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TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
**Staff Senate™**

## **October Newsletter**

Our next general meeting will be Wednesday, October 5th at 4 p.m. in the Senate Room of the Student Union Building. As we start the year, we are looking forward to serving Texas Tech Staff, Texas Tech, 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!

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### **Senate Programming**



## Bravo Board

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

- Daniel Swinford, IT Help Central
- Michelle Deleon, Graduate School
- Shannon Verlotte, University Student Housing
- Elizabeth Rangel, Arts & Sciences
- Ray Brasher, Transportation and Parking Services

[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

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## Campus Announcements & Events



## **International Week 2022**

**October 9 - 15, 2022**

International Week has a 20-year history that began as a joint initiative of the US Department of Education and the US Department of State and is now celebrated in more than 100 countries across the globe. International Week allows the community to celebrate many of the cultures that make up our campus and to learn more about the opportunities for greater global literacy.

For 2022, International Affairs is delighted to host several events in celebration of International Week at Texas Tech University.

Learn More:

[https://www.depts.ttu.edu/international/events/2022/International\\_Week\\_2022/index.php](https://www.depts.ttu.edu/international/events/2022/International_Week_2022/index.php)

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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

**JON ACUFF**



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# soundtracks

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The Surprising Solution to **Overthinking**

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## Fall Book Club: Soundtracks by Jon Acuff

Session 1: September 28, 2022 from 2-3 pm

Session 2: October 12, 2022 from 2-3 pm

Session 3: October 26, 2022 from 2-3 pm

Please join us as we discuss New York Times bestselling author Job Acuff's latest book, Soundtracks: The Surprising Solution to Overthinking. Acuff "offers a proven plan to change overthinking from a super problem to a superpower." Our book club features welcoming, inclusive, and insightful discussion. Come meet new people and encounter new ideas.

Please register by emailing [hr.talentdevelopment@ttu.edu](mailto:hr.talentdevelopment@ttu.edu).



# **An Evening with Fran Lebowitz**

**October 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM (90 minutes, no intermission)**

**Allen Theatre, Student Union Bldg 1502 Akron Ave**

An Evening with Fran Lebowitz The Emmy-nominated Author, Journalist, Social Observer will be interviewed by James Eppler, followed by an audience Q&A and book signing.

Parking for the event is complimentary in R03 (the Library lot), R11 (the Band lot), R07 (the Administration Building lot), and R13 (the Visitor lot) for the event.

In a cultural landscape filled with endless pundits and talking heads, Fran Lebowitz stands out as one of our most insightful social commentators. Her essays and interviews offer her acerbic views on current events and the media – as well as pet peeves including tourists, baggage-claim areas, after-shave lotion, adults who roller skate, children who speak French, or anyone who is unduly tan. The New York Times Book Review calls Lebowitz an "important humorist in the classic tradition."

Purveyor of urban cool and unapologetically opinionated, Lebowitz is a cultural satirist who stars in the 2021 Emmy-nominated, limited Netflix documentary series, Pretend It's a City (dir. by Martin Scorsese). Once named one of the year's most stylish women by Vanity Fair, she remains a style icon. Lebowitz lives in New York City, as she does not believe that she would be allowed to live anywhere else.

Visit [www.presidentialseries.ttu.edu](http://www.presidentialseries.ttu.edu) to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and free for TTU students (present your valid TTU ID at the SUB east info desk for a ticket).

Learn More: <https://www.ttu.edu/administration/president/lectureseries/fran-lebowitz.php>

Image Credit: Brigitte Lacombe

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## **Leading From the Frontline Supervisor's Conference**

**October 27, 2022 from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm**

**Student Union Building | Matador Room**

This conference is intended for front-line or first-level supervisors who spend the majority of their day working directly with the employees they oversee. The front-line supervisors and their teams are often closest to their departmental operations. Register by Friday October 7th, at <https://apps.hr.ttu.edu/FST/>. Program cost is 25.00. Conference will be held on Thursday, October 27th from 8:30 to 4:00, breakfast and lunch will be provided.

### **Conference Agenda:**

- Trust Me. Creating a Culture of Trust. Stephanie West/Section Manager, HR Talent Development
- Leadership. It's More Than a Title. Blaine Grimes/Training Specialist, HR Talent Development
- I Won't Be In Today. Managing Employees Absences, Sick Leave, FMLA and Beyond. Todd Phillips/Associate Managing Director, HR Talent Management
- Bad Hire or Bad Interview? Strategies for Conducting Successful Interviews to Hire the Best. Jodie Billingsley/Associate Vice President of Human Resources
- Lunch and Keynote Speaker: Essential Communication Skills for Leaders. Dr. Narissra Punyanunt-Carter

Learn More: <https://apps.hr.ttu.edu/FST/>

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## **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

