West Texas A&M University

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Faculty and Staff Convocation 2014
WTAMU Rankings

In the latest ranking of *U.S. News and World Report* Master Level Universities and Colleges in the West, WTAMU was ranked 80th which places WTAMU in the 1st Tier. In addition, WTAMU was ranked as one of the top 30 Public Master Level Universities and Colleges in the West and the fifth highest among the Public Masters Level Universities and Colleges in Texas.
Heather Taylor
Accountant I
Sponsored Research
Purchasing

- Processed 5,753 Purchase Orders with a total of $26,142,538.42
- Processed 230 Blanket Purchase Orders with a total of $5,876,548.54
- Implemented new HUB reporting requirements
- Numbered and Tracked 471 new assets for a total of $1 million
Bernice Burnside
Administrative Secretary I
Sports and Exercise Sciences
Diversity and Inclusion

Buff Allies conducted the first WTAMU panel discussion on this topic in October 2013. What was it?
Diversity and Inclusion

Answer:

LGBTQ: Panel Discussion on its History and Politics
Amy Hord
Instructor
Psychology, Sociology and Social Work
Research

Internal grant funding programs to support faculty and student researchers:

- President’s Summer Undergraduate Program
- Graduate Student Internal Grants
- McNair Scholars Program
- Killgore Faculty Research Grants
Benjamin Buck
Assistant Coach
Athletics
Bursar Area

• Implemented a new payment plan which defines the payment plan on their account.

• Implemented Guaranteed Tuition billing which is a new process for billing our students effective this fall. This required many hours of design and testing by IT, Registrar Office and the Bursar Office.
Jesse Melson
Graphic Designer
Communication
Institutional Advancement

The name of the buffalo in the Vaughan Pedestrian Mall is Russell.
Betty Coneway
Assistant Professor
Education
Fall 2014 Admissions

How many phone calls have Undergraduate Admissions staff made to Fall 2014 undergraduate applicants and admits?
Fall 2014 Admissions

Answer:

Admissions staff made approximately 13,000 phone calls to fall 2014 undergraduate applicants and admits.

– That’s 8,000 more calls than were made for fall 2013.
Jeffrey Davis
Police Dispatcher
UPD
“Share Your Pride” Campaign

• More than 9,500 donors have made contributions
• More than 48,000 donations
• Raised more than $48 million to date
• Generated 18 new endowed faculty positions
• Created more than 100 new scholarships at WT
Bridget Guerrero
Assistant Professor
Agriculture Sciences
Institutional Advancement

Our oldest known alumnus, Madeline Cox Hegi, West Texas State Teachers College Class of 1934, will be 103 on Thursday, Aug. 21.
Brian Guillen
Office Manager
Education
Diversity and Inclusion

Can you name the three national diversity organizations in which WTAMU holds a membership?
Diversity and Inclusion

Answer:

1. Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education (TACHE)
2. Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals
3. Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education (TABPHE)
Angie Elkins
Instructor
Education
Academic Affairs

The National Science Foundation has awarded WTAMU a Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) grant totaling $371,700 for the purchase of a NMR spectrometer.
Keola Loo
Assistant Coach
Athletics
WT Softball claimed its first NCAA National Championship. The Lady Buffs became just the fourth team in Division II history to win 60 games (60-7) in a season and win the title.
Blake Price
Instructor
Sports and Exercise Sciences
Twelve of 17 WT athletic teams finished the season ranked in the Top 20 in their respective sports, with six in the Top 10.
Robin Patterson
Assistant Professor
Management, Marketing and General Business
Diversity and Inclusion

Which WTAMU College sponsors Dia de los Muertos – A Celebration of Life in October?
Diversity and Inclusion

Answer:

College of Education and Social Sciences
Tanna Terry
Purchasing Assistant
Purchasing
Jorge Granados received a Texas A&M University Pathways to the Doctorate Fellowship in the Department of Health and Kinesiology.
Rita Smith
Secretary II
Math, Chemistry and Physics
Institutional Advancement

2014 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, Rodney Clawson, is one of the songwriters behind several new songs you’re hearing – Kenny Chesney’s *American Kids*, Lady Antebellum’s *Bartender*, Frankie Ballard’s *Helluva Life*, Justin Moore’s *Lettin’ the Night Roll*, and Florida Georgia Line’s *Dirt*. 
Carolyn Baum
Instructor
Communication
The WT Bookstore Textbook Rental Program listed 169 unique titles for rent in the 2014 academic semesters generating $77,000 in rental revenue and saving students approximately $95,000 in the past 12 months.
Darcy Webber
Administrative Secretary II
JBK Student Center
Academic Affairs

