools for makers of all levels.

Join us this month to play with Textiles, TinkerCAD, 3D Printers, Coding, or Lasers!

Register: <https://cal.library.ttu.edu/calendar>

Catch workshop reruns in the TTU Mediasite Catalog:
<https://tinyurl.com/MakerspaceVideos> (Search for “Makerspace”)

Questions: make@ttu.edu





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President's Select™

President's Select is a group of Texas Tech student ambassadors chosen specifically to serve Texas Tech through the Office of the President, Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Texas Tech Athletics in the recruitment of new students and the fostering of relationships with all University publics including prospective students, special guests and alumni. If you know a student who you know would be a great ambassador, encourage them to apply! You can direct them to our webpage with more details and the application. The application will close on February 1st, 2022.

<https://www.ttu.edu/administration/president/presidentsselect/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us at

presidents.select@ttu.edu



ShortCourses to Fine Tune Your Professional Skills

The TTU IT Division invites you to attend Fall 2021 ShortCourses. These non-credit courses are taught by IT professionals at no charge to TTU students, faculty, and staff members. ShortCourses will be offered either via Zoom or in the ATLC, depending on the course.

The ATLC is located in the west basement of the TTU Library Building. Courses are offered in the morning, afternoon, and evening to accommodate most schedules.

These hands-on sessions cover a variety of topics and software, including:

- Microsoft Office;
- Adobe Products;
- Web Development and Publishing;
- Statistical Analysis Tools; and
- Safe Computing.

To review this semester's schedule and to register, please visit

www.itts.ttu.edu/training/shortcourses.

If you have any questions, please contact us at ITeducation@ttu.edu.



Computer-Based Training by Skillsoft

[The TTU IT Division provides free Computer-Based Training \(CBT\)](#) to the TTU community through a contract with Skillsoft. CBT is an online, self-paced, interactive training system for faculty, staff, and students.

TTU hosts an inventory of over 4,000 courses covering a wide range of topics, such as basic-to-advanced technology skills, customer service, project management, human resources, and financial and general management skills.

The TTU IT Division encourages faculty, staff, and students to browse the TTU HR Training catalog, which includes courses in the following areas:

- Communicating in a Diverse Environment;
- Customer Service;
- Ethics;
- Interviewing and Hiring; and
- Recruitment and Retention.

CBT modules can be used as professional development or to augment academic instruction that requires technical skills. The Skillsoft learning materials are professional and feature-rich, delivering versatile content through multimedia engagement.

Please visit cbt.ttu.edu to use this valuable resource provided to the TTU community.





We're introducing you to a wide variety of books, themes, and authors to choose from. We will be your accountability and discussion partners! You design the program the way that works best for YOU! Want to start small and read one book in six months? PERFECT! Want to read a book a month? Also PERFECT! You decide to read a chapter a week, but fall behind. No problem! We'll be here to encourage you and cheer you on so you can read and learn in your own way.

Email hr.talentdevelopment@ttu.edu to get started today!
https://www.depts.ttu.edu/hr/documents/BookProject_REVISED_1-26-21.pdf



Now you can learn and grow on your schedule. Visit the [Training Development website](#) to see the wide array of professional development topics available.



Subscribe to the **new** Staff Senate YouTube channel for access to past R.E.D. Talks, updates on what the Senate is doing and more!

[Access our channel>>](#)

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.
 - Next meeting is **Wednesday, January 5th in the SUB Ballroom.**
 - All staff are welcome guests.

Current Senate Initiatives:

- Accepting applications for the Staff Emergency Fund
- Continued support of the HR Learning Series
- Continued support of staff education through the Staff Senate Scholarship
- Continued support of and implementation of gender neutral language

- Commitment to and continued offerings of educational and engaging programming related to diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Working with administration to address staff concerns. [Submit an issue>>](#)

Strive For Honor,

Staff Senate Officer Team

Stacy Stockard Caliva, President

Sandra Addo, President-Elect

Julia Wagner, Secretary

Ryan Bain, Treasurer



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