



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
Staff Senate™

July Newsletter

Our final general meeting for the 2021-2022 Staff Senate year will be Wednesday, July 6 at 4 p.m. in the McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center. All staff are welcome to attend. As we close the year, we are grateful every day for each of you, Texas Tech, and our community. We say goodbye to 20 senators completing their term and welcome 21 new first-year senators.

Even though a new senate year begins, work continues. Staff Senate Summer Scholarship applications will be open through end of day on July 8th and then reviewed, the [Staff Emergency Fund](#) Committee continues to review applications, and don't forget to submit a colleague for the Staff Senate Award as part of [HR's Distinguished Staff Awards!](#)

Senate Programming



Bravo to these staff members who made a difference in April:

- Jonathan Duncan, Registrar
- Clara Elliott, International Affairs
- Karol Giblin, University Advising
- Jenna Gore, University Recreation
- Charlene Hack, Human Resources
- Kristin Miller, Student Union & Activities

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



Staff Senate Scholarships

[Click here to submit
an application](#)



Staff Emergency Fund

[Learn more about the
support available to you](#)



Staff Senate Distinguished Staff Award

[Submit your nominee
by clicking here!](#)



Submit an Issue for Research

[Send a staff-related
question to be resolved](#)

Campus Announcements & Events

FEARLESS



A TEXAS TECH PRODUCTION



Available anywhere you listen to podcasts

At Texas Tech, we talk a lot about research. But how does that work impact you? What about how it affects our state, our nation, even the world? In season two of [Fearless](#), we talk about the transformative research going on at Texas Tech and share the stories of what motivates those doing the work. The first episode is coming in August, and you can listen anywhere you get your podcasts.



Benefits Fair & ERS Presentation

July 6, 2022 - 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

(with ERS Benefits Presentation at 10:15 a.m.)

Academic Event Center, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
(3605 4th Street)

ERS will update the Event Calendar <https://www.ers.texas.gov/Contact-ERS/Full-Events-Calendar> with full details soon.



ERS Summer Enrollment

Changes made during this time go into effect September 1, 2022.



Join Mentor Tech today and become a Mentor to an undergraduate or graduate protégé (student). With a manageable weekly time commitment, you can transform the life of a Red Raider. Embrace the legacy of mentorship through the Mentor Tech program.

Begin your path to becoming a mentor by signing up [HERE](#) (www.depts.ttu.edu/mentortech). For more information contact us at 806.742.8692 or mentor@ttu.edu.

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Distinguished
STAFF AWARDS



Nominations due

July 8, 2022

We encourage you to nominate outstanding staff members who have demonstrated excellence, leadership, and exemplary service for a Distinguished Staff Award.

The following is a list of Distinguished Staff Awards categories:

The Matador Award recognizes a newcomer who has one to three years of service with Texas Tech. This individual has made significant contributions and shared innovative ideas to the department and to the Texas Tech Community. *Award recipients will receive \$750.*

The Staff Senate Award recognizes an individual who has one or more years of service with Texas Tech. This individual has exceeded their daily job duties in contributing to the welfare of students, faculty, staff, and to the success of Texas Tech through their accomplishments at work. They continually lead by example to increase productivity and efficiency at Texas Tech. The recipients are selected by the Texas Tech Staff Senate. *Award recipients will receive \$800.00*

The Masked Rider Award recognizes an individual who has three or more years of service with Texas Tech. This individual has contributed to the success of Texas Tech through his or her accomplishments at work and leads by example. *Award recipients will receive \$1,000.*

The Guns Up Award recognizes a team of employees that fostered cooperation with other employees to increase productivity and efficiency in the organization and has

improved customer service and morale. *Award recipients will receive \$500 per person; teams consist of 2 to 10 employees.*

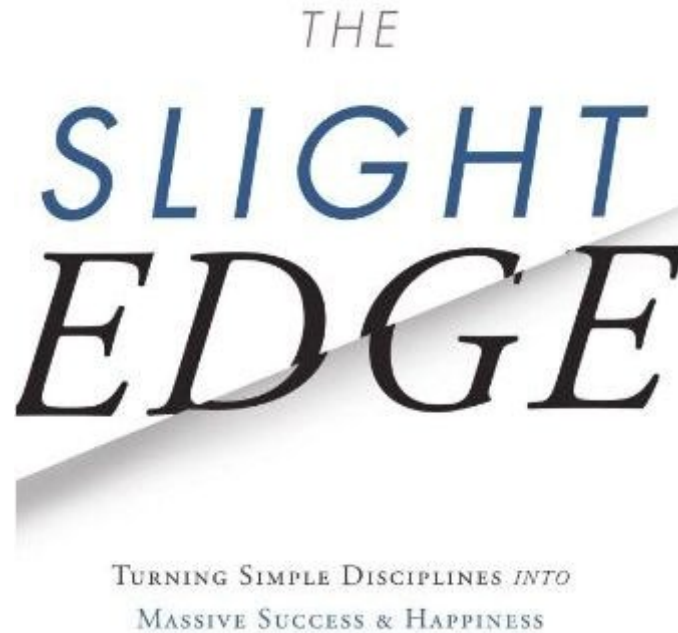
The President's Award of Excellence recognizes an individual who has one or more years of service with Texas Tech. This individual has demonstrated strong leadership skills throughout the year. He or she has made presentations, served on committees, and volunteered for campus activities. *Award recipients will receive \$1,500*

The Chancellor's Award of Excellence recognizes an individual who has five or more years of service with Texas Tech. This individual demonstrates commitment to Texas Tech and has significantly increased productivity and efficiency, while using resources wisely and motivates others to serve at the same level of excellence. *Award recipients will receive \$2,000.*

To learn more about the Distinguished Staff Awards, to review eligibility criteria, or to nominate an employee or team, visit <https://apps.hr.ttu.edu/dsa/index.php>

Please contact Talent Development (806-742-0530) or e-mail awards.recognition@ttu.edu with any questions.

