



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
Staff Senate™

#YouHaveAVoice



Hello TTU Staff Members,

The first line of the Staff Senate mission statement says this organization shall contribute to the welfare of its staff employees. Each year, the biggest part of our funds go directly to staff in the form of our Staff Senate Scholarship program. If you are a benefits-eligible staff member taking classes this fall, make sure to submit your application by [October 1!](#) Taking flight this year, the [Staff Emergency Fund](#) has already provided support for a number of our peers as well.

Supporting our staff doesn't end with funds but carries into education and skill development. Through our [R.E.D. Talks](#) series, we have a chance to see through the eyes of our friends and coworkers. In our partnership with HR for the [HR Learning Series](#), you can learn anything from finding your balance through yoga to learning how to create healthy relationships.

As a staff member of Texas Tech University, you are a valued member of the Red Raider Family, and you have a voice. Staff Senate is here to represent your interests and concerns to the greater Texas Tech community and administration.

Wreck 'em!



SENATOR SPOTLIGHT

Bethany Kuwitzky

OTHER PROFESSIONALS

"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page."

-Saint Augustine

Dream Vacation

Travel to the Greek Islands

Favorite Activity

Painting with a Twist. Painting is something I love to do and it helps with fibromyalgia pain management.

Committees

Communications/PR
Elections



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!

Joshua Barron, Success and Retention

Maryann Puente, Human Resources

Emily Spaulding, Ops Div Plannig and Admin

To read the above Bravos or submit a Bravo Board nomination, visit

<https://www.depts.ttu.edu/staffsenate/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.



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



Please join us for our October Staff Senate - Diversity Committee, R.E.D.
(Raiders Engaged in Diversity) Talk.

This month our focus is Hispanic/Latinx History Month - "Brown, Proud &
Educated".

Our panelists for this discussion will be:

Brandon Cruz, Director, Transition & Mentoring Programs, Division of
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Jarett Lujan, Graduate Vice President, Higher Education Ph.D. Candidate

Sarah Cuevas, Program Manager, Dean of Students

Jesse Mendez, J.D., Ph.D., Dean of College of Education

**The discussion will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 12th from 1:00-2:00pm via
Zoom Webinar.**

**R.E.D. Talks are open to the public. We welcome anyone from the
TTU/TTUHSC campuses, Lubbock, surrounding communities (and
beyond) to join!**

[You can RSVP here!](#)



Be a part of Texas Tech Preview, Texas Tech's largest on campus recruiting event for prospective students and their families!

Sign-up for the resource fair here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WWTKBDW>

Start time: 8:30 a.m.

End time: 12:00 p.m.

Date: 10/11/2021

Location: United Supermarkets Arena



Fall Learning Series -

5 Components of Wellness

October 7th from 10:15am-11:30am

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

Please register via Cornerstone at

<https://ttu.csod.com/samldefault.aspx>

under "Fall Learning Series" or

email hr.talentdevelopment@ttu.edu



October 5, 2021 - The Minimalist Way Part 2

October 20, 2021 - Presence: Be Your Boldest Self

October 27, 2021 - All About Ambiverts

Via Zoom

Please register via Cornerstone at <https://ttu.csod.com/samldefault.aspx>

under "Coffee Breaks" or email hr.talentdevelopment@ttu.edu



Join us as we hear from leaders across our campus of each type on their leadership style, the hardest part about being their type in a leadership role, and how they like to be approached with questions!

October 21, 2021 from 2pm-3pm

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



Happy Half Hour via Zoom - Vision Boards by Maggie Gilchrest

October 13, 2021 from 2-2:30pm

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



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 this summer!

Workshops are free for faculty, staff and students.

Autodesk's Inventor (Advanced) - 10/4 from 3-5pm - Beginner/Intermediate - Online/In-Person

3D Printing (Advanced) - 10/6 from 1-3pm - Beginner/Intermediate - Online/In-Person

Laser Cutting (Advanced) - 10/7 from 3-4pm - Beginner/Intermediate - Online/In-Person

Rhino3D (Intro) - 10/12 from 9-11am - Beginner - Online/In-Person

3D Printing (Intro) - 10/14 from 3-4pm - Beginner - Online/In-Person

3D Printing (Advanced) - 10/21 from 3-4pm - Beginner/Intermediate - Online/In-Person

Rhino3D (Advanced) - 10/21 from 9-11am - Beginner/Intermediate - Online/In-Person

Blender (Advanced) - 10/25 from 5-7pm - Beginner/Intermediate - Online/In-Person

Python - 10/27 from 5-7pm - Beginner - Online/In-Person

MATLAB - 11/1 from 10am-12pm - Beginner - 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 Laser Cutting, TinkerCAD, Rhino, Blender, Inventor, or Coding!

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



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, October 6th in the Senate Room at the SUB.**
 - 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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