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TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
Staff Senate™

November Newsletter

Our next general meeting will be Wednesday, November 2nd at 4 p.m. in the Senate Room of the Student Union Building. As we enter the holiday season, we are looking forward to serving Texas Tech Staff and our community. Please visit our [website](#) to find all of the ways we, as Staff Senate, serve you.

Resources to keep in mind for the coming year are the [Staff Senate Scholarship](#), [Staff Emergency Fund](#), and our [Issues Committee](#).

Lastly, we are looking forward to kicking off the Centennial Year of Texas Tech University. Let's make it the best year yet!

Senate Programming



Bravo Board

Bravo to these staff members who made a difference in the last few months (the Staff Senate Secretary apologizes for not including the September Bravos on the last newsletter):

September Bravos

- Laurel Beneze, Human Resources
- Lucy Fowler, Library
- Christy Norfleet, Hospitality Services
- Jamie Perez, Engineering
- Elizabeth Rangel, Arts and Sciences
- Zachary Smith, Chemistry
- Lisa Marie Thomas, Chemistry
- Steven Tucker, Library

October Bravos

- Ryver Baynqs, Library
- Sarah Hill, Graduate School
- Rachel May, Graduate School
- Amy Mire, VP Research
- Ashley Penner, University Career Center
- Marjean Pressimone, Procurement Services
- Pris Renteria, Graduate School

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



Staff Emergency Fund

Learn more about the support available to you



Submit an Issue for Research

Send a staff-related question to be resolved

Campus Announcements & Events

MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN



**R.E.D. Talks - Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women
with Jodi Voice-Yellowfish**

November 3, 2022 from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Zoom Link:

<https://texastech.zoom.us/j/93113624006?pwd=TERIMHZXMnNEaXZYTThVTW5PS1lSdz09>

Jodi Voice Yellowfish is Muscogee Creek, Oglala Lakota, and Cherokee. Born and raised in Dallas, Texas. Jodi is a product of the US. Government's Relocation Program. She attended Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas where she received her Associate's degree in Social Work and studied for her bachelors degree in Indigenous and American Indian Studies. Jodi is the Chair for MMIW TX – Rematriate (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women), on the Steering Committee for Dallas Truth Racial Healing Transformation, and was recently selected to be a Commissioner on the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission for the City of Dallas.

This event is sponsored by the TTU Staff Senate Raiders Engaged in Diversity (R.E.D.) Talks, the Indigenous Cultures Institute, the TTU Department of Political Science, and EI Editor.

For more information, email Raquel.Gonzales@ttu.edu



First-Gen Champions Institute

November 18 - 19, 2022

**In-person – Texas Tech University | Student Union Building (SUB) or Virtual –
Via Zoom**

Please join us for the First-Gen Champions Institute. Your experiences and knowledge are critical to advancing the dedicated work to support future and First-Generation in College students.

The First-Gen Champions Institute brings together individuals that are committed to fostering a space for learning and understanding as it relates to college access, completion, and success for first-generation students. The Institute will allow First-Gen champions to share in a discussion on what it truly means to champion First-Gen success and how to put those ideas into practice. Sessions will include topics grounded in research and theory, storytelling & experiences, facilitated discussions, and/or moderated panels. The Institute is open to all staff, faculty, graduate students, from 2-year and 4-year higher education institutions, K-12 education, College-Access

programs, and community organizations that support current and potential First-Generation College Students on their educational and career pathways.

Open to Staff, Faculty, Graduate Students, & Community Partners

Questions? Please [follow the link](#) to access our FAQ Site or contact Jon.Crider@ttu.edu or Dana.Parker@ttu.edu for assistance.



Davina & the Vagabonds / Blues-Jazz/Americana Concert

November 10, 2022 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (no intermission)

Allen Theatre, Student Union Bldg 1502 Akron Ave

New spin on an old sound, Davina and the Vagabonds have created a stir on the national music scene with their high-energy live shows and commanding stage presence. With influences ranging from Fats Domino and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band to Aretha Franklin and Tom Waits, the band is converting audiences one show at a time, from Vancouver to Miami and across Europe. Bringing you 100 years of American music and Davina's originals, which lend themselves to the American Songbook, the band brings edgy nostalgia to older generations and fresh new music to younger ears. This rollicking quintet is held together by Sowers' keyboard playing, with acoustic bass, drums, and a spicy trumpet and trombone horn section. The group's focused, clean sound and emphasis on acoustic instruments is novel to both blues and jazz worlds, and sets the show closer to New Orleans than to Chicago.

Davina Sowers creates her own Americana mishmash — a little Amy Winehouse-worthy neo-soul here, a little Great American Songbook-influenced songcraft there...as retro as it may be at times, the music feels fun, frisky and alive.” – Rolling

Stone Magazine

CD-signing and meet & greet following the concert.

