PROGRAM AGENDA

Welcome
Announcement of New President Cabinet Members
President O’Brien
Dr. Wade Shaffer
Gary Barnes
Dr. Neal Weaver
Becky Lopez
SECC

Presentation of Staff Awards
President O’Brien and Misty Hobbs

Presentation of Faculty Magister Optimus Award
Dr. Wade Shaffer and Bill Ambrose

State-of-the-University Address
President O’Brien

Please join us for a reception immediately following in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center, Legacy Hall Foyer.

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS

Dr. J. Patrick O’Brien
President/CEO

Dr. Wade Shaffer
Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

Gary Barnes
Vice President for Business and Finance

Dr. Donna Eddleman
Vice President for Student Affairs

Dan Garcia
Vice President for Enrollment Management

Dr. Neal Weaver
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Dr. Rosemary Gray
Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer

Dr. Angela Spaulding
Vice President for Research and Compliance

Michael McBroom
Director of Athletics

Cliff Vanderpool
Director of Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

James Webb
Chief Information Officer
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

VANESSA ALANIS, administrative assistant I, dean's office, Sybil B. Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities...received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from WTAMU...teaches part time in the Department of Communication...joins the WTAMU staff from the Amarillo Emergency Communication Center.

DR. ERIC BAILEY, assistant professor of cow/calf nutrition...joined WTAMU after finishing his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in ruminant nutrition from Kansas State University...originally from Santa Rosa, N.M...received his undergraduate degree from WTAMU...first recipient of the chair in cow/calf nutrition funded from an anonymous gift to the department.

DR. LEIGH GREEN, assistant professor of education...earned a Bachelor of Science degree in sport management from the University of Tennessee, an M. Ed. in educational leadership from Middle Tennessee State University, an additional master's in counseling from Texas Tech University and a Ph.D. in counselor education and supervision.

LANCE HADLEY, instructor of nursing...received his B.S.N. and M.S.N. at WTAMU,...registered nurse for 16 years...currently pursuing a D.N.P. from Walden University...worked for several years in kidney dialysis services.

RAYMOND HOLLABAUGH, rodeo coach, Department of Agricultural Sciences...come to WTAMU from Tarleton State University, where he served as assistant coach...brings a world of experience to the job and was a seven time qualifier to the PRCA World Championship Rodeo.

DEBBIE HOLMES, administrative services coordinator, Enterprise Center...raised in Hereford and moved to Amarillo in 2009 to be closer to family...comes to WTAMU with 32 years of experience in the banking industry with an emphasis in customer service, training and compliance.

TAMMY JACKSON, communication liaison, education...earned a bachelor's degree in biomedical science from Texas A&M University and is a certified life/earth science teacher...currently serves as the liaison for the Community Partnership for Learning Disabilities.

CAROLINA JONES, coordinator, Attebury Honors Program...grew up in Quito, Ecuador...came to WTAMU as an international student and earned a B.B.A. in marketing and a M.B.A...has worked in the WTAMU Business Office and the UT Dallas Student Counseling Center...enjoys time with her husband and traveling to Ecuador to visit family.

DIANE KING, office manager, Psychology, Sociology and Social Work...earned B.B.A. in management with concentration in finance from Detroit College of Business...moved to Amarillo from Detroit...previously worked at Daimler Chrysler World Headquarters as financial analyst...enthusiastic mother of five with 13-year-old Joshua as the caboose...passionate about teen success and currently working with St. John Baptist Church to develop success ministry.

JOVAN MUNOZ, music librarian/band camp secretary...grew up in Midland...earned her B.A. in music performance from WTAMU...working on her master's degree in English...enjoys music, reading and writing.

BRANT NELSON, success coach, First Year Experience...born and raised in Amarillo...earned both his B.A. in sociology in 2010 and M.A. in English in 2012 from WTAMU...has worked and volunteered in various positions at WTAMU including as a graduate assistant in the Student Success Center and teaching assistant in the English department...has written for and served as managing editor of WTAMU's creative writing journal, The Legacy.