U.S. News and World Report
Rankings for WTAMU Online Programs

– MBA: #2 in the West and #27 overall
– Nursing Graduate Program: #41 overall
Krista Troy
Secretary II
History
Veterans Enrollment Increase

- Fall 2008 enrollment of military service members (active duty/reservists) and veterans numbered 87.
- Spring 2014 enrollment of military service members (active duty/reservists) and veterans numbered 459.
Kyle Williams
Instructor
Accounting, Economics and Finance
International Admissions

In the last five years, how many countries have staff from the International Student Office traveled to in an effort to recruit students?
Answer:
In the last five years, staff from the International Student Office has traveled to 16 countries to recruit students (Argentina, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Panama, Peru, Russia, Taiwan, Thailand, Ukraine and Vietnam.)
Leslie Vinyard
Administrative Secretary II
Educational Services
Enrollment Increase

Undergraduate enrollment at WT has grown 26.2 percent since fall 2003, while the population of the Top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle – principal service area of WTAMU – grew over the same time period only 8.1 percent.
Jere Ellison Jr.
Graduate Admission Coordinator
Graduate School
Institutional Advancement

An alumni gathering earlier this year connected 10 WT graduates – in Bangkok, Thailand.
Carolina Galloway
Director of Study Abroad
Academic Affairs
Military Friendly

• For the fifth consecutive year WTAMU was named one of the 2014 top military-friendly universities by G.I. Jobs magazine.

• For the second consecutive year by Military Advanced Education as a Top Military Friendly University.
Amy Mitchell
Program Coordinator
PPHM
This year PPHM received a TripAdvisor® Certificate of Excellence award.

- The award, which honors hospitality excellence, is given only to establishments that consistently achieve outstanding traveler reviews on TripAdvisor.

- Currently, PPHM is ranked the number one attraction in Canyon, Texas and has a five-star rating on the site.
Priscilla Gann
Administrative Secretary II
Recreational Sports
Alex Montoya, mass communication major, received a Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship to study in Shanghai, China during the Summer 2014 academic term.
Nancy Turrubiates
Instructor
Nursing
Diversity and Inclusion

Which student organization is sponsoring the cafeteria flag project?
Diversity and Inclusion

Answer:

International Student Board
Cheree Burleson
Enrollment Management Specialist II
Registrars Office
President’s Award

All-Americans Alyssa Lemos and Dustin Vaughan earned the President’s Award as the top male and female student-athletes.

Vaughan was a National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete, while Lemos is an NCAA Woman of the Year nominee.
Environmental Safety

Each year, Environmental Safety inspects all fire extinguishers monthly. How many total inspections are performed?
Environmental Safety

There are 10,644 fire extinguisher inspections performed annually (there are 887 fire extinguishers on campus).
Eighty-three percent of College of Education and Social Sciences faculty and staff participated in the “I Am WT” campaign.
Mande Goodin
Textbook Receiving Clerk
Bookstore
WTClass is transitioning to Bb Learn

– Angel Learning reaches end of support on July 2015. Contact Instructional Technology Services for additional information and find out how to start preparing for the big move by fall 2015.
Samuel Henderson
Assistant Director of Admissions
Admissions
Diversity and Inclusion

What is the name of the former WT professor who received an award at the Los Barrios de Amarillo Student Scholarship Banquet and also chairs the NAACP Human Relations Committee and the Amarillo Community Committee?
Diversity and Inclusion

Answer:

Myrna Raffkind
Buff Alert

Have you signed up for Buff Alert?

wtamu.edu/BuffAlert
WT Night at PPHM

Last Year PPHM hosted WT Night
- More than 175 students attended this first-time event.
- The first 150 students received free T-shirts and all students enjoyed a scavenger hunt, deejay and giveaways.