Staff Services & Trainings



The Slight Edge Book Club

The Slight Edge is a way of thinking, a way of processing information that enables you to make the daily choices that will lead you to the success and happiness you desire. Learn why some people make dream after dream come true, while others just continue dreaming and spend their lives building dreams for someone else. It's not just another self-help motivation tool of methods you must learn in order to travel the path to success. It shows you how to create powerful results from the simple daily activities of your life, by using tools that are already within you.

Session 1: June 29 from 2-2:50pm

Session 2: July 13 from 2-2:50pm

Session 3: July 27 from 2-2:50pm

All sessions will be via Zoom.

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



The 5 Gears

All too often people go through life without truly connecting—and can, as a result, miss out on experiences and relationships that have the power to bring them great joy. By understanding how the five gears work, you can improve your ability to connect with the world around you.

July 19th from 2-2:30 pm via Zoom

Enneagram Journaling

Join us as we reflect on the past month or look towards the new month! See what challenge these journaling prompts have for each Enneagram type and how it can help you be productive moving forward! This will be a fun time to share with others or time to work on yourself!

July 21st from 2-2:30pm Via Zoom

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



IT ShortCourses to Strengthen Your Professional Skills

These non-credit courses are taught by IT professionals at no charge to TTU students, faculty and staff members. Courses, presented both virtually and in person at the ATLC, are offered morning, afternoon, and evening to accommodate most schedules. To review the schedule and register, visit www.itts.ttu.edu/training/shortcourses.



Leading Remote Teams

Leading Remote Teams is a course designed to assist leaders and managers in the guidance with remote and hybrid working employees. Register via Cornerstone at <https://ttu.csod.com/samldefault.aspx> under “Leading Remote Teams” or email hr.talentdevelopment@ttu.edu.



Employee Outreach & Engagement Hours

To have your time volunteering in the Lubbock community considered as time worked, visit <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/provost/outreach-engagement/Staff/index.php>. Supervisor pre-approval is required.



Staff Writing Group

The Texas Tech Staff Writing group is an online space where we can come together for an hour of focused, distraction-free writing.

Join us via Zoom the First and Last Monday of every month.

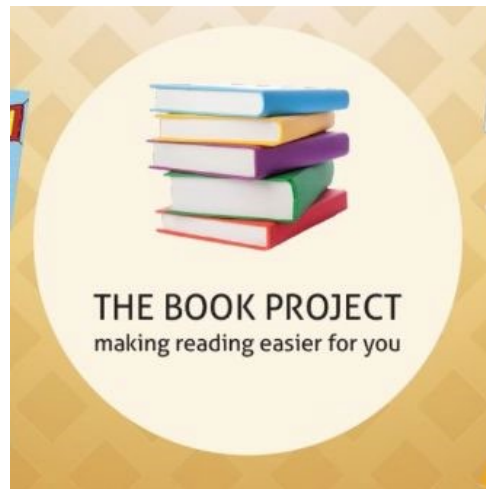
Register via Cornerstone at <https://ttu.csod.com/samldefault.aspx> under “Staff Writing Group” or email hr.talentdevelopment@ttu.edu.



Library Makerspace

An educational space where faculty, staff and students can explore 3D printing, vacuum forming, stickers, sewing, live streaming and more!

Interested in joining a free workshop? Click the image above to learn more or visit <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/library/make/>.



The Book Project

Select a book from the linked image above then design your own reading program. HR's Talen Development will be your accountability and discussion partners! Email hr.talentdevelopment@ttu.edu to get started!



IT Division's Skillsoft Computer-Based Training

TTU supports a portfolio of more than 4,000 courses covering an extensive library of topics, such as basic-to-advanced technology skills, customer service, financial and general management skills, human resources, and project management. Visit cbit.ttu.edu to use this free resource.



HR Training Development Website

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

Have an announcement to make? Share your big news.

Send an image, heading and sentence about your event or news to staffsenate@ttu.edu for inclusion in the all-staff newsletter.

About Staff Senate

Staff Senate is a group of elected representatives representing each of the staff EEO classifications on the Texas Tech University campus and Texas Tech University System office. We care about *your* issues, *your* needs and *your* ideas. For a list of current senators, [click here](#).

Join us for our next meeting **Wednesday, July 6 at 4 p.m. in the McKenzie-Merket Center**. All staff are welcome guests.

Staff Senate Officer Team

Stacy Stockard Caliva, President

Sandra Addo, President-Elect

Julia Wagner, Secretary

Ryan Bain, Treasurer



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