GLENDA NORTON, compliance assistant and office manager, Sponsored Research Services...earned an Associate of Arts degree from Eastern New Mexico University...joins WTAMU after nine years with a CPA firm...daughter is a nursing student at AC, son is a sophomore at Canyon High School...also has a one-year-old granddaughter...enjoys camping, fishing, hunting and horses.

KRISHA PERKINS, secretary II, School of Engineering and Computer Science...moves from a part-time position in the Alternative Energy Institute to a full-time position shared with the School of Engineering and Computer Science.

NOMA POOL, administrative secretary, Panhandle Area Health Education Center...comes to WTAMU from Amarillo College...grew up in Arizona and earned an associate degree from Mohave Community College...has lived in Texas for the past six years with her two sons.

ANA RAMIREZ, consulting coordinator, Small Business Development Center...named WTAMU’s Student Employee of the Year in 2012...worked at the SBDC for five-years before moving to a full-time position...earned a B.B.A. in management from WTAMU and will complete her M.B.A. in the summer of 2014...contributions to the SBDC include planning and executing all training events, conducting business research on behalf of clients and holding leadership responsibility of all federal reporting requirements for the office.

CHANDINI REVANNA, director, Academic and Research Environmental Health and Safety...earned a master’s degree in environmental and occupational health from Texas A&M University Health Sciences Center...previous work experience includes Texas A&M University and Baylor University.

JON REVETT, assistant professor of painting and drawing...studied at Amarillo College, and came to WTAMU where he received his BFA and MFA degrees...a trained painter knowledgeable in many artistic techniques and media...teaching experience includes painting, drawing, sculpture, art theory and art history at the collegiate level...has operated his own gallery and been awarded several large-scale public commissioned projects...work exhibited nationally and internationally...currently oversees WTAMU’s art gallery at Sunset Center in Amarillo.

LAURA SEALS, coordinator, Nationally Competitive Scholarships...earned a M.B.A. from the Bauer School of Business at the University of Houston and a Plan II B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin...comes to WTAMU after 11 years at Hewlett Packard...enjoys all things Russian, traveling with her three children and running (and then running some more).

DR. MALLORY VESTAL, assistant professor of agriculture business and economics...returns to WT after finishing her Ph.D. at Oklahoma State University...was a member of the WTAMU women’s equestrian team as an undergraduate and is in the WT Hall of Champions...expertise includes livestock economics and strategy implementation.

JOVANA VUKOVIC, associate professor of psychology...earned a master's degree in biology from University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada and a Ph.D. in psychology from University of Aberdeen, Scotland, where she served as a postdoctoral research associate and teaching assistant...author of six first-time publications and co-author of more than 13 publications...passionate about research and working on grant approval for several projects...certified yoga instructor and accomplished lead singer.

MATTHEW WHIGHAM, temporary instructor, School of Engineering and Computer Science...comes to WTAMU from Texas Tech, where he is completing his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering...teaches many of the introductory courses in the pre-engineering curriculum.

ATHLETICS

KEITH BARNETT, assistant volleyball coach...previously served as head coach at University of Colorado—Colorado Springs...former standout player at Pepperdine University...earned a gold medal at the World University Games in Beijing in 2001...former member of the U.S. National Team from 2001-02 and 2005-06...has played professionally in Belgium, Spain and Romania...he and wife Jessica have two children—Brooklyn and Elyse.

QUINCY HOWE, assistant track and field coach...joins the WTAMU coaching staff after coaching at his alma mater, the University of Wyoming, where he coached many national and regional qualifiers...earned All-America honors there in the triple jump and holds records in both indoor and outdoor triple jump...inducted into University Wyoming Athletics Hall of Fame in 2009...earned a bachelor’s degree in bioelectrical engineering and a master’s in biomaterials.

MARK KELLOGG, head women’s basketball coach...a native of Dallas...earned a bachelor’s degree from Austin College and a master’s degree from WTAMU...comes to WTAMU from Northwest Missouri State...named RMAC Coach of the Year three times and WBCA Region Coach of the Year twice...assistant men’s coach under Rick Cooper from 1998-2000...he and wife Trisha have two children—Caden and Kayli.