This Year WT Night at PPHM will be part of Buff Branding.
Angela Allen
Outreach Adviser
College Talent Search
Academic Affairs

• Three programs received accreditation this year
  – CIS (ABET)
  – Theatre (NAST)
  – Communication (ACA reaffirmation)
Quincy Henderson
Assistant Coach
Athletics
Bursar Area

The Purchasing and Accounts Payable department are working IT and System Purchasing personnel to implement a new e-procurement application in FY15.
William Bowen
Environmental Safety Technician
Environmental Safety
Microsoft IT Academy

• Free for all faculty, staff and students
  – Access to more than 1,000 online training courses
    • Find out more by visiting wtamu.edu/IT
    • Get started today.
John Hildebrand
Parking Service Manager
UPD
Student Athletes

WT student-athletes earned a cumulative GPA of 2.96 over the year, shattering the previous record of a 2.83 set in 2012-13.

Women’s cross-country led the way with a 3.65, while 57 percent of all student-athletes earned a 3.0 or better.
Christina Palmer
Secretary II
English, Philosophy and Modern Languages
Lecture Capture

• Capture and share classroom discussions
  – Video is transforming teaching and learning
    • Available in more than 35 locations on campus.
    • Video is quickly growing and will account for 79 percent of all Internet traffic by 2018.  (Source Cisco VNI 2014)
Debra Blanton
Assistant Professor
Communication Disorders
eBuff, WT’s campus technology store, has generated sales in excess of $320,000 in the first 11 months of fiscal 2014. 182 computers, 127 tablet devices and more than 1,965 accessory products have been sold.
PPHM Special Events

PPHM has hosted an annual Christmas Open House for 37 years.

• This event has more than 3,500 people attend in two days.
• PPHM’s Christmas Open House began collecting donations for the food drive four years ago and is now one of the area’s largest event food drives.
• WT students and staff are involved with COH as volunteers, role players and entertainers.
Wei Peng
Multimedia Designer
Communication and Marketing
Academic Affairs

Graduate students in criminal justice collaborated with the Texas Department of Public Safety to create a social media policy now used statewide by the DPS.
Andrew Santos
Assistant Director of Admissions
Admissions
Diversity and Inclusion

Which WTAMU organization participates in the Eveline Rivers Project and also provides a scholarship to WTAMU students?
Diversity and Inclusion

Answer: WT Women
Faith Hoelscher
Development Officer
Development

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Academic Affairs

How many student evaluation forms (CIEQ) did Institutional Research process last year?
Academic Affairs

Answer:

Institutional Research Processed 42,000 CIEQ forms in 2013-2014
PPHM Trivia

What year did PPHM renovate Pioneer Town?

A. 1995
B. 2008
C. 2012
D. 1941
Renovation of the Pioneer Town exhibit began with the removal of all contents and demolition of the existing buildings and facades. Pioneer Town is now an immersive experience to be explored in-depth—and using the interactive components is encouraged.
David McKenzie
Network Services Engineer
Information Technology
Institutional Advancement

2014 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, Emily Pulley, has performed operas in a dozen different languages all around the world.
Robert Mayhan
Shuttle Bus Driver
UPD
Fall 2014 Admissions

How many freshman applications has WT received for fall 2014?
Fall 2014 Admissions

Answer:

Fall 2014 marks the greatest number of freshman applications ever received by the University for a fall term.

As of July 1 we received 556 more applications than last year, totaling 5,171—a 12 percent increase and new record.
Dustin Hahn
Instructor
Communication
Academic Affairs

How much scholarship funding was awarded to students who participated in Study Abroad programs in 2013-2014?
Academic Affairs

Answer:
The Office of Study Abroad awarded $80,350 in scholarships to students who participated in Study Abroad programs last year.
Daniel Zewde
Assistant Director of Admissions
Admissions
Human Resources

During the previous 12 months, how many applications were processed for the 132 jobs that were advertised?
Answer:
1,469 applications have been received in the previous 12 months. Fewer than 9 percent of applicants are offered employment.

Congratulations, you made it!
Todd McNeill
Manager of Accounting
Accounting and Business Office
Diversity and Inclusion

What is the name of the book discussion series sponsored by the Cornette Library?
Diversity and Inclusion

Answer:

Muslim Journey Series
David Willard
Assistant Professor and Department Head
Art, Theatre and Dance
WTAMU’s nursing graduates achieved a first-time pass rate of 94.5 percent on the NCLEX licensing examination for 2012-2013.
Physical Plant

How long would it take to walk the entire length of every sidewalk on campus?
Physical Plant

Answer:
With approximately 23 miles of sidewalk, it would take 7 hours and 40 minutes at normal walking speed to walk them all.
Dayna Schertler
Health Integration Specialist
Medical Services
Recycling

Through WT's efforts in going green, WT has saved the following natural resources in 2011-2013!