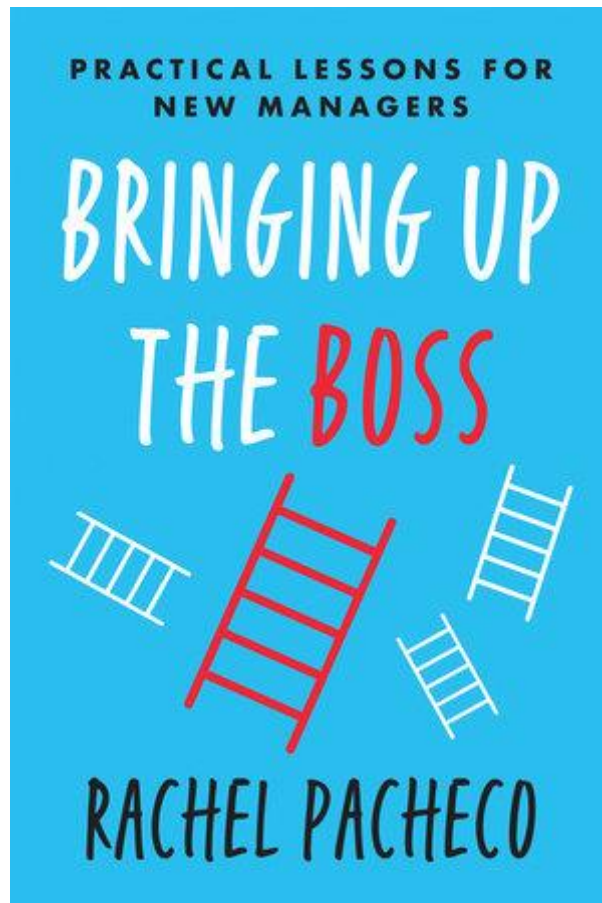
at a time, from Vancouver to Miami and across Europe. Bringing you 100 years of American music and Davina's originals, which lend themselves to the American Songbook, the band brings edgy nostalgia to older generations and fresh new music to younger ears. This rollicking quintet is held together by Sowers' 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>

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**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](mailto:hr.talentdevelopment@ttu.edu).

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## Staff Services & Trainings



**NOW HIRING**

# ADMINISTRATOR

*First-Generation Transition & Mentoring Programs*

Requisition 29694BR



**APPLY AT: [WWW.DEPTS.TTU.EDU/HR/WORKATTEXASTECH/](http://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?**

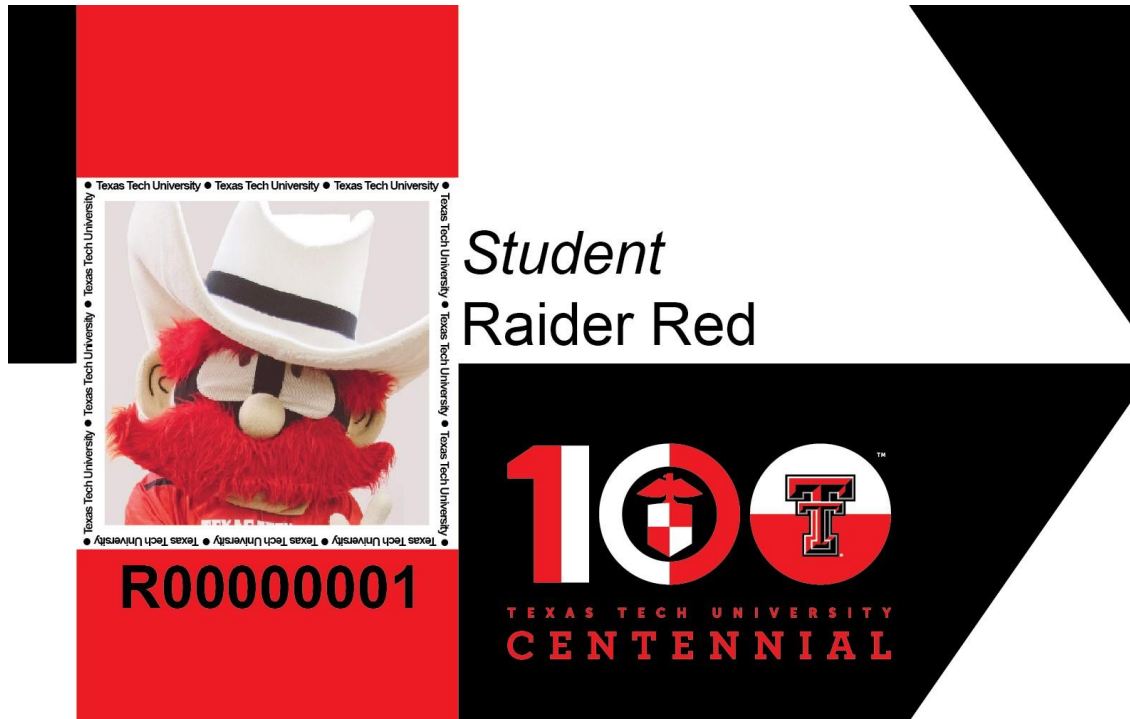
806-742-5433  
studentorgs@ttu.edu

## **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](mailto:raidercard@ttu.edu)

# FEARLESS



**A TEXAS TECH PRODUCTION**



**Available anywhere you listen to podcasts**

## **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](https://www.depts.ttu.edu/mentortech) ([www.depts.ttu.edu/mentortech](https://www.depts.ttu.edu/mentortech)). For more information contact us at 806.742.8692 or [mentor@ttu.edu](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

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**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!

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## 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, October 5 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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