KRISTEN MATTO, assistant women’s basketball coach...comes to WTAMU from Northwest Missouri State where she worked with WTAMU’s new coach Mark Kellogg...duties at WTAMU will include recruiting, guard coaching, opponent scouting, film breakdown, academic coordinator, summer camps and marketing the Lady Buff program.

ERIC MOORE, head men’s golf coach...native of Owasso, Okla.,...joins the WTAMU coaching staff from Our Lady of the Lake University...attended Northeastern State University where he earned All-America honors...received a bachelor’s degree in 2005 and a master’s degree in health and kinesiology in 2007...he and wife Ali have two children.

MIKE NESBITT, assistant head football coach...16 years of coaching experience including a previous stint at WTAMU...comes back to WTAMU from the University of Houston...one of the nation’s top punters during his college career at the University of New Mexico...also played in the NFL with the New Orleans Saints and Minnesota Vikings...earned his master’s degree from WTAMU...he and wife Camille have a son named Gavin.

COLLEEN PITS, women’s soccer assistant coach...Dallas native...impressive soccer player at Texas Tech, club play and prep school...holds a USSF "D" license and NSCAA Advanced National Goalkeeping Diploma...earned both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Texas Tech University.

CHRISTIE RUSSELL, assistant athletic director for marketing and promotions...previously worked as a graduate assistant in the ticket office...played on the U.S. national team at WTAMU from 2007-2011 and was a two-time all-conference selection and four-time NFCA All-America Scholar-Athlete...earned a bachelor’s degree at WTAMU and named Outstanding Marketing Graduate...earned a master’s degree in 2013 from WTAMU.

MATT STEWART, assistant track and field coach...works with sprinters, hurdlers and multi-event athletes...comes to WTAMU from Abilene Christian University and also coached at Giddings High School...four-year track letterman at Texas Tech University where he earned Big 12 honors and Tech’s Outstanding Track and Field Student-Athlete Award in 2005...graduated from Tech in 2006 with a bachelor’s degree in sports and exercise sciences.
KIT STRIEF, assistant athletic director for media relations...native of Des Moines, Iowa...previously served as sports information director at the University of South Dakota...member of the College Sports Information Directors of America and serves on the NCBWFA South Central Region Baseball Committee...earned a bachelor’s degree from Grand View College in Des Moines and a master’s degree from Wichita State University.

BRETT WATSON, assistant football coach...will work with the Buff’s defensive line and act as recruiting coordinator...native of Perryton and a former defensive lineman for the Buffs...earned a bachelor’s degree from WTAMU in 2009 and a master’s degree in 2010.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

JULIE BREWER, ID card marketing assistant, Buffalo Gold Card Office...graduate of Midwestern State University...has a background in retail management...worked at Target for seven years before coming to WTAMU...has four children.

MALLORY BROWN, accountant II, Accounting and Business Office...grew up in Fritch...completed the five-year Master’s of Professional Accounting program at WTAMU in 2012...loves to travel and enjoys biking, hiking, playing volleyball and lounging at the beach.

SHARLA BROWNE, grants manager assistant, Accounting and Business Office...earned a bachelor’s degree in education from Texas A&M University...taught for approximately seven years...originally from Austin but has lived all over the state with her husband of 24 years...their two children are attending Texas A&M University...enjoys traveling, cooking, gardening and learning new things.

DEBORAH BRUMMETT, accountant I, Accounting and Business Office...born in Borger but grew up in Amarillo...married to husband Larry for 24 years...daughter Leslie is a WTAMU junior majoring in biology...enjoys water tubing, four-wheeling and spending time with family.

TAMARA CASTAGNETTA, campuswide ID card office assistant, Buffalo Gold Card Office...joins WTAMU after 20 years with Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center...currently working on a degree in history...married to Larry Castagnetta...parents to three children and eagerly awaiting the arrival of their first grandchild in December.

AUDREY COLLINS, sales associate/website content manager, University Bookstore...raised in Lockney...earned a bachelor’s degree in mass communication with a concentration in advertising and public relations from WTAMU in August 2012...lives in Canyon.

CASSIDY DOAK, clerk II, Post Office...graduate of Canyon High School...loves working in the Post Office with Cynthia and feels WTAMU is a great place to work.