- Trees 1510.083
- Gallons of Oil 3355.74
- Gallons of Water 553697.1
- Kilowatts of Energy 335574
- Cubic Yards of Landfill Space 251.6805
Clay Scott
Microsystems Analyst
Information Technology
Kristin Kuhlmann
Assistant Professor
Nursing
The shuttle bus fleet consists of 4 new buses. How many riders will be transported in FY14?
University Police Department

Answer:

More than 125,000 riders will have utilized the shuttle buses by the end of FY14.

(Download WTAMU Mobile to utilize the bus tracker feature.)
Jaqueline Cervantes
Assistant Director of Admissions
Admissions
Institutional Advancement

Other options for the WTAMU school mascot included a badger, coyote, chaparral, rattlesnake and prairie dog.
WT Mobile

Download the official University mobile application today.
John Sparks
Director of Operations
First United Bank Center
More than $200,000 of new fitness equipment has been installed in the Virgil Henson Activities Center.
Tracy Shea
Associate Business Consultant
Small Business Development Center
Budget & Reporting

How large is WTAMU’s operating budget for FY15?

A. $101,000,000
B. $139,000,000
C. $164,000,000
Budget & Reporting

B. $139,000,000
Melissa White
Administrative Secretary II
Fine Arts and Humanities
Institutional Advancement

The great great granddaughter of WT President JA Hill (1918-1948), graduated from WTAMU last week.
Danielle Dalpaz
Purchasing Assistant
Purchasing
Research

New PDRF Core Laboratory Equipment

• Vario Micro Cube Carbon, Nitrogen, Sulfur Analyzer

• The Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometer
Susan Chitwood
Cashier
Accounting and Business Office
Gold Card Office

Many students, faculty and staff utilize the Buffalo Gold Card for door access.

How many door transactions occur in a year?
Gold Card Office

Answer:
Approximately 1,600,000 door transactions are recorded annually.

Don’t forget, many off-campus merchants accept the Buffalo Gold Card.
Sharon Burnett
Assistant Professor
Accounting, Economics and Finance
Full-Time Employment for Recent Graduates

Eighty-five percent of the December 2013 graduates secured full-time jobs within five months of graduation (national average is 55 percent) while 66 percent of the May 2014 graduates had full-time jobs at the time of their graduation (national average is 35 percent).
Cindy Spencer
Senior Director of Residential Living
Residential Living
The Jack B. Kelley Student Center is implementing a campuswide scheduling program called EMS Campus.
Erick Butler
Assistant Professor
Engineering and Computer Science
A $1 million gift endowed the LEAD WT program as the Dyke and Terry Rogers Leadership Education and Development Program.
Mitchelle Watson
Purchasing Assistant
Purchasing
Shannon Holmes
Administrative Secretary I
Nursing
Student Medical Services is now accepting health insurance.

Student Medical Services and Student Counseling Services have partnered with Texas Panhandle Centers to provide comprehensive, integrated health care through a grant-funded initiative worth more than $100,000 each year.
Holly Bellah
Instructor
Psychology, Sociology and Social Work
PPHM and WTAMU

- PPHM admission is always free to current WTAMU students, faculty and staff with a valid Buff ID.

- This year (2013-2014) PPHM served 2364 WTAMU students through curriculum support and 2822 WTAMU students through student engagement.
Heather Degenhart
Research Associate
Engineering and Computer Science
Institutional Advancement

Our school colors have always been maroon and white.
Jennifer Moore
Instructor
Nursing
WTAMU was selected as a Top Military Friendly Campus for the fifth consecutive year.
Jessica Smith
Senior Research Analyst
Institutional Research
Purchasing

- Conducted annual campuswide inventory. Maintaining records of 7,064 asset records totaling $2 million
- Processed 15,364 Procurement Card Transactions for over $4 million
- Audited 325 Procurement Card holder’s logs on a monthly basis.
Heather Knowles
Visitors Services and Accounts Manager
PPHM
Did you know that for more than 13 years Kids Kollege has been designated as a Rising Star Vendor, the highest rating by Work Force Solutions Panhandle Child Care Management Services?
Kelly McCauley
Assistant Professor
Management, Marketing and
General Business
Scholarships

How much does West Texas A&M University award in scholarships to new and continuing students each year?
Scholarships

Answer:
West Texas A&M University awards approximately $4 million in scholarships to new and continuing students each year.
Matthew Reardon
Assistant Professor
History
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

- PPHM is Texas’ largest history museum and has everything from dinosaurs to conquistadors, art, petroleum, textiles and more.

