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West Texas A&M University™
University Bookstore

In addition to selling new and used books and the popular rental program, we will offer digital textbooks by the start of fall 2015 expanding the economical choices offered to students for textbook/curriculum materials.
WTAMU Distinguished Alumna, Shanna Peeples of Amarillo, received the National Teacher of the Year Award from President Barack Obama during a ceremony earlier this year at the White House.
Early Alerts on Blackboard

- Select Home Page on the course menu.
- Click on Early Alert.
Early Alerts on Blackboard

• Select the course.

• Select the student for Early Alert submission.
Early Alerts off Blackboard

Anyone concerned about a student’s academic performance can submit an Early Alert.

http://www.wtamu.edu/advising-forms.aspx
Diversity and Inclusion

The Donning of the Stole Ceremony is a symbol of achievement for graduating Hispanic and African Students. Family members honor graduates by the placing of a Sarape or Kente cloth on their graduates as a symbol of pride and attainment.
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

When did PPHM first open?

A: 1913  
B: 1933  
C: 1947  
D: 1982

B: 1933

• PPHM opened in 1933 after the members of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society raised all the funds and materials during the Great Depression.
Smart Classrooms

All of the classrooms at WTAMU are now smart classrooms.

- More than 50% have new computers.
- More upgrades are planned for this year.
A new Fire and Life Safety Director was hired; Congratulations to Rob Thompson.

- Installation of new fire alarm systems in the WTAMU Box/Field House, Museum, and Dining Hall.
- Training
  - 250 employees on fire extinguisher usage
  - 40 fire drill trainings in the residence halls
PPHM is Award Winning

• This year alone, PPHM has won the following awards:
  ▪ Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence
  ▪ Canyon News Gold Star Award
  ▪ A Golden Touch Award from the Amarillo Arts Council
  ▪ True West Magazine Top 10 Best Western Museums
  ▪ Best of Amarillo: Best Museum/Art Gallery
  ▪ Induction into the Best of Amarillo Hall of Fame
Construction

Since 2000, $261 Million has been spent on construction projects – both large and small. 2012 was the most productive year as over $53 Million was spent.
Recycling Program

WT's recycling program has contributed the following since July 2014:

- 94,201 pounds of paper
- 49,850 pounds of cardboard
- 788 pounds of aluminum
- 5,544 pounds of plastic
Recycling Program

WT’s recycling program has contributed to a savings of natural resources of:

- 2,209 trees
- 4,908 gallons of oil
- 809,882 gallons of water
- 490,838 KW of energy
- 452 cubic yards of