BRANDON FRANCO, police officer, University Police Department...has five years of law enforcement experience...earned an associate degree in criminal justice and his basic police officer certification...born and raised in Corpus Christi...he and his wife live in Tula with their three children.

SHANNON HAM, textbook buyer, University Bookstore...grew up in Littlefield and attended American Commercial College in Lubbock...moved to Canyon in 1998 when she married J.B. Ham...two sons—one will attend TSTC in Waco and the youngest attends school in Canyon...she stays busy with the school band program and sports.

MALENDA JOHNSON, cashier, Accounting and Business Office...graduate of Palo Duro High School...graduated EMT classes through Amarillo College in 2011 with plans to eventually become a paramedic...enjoys the outdoors, photography, animals, family and God.

SANDRA ROBERTS, accounting assistant, Accounting and Business Office...born in McKinney and has lived in Amarillo for more than 30 years...daughter just graduated from WTAMU in May...two stepchildren and an outstanding husband...hobbies include camping, quilting and Atlanta Braves baseball...also loves dogs and has three.

CIERRA WATTS, purchasing assistant, Purchasing and Inventory Services...previously worked as a student worker for three years...graduated in May with a bachelor’s degree in communication studies with a minor in English...plans to begin graduate school in the fall.

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

PAIGE DICKERSON, records assistant, Admissions...Amarillo native who previously worked as a reporter in Port Angeles, Wash...working on her master’s in counseling and is engaged to be married later this year...hobbies include reading, crocheting and travel.

KYLER ESTES, records assistant, Admissions...born in Perryton and raised in Amarillo...graduated from WTAMU in 2009...previously worked for the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission in local government services and for Herring Bank in loan operations...happily married for four and a half years...enjoys attending church activities, time with family, friends and pets, football and working around the house.

JUAN GALLARDO, outreach coordinator, Upward Bound Math-Science...Dallas native who graduated from WTAMU with a Bachelor in Social Sciences Secondary Education...currently working on a M.B.A. at WTAMU...hobbies include soccer and spending time with family and friends.

JOHNA JACK, student records assistant, Registrar’s Office...earned an associate degree in science at WOSC and attended WTAMU...previously worked for U.S. Postal Service for 26 years...has two grown children and a beagle...hobbies include golfing, bowling and reading.

BRENDA KEITH, academic coordinator/counselor, CAMP (College Assistance Migrant Program)...graduated from Lubbock Christian University in 2010...previously worked in TRIO at South Plains College in Levelland...desires that all people have the opportunity for higher education...married to Michael Keith and between them they have five children and three grandchildren...hobbies include reading and DIY projects.

L. SHAREE LOWE, executive assistant/project administrator, College Talent Search...a native of Southern New Mexico/far West Texas who graduated from WTAMU in 2009 with a B.B.A. with a concentration in entrepreneurship...previously was a residential director for two MHMR group homes and sole proprietor as certified entrepreneur...previously worked in Enrollment Management and Admissions...enjoys running, baking, reading and spending time with husband, Brian.

VICTORIA SAKER, programs assistant, PPHM...originally from New York but has made the Texas Panhandle home for nine years...studied at the State University of New York College at Cortland...lived all over New England before landing on a farm in Texas...comes to the museum from The Discovery Center in Amarillo...enjoys family time, gardening, raising animals and talking about herself in the third person.

KRIS WEIGLE, exhibits specialist II, PPHM...originally from Amarillo but moved back to Canyon after living in Kansas for 18 years...has three sons—a set of twins and their older brother—who think he is the “best dad ever”...enjoys all things outdoors including hunting, fishing, camping, snow skiing and mountain biking...woodworking is one of his favorite hobbies and makes him perfect to be a PPHM exhibit specialist.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

KERRI ALLEN, director, Student Disability Services...a Canyon native...earned her bachelor’s degree at WTAMU and currently working on her master’s degree...taught high school algebra for 11 years...worked with disability services at AC...son lives in Missouri, daughter is a student at WTAMU...enjoys family, watching movies, working on crafts and travel.