- PPHM has been called the *Smithsonian with a Texas Accent* because of its robust collection.
Samuel Ives
Associate Professor
Agriculture Sciences
Financial Aid

How many funds does the Office of Financial Aid administer in need-based aid to students each year?
Financial Aid

Answer:
The Office of Financial Aid administers more than $28 million in need-based aid to students each year.
Melissa Timmons
Instructor
Math, Chemistry and Physics
Buffs in the NFL

WT football has 15 former players currently on NFL rosters, including Khiry Robinson (Saints), Eugene Sims (Rams) and Dustin Vaughan (Cowboys).
Sarah Vartabedian
Assistant Professor
Communication
Institutional Advancement

WT was the first senior college in Texas to inaugurate night football (1930).
Oscar Santos Sopena
Assistant Professor
English, Philosophy and Modern Languages
Graduate School

Fall 2014

- Graduate Enrollment Increase: Up 36.21 percent
- Graduate Application Increase: Up 68.28 percent
- Graduate SCH Increase: UP 36.74 percent

(as of 7/21/14)
Paula Schlegel
Instructor
Communication
Most Successful Season

West Texas A&M finished second out of 283 NCAA Division II schools in the Directors’ Cup, the highest finish in school history.

The past six years have been the most successful era in athletics in school history in competition and in the classroom.
Nathaniel Howell
Assistant Professor
Engineering and Computer Science

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National Science Foundation
Major Instrumentation Grant Awards

• State-of-the-art, 400 MHz solid-state - Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer - Congratulations to Drs. Catherine Clewett, Nick Flynn, Gary Barbee and Erick Butler - $371,700

• Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer-Flame Ionization Detector (GC/MS-FID) – Congratulations to Drs. David Parker, Andy Cole, Ty Lawrence and Gary Barbee - $160,000
Valerie Dennis
Instructor
English, Philosophy and Modern Languages
PPHM’s Women of the West

• This year PPHM presented six separate exhibitions emphasizing the significant role of women in the American West.
• These exhibitions helped to increase PPHM visitation by more than 2,000 people.
The Women of the West exhibition series included:

– American Indian Art from the Susan J. Allen Collection
– Gems of the Plains
– Girls of the Golden West
– Olive Vandruff: Artist of the American West
– Madonnas of the Prairie: Depictions of Women in the American West
– Anna Keener: Southwestern Regionalist
Timothy Steffens
Assistant Professor
Agriculture Sciences

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Diversity and Inclusion

Do you know the name of the African American event that is celebrated on June 19?
Diversity and Inclusion

Answer: Juneteenth
Tana Roberson
Assistant Professor
Art, Theatre and Dance
PPHM Trivia

What species of dinosaur is in the center of the PPHM Paleontology Gallery (pictured here)?

A. Allosaurus
B. Triceratops
C. Stegosaurus
D. Tyrannosaurus Rex
A. The **Allosaurus** was an efficient predator with long, serrated teeth and slashing claws on its small arms. At PPHM, we affectionately call her Ally.
Tau Kadhi
Assistant Vice President for Learning Assessment
Academic Affairs
Institutional Advancement

There are more than 115 licensed vendors ready to make WT items for you.
New Employees With No Available Photos

Don Adams
Accountant II
Accounting and Business Office

Alison Berry
Assistant Professor
College of Business

Thomas Brown
Head Coach
Athletics

David Clark
Instructor
Accounting, Economics and Finance

Pamela Denney
Cashier/Inventory Clerk
Bookstore

Tucker Eichhorn
Assistant Athletic Trainer - Lecturer
Athletics

Shaokun Fan
Assistant Professor
Information Decision Management

Traci Fredman
Instructor
Communication Disorders

Arthur Gove
Assistant Coach
Athletics

Emily Hammer
Assistant Professor
Management, Marketing and General Business

Xiangyu Li
Assistant Professor
Psychology, Sociology and Social Work

Ryan Mattson
Assistant Professor
Accounting, Economics and Finance

Oliver Mulamba
Assistant Professor
Engineering and Computer Science

Jennifer Tracy
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James Womble
Assistant Professor
Engineering and Computer Science

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