Learn More: <https://www.ttu.edu/administration/president/lectureseries/davina-and-the-vagabonds.php>



Arts & Sciences Excellence in Diversity Award

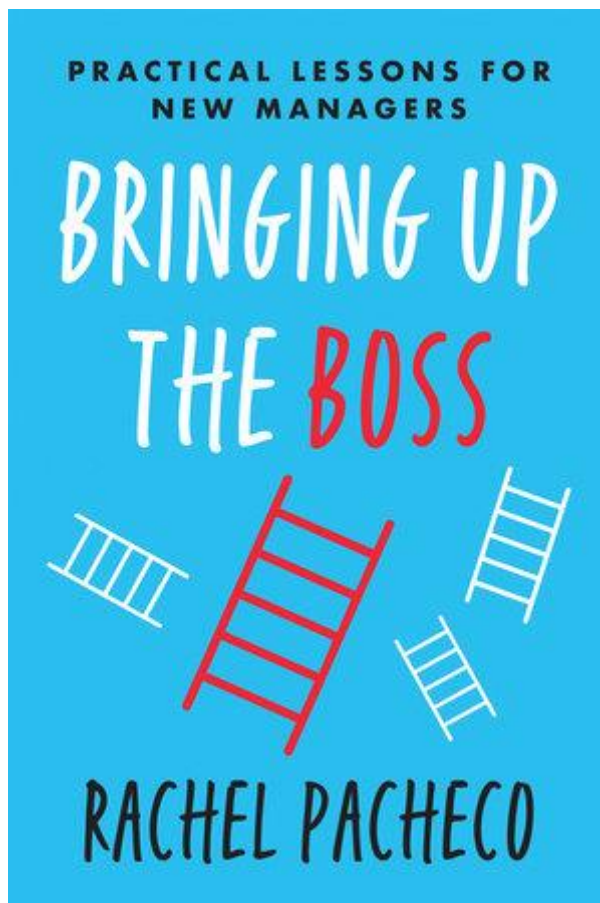
Nomination Deadline: November 15, 2022

Faculty, Staff, and Students are eligible. Nominate yourself or a colleague for their efforts to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within the College of Arts & Sciences.

\$1,000 award for the recipient in each theme:

1. Innovative Scholarship
2. Inclusive Education
3. Engage Communities

For more information, please visit: tinyurl.com/CASDiversityAward



1-Session Special Book Club: Bringing up the Boss: Practical Lessons for New Managers by Rachel Pacheco

December 6, 2022 from 2-3 pm via Zoom

In *Bringing Up the Boss: Practical Lessons for New Managers*, you'll learn how to give effective feedback, motivate your team members, hire well, among many other critical management skills. You'll also learn what it means to manage yourself in this new role, and how to navigate the often awkward and sometimes challenging situations that arise in this new position.

Join us for this special 1-session book club where we will engage in inclusive and insightful discussion.

Please register by emailing hr.talentdevelopment@ttu.edu.

Staff Services & Trainings



R.E.D. Talks Survey

The TTU Staff Senate Diversity Committee would like to hear from you! Please help us ensure we meet the needs of diverse topics relevant to TTU staff. What topics would you like to see covered in Raiders Engaged in Diversity (R.E.D.) Talks? Some previous topics include "What is Diversity?", HERstory, AAPI Heritage Month, Pride Month, and "Black, Brave & Beautiful: Women Doing It All."

Link to survey: https://ttuovpr.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1AJlrEhSjiENITo

Email elizabeth.carroll@ttu.edu if you have any questions.



APPLY AT: WWW.DEPTS.TTU.EDU/HR/WORKATTEXASTECH/

Join our Team! FGTMP is Hiring an Administrator for First-Gen Peer Mentorship & Student Success

First-Generation Transition & Mentoring Programs (FGTMP) seeks to fill a vacancy for its Administrator (29694BR) position. This role will assist with day-to-day operations of the First-Gen Peer Mentorship program and academic success efforts for First-Gen college students.

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- Supports university wide events including First-Gen Week, First-Gen Champions Institute, and the First-Gen Student Summit.
- Oversee hiring, onboarding, and training of student leaders, this includes up to 40 peer mentors and 2 program assistants.

- Partner across Texas Tech to recruit and engage with First-Gen college students.
- Competitive benefits including tuition assistance and professional development opportunities for eligible full-time employees.
- Starting salary \$41,500 annually.
- EEO/AA Institution. Protected veterans and individuals with disabilities encouraged to apply.

Learn More: [BrassRing Listing](#)



Become A Student Org Advisor!



- Oversee adherence to university standards, rules and/or policies well as the organization's constitution and by-laws.
- Attend organizational meetings & functions (encouraged)
- Facilitate and support the organization's program planning and decision making

Got Questions?

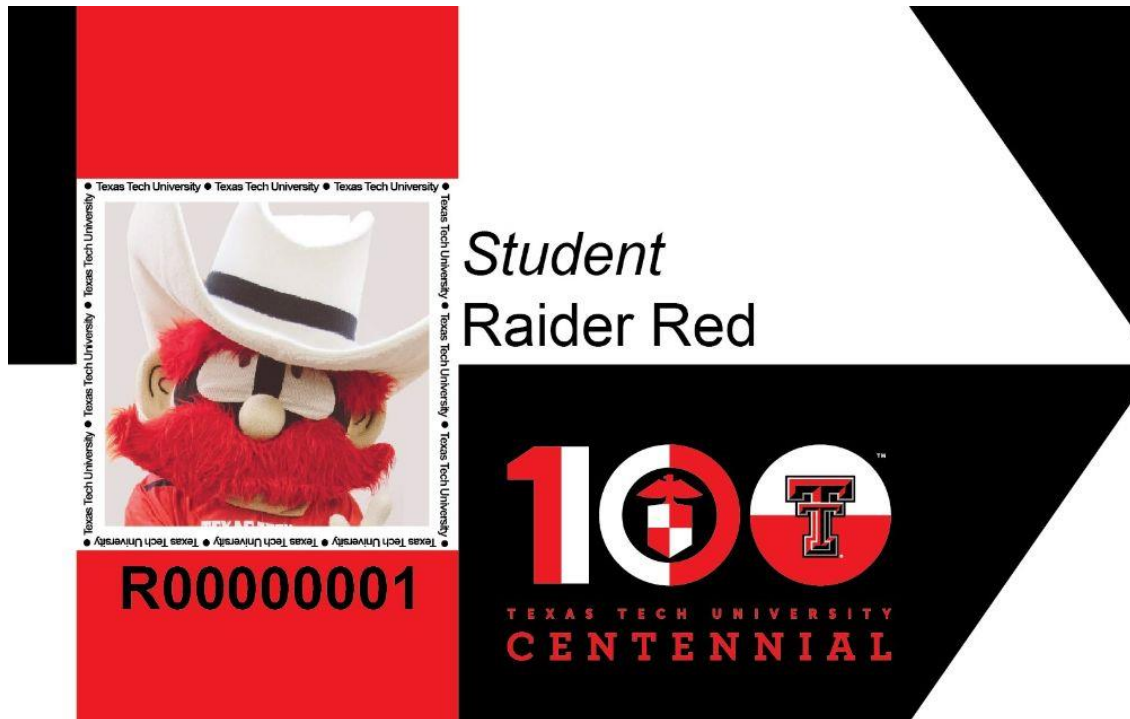
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Want to be more involved around campus? Become a Student Organization Advisor!

Advisors to orgs serve a unique role; as a student org advisor, you get to work with passionate, high achieving, young leaders who work to serve the student members of their org, give back to the Lubbock and TTU community, and who want to positively impact the university they love. As an advisor, all you need is to be a full-time employed staff member of the TTU main Lubbock campus and have a passion for helping our wonderful students. If you're interested,

complete our Faculty & Staff Student Org Advisor Interest form in TechConnect.

Learn More: [Faculty & Staff Student Org Advisor Interest form](#)



New ID Card Design for the Centennial

The University ID/RaiderCard is getting a new look for the Centennial! From now until December 31, 2023 all ID cards for students and employees on the Lubbock campus will feature this new design! The new design will not affect the functionality of your card and you don't need to get a new card unless you want to (replacement fees may apply). This new card design should be accepted anywhere you can use your RaiderCard (if associated fees are paid). The back of the ID card will not change, and still contains important mental health and safety information.

Learn More: raidercard@ttu.edu

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Fearless: A Texas Tech Production

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.



Mentor Tech

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.



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.



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. Need to catch up on emails? Have a big proposal to finish? Drafting a presentation? Would you like someone to look over your work before you hand it in? We are here to help, support, and encourage you no matter what writing project is on your desk.

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

The Library Makerspace is an educational space where faculty, staff, and students can explore 3D printing, sewing, stickers and more! Have an idea

for a personal or work project? Just want to play with some spiffy technology or learn a new skill? Stop by and bring your ideas or curiosity!

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

Visit us Monday - Friday from 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM in Room 210 of the TTU Library. Email make@ttu.edu if you have questions.

Workshops

The Library Makerspace is offering more online/in-person workshops! Workshops are free for faculty, staff, students and neighbors. Our workshops are a great introduction to the coolest tools for makers of all levels. Join us this month to play with Embroidery, CAD, 3D printers, programming, paper-crafting and much more!

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



IT Division's 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 cbt.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.

[Complete the Staff Senate Newsletter Listing form](#) to have your departmental initiatives and events included in our next issue!

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, November 2 at 4 p.m. in the Senate Room of the SUB**. All staff are welcome guests.

Staff Senate Officer Team

Sandra Addo, President

Jana Campbell, President-Elect

Brandy Ganus, Treasurer

Ben Chamness, Secretary



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