KIMBERLY COE, administrative assistant, Student Life...working on a BAAS degree in English...taking summer II classes at AC, enrolled for fall at WTAMU...has worked in insurance and financial services...she and her husband of 30 years have two children and two grandchildren.
KIMBERLY CORNELSEN, assistant director of Recreational Sports...earned a bachelor's degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and a master's degree from WTAMU...more than 25 years of experience in aquatics...recently served as director of Parks and Recreation for the city of Midland and director of Midland's Scharbauer Sports Complex...she and husband Justin have three children—Kade, Kinley and Kennedy.

DR. DONNA EDDLEMAN, vice president for Student Affairs...native of New York...earned a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Albany, a master's from Utah State University and a doctorate in educational policy, planning and leadership from the College of William and Mary...has 25 years of higher education experience...strong supporter of student initiatives and programs...joins WTAMU from Southern Utah University, where she served as vice president for student services...husband Jerry was born and raised in Stinnett and they have been married since 1991.

LINDSEY EGGLESTON, area coordinator, Residential Living...came to WTAMU from Bozeman, Mont....earned area coordinator in August 2012 after serving as a resident assistant and assistant area coordinator...graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's in psychology...in 2011...will receive master's degree in December...recently married, and they will move into Founder's Hall in August.

MICHAEL HUGHES, assistant director, Recreational Sports...earned both a bachelor's (2002) and a master's (2004) from Hardin-Simmons University...comes to WTAMU with more than 10 years experience in managing recreational programs at Colorado State University—Pueblo, Prairie View A&M, YMCA of Abilene and the Texas Lions Camp...enjoys time with family, gardening, reading and outdoor sports.

DIANNA JEFFERS, administrative secretary II, Student Counseling Services...recently moved back to be near family...joins WTAMU after 15 years in an information security career—at Pantex and as the information security course manager and lead instructor at the DOE National Training Center in Albuquerque...proud of her two sons who served as medics in Iraq...dream is to see them get married and make her a grandmother.

JANA NIXON, student employment coordinator, Career Services...joins WTAMU with more than 15 years of experience in empowering students to pursue and manage their careers...earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Texas at Austin and a professional certificate in human resource management from Champlain College...she and husband Brian are happy to be back in Texas after more than 20 years in Vermont.

HAYLEY ROBINSON, registered nurse, Student Medical Services...student worker at Student Medical Services before graduating with B.S.N. in 2005...worked at Northwest Texas Hospital as pediatric nurse...returned to WTAMU Student Medical Services in January.

MEGHAN WILLIAMS, manager, Student Success Center...grew up in San Angelo...earned her bachelor's (2003) and master's (2005) from Texas Tech University...joins WTAMU from CEV Multimedia, where she was a project coordinator and curriculum sales consultant...husband Kevin is an assistant professor in agricultural sciences...they enjoy riding horses and spending family time with son Kason.
West Texas A&M University, a member of The Texas A&M University System, is a student-centered, learning community dedicated to educating tomorrow’s leaders through innovative academic and co-curricular undergraduate and graduate programs. The University serves as the principal academic and cultural center of a multi-state region and is a significant catalyst for economic development by expanding the frontiers of knowledge through education, research and consultation. Its faculty and staff prepare students for leadership roles both in their chosen careers and as citizens of the nation and the world. West Texas A&M University is committed to providing a technology-rich education, constantly improving its academically challenging educational experience, and engaging students through effective teaching and practical experiences involving inquiry, discussion, research, creative activities, experiential learning and service. The University is committed to the intellectual, professional and social growth of students by providing an education grounded in the liberal arts and opportunities to develop strong critical thinking and problem-solving skills, an understanding of cultural diversity, a commitment to ethical behavior, an appreciation for the fine arts and humanities, and a desire for life-long learning.

West Texas A&M University holds the following core values as those principles that the University will not compromise, even to overcome obstacles or achieve short-term gain:

- Academic and Intellectual Freedom
- Pursuit of Excellence in All Endeavors
- Creativity and Innovation
- Respect for the Dignity of All Individuals
- Cooperation and Communication
- Community Service and Leadership
- Exceed Expectations of Internal and External Customers
- Continuous Improvement
- Integrity
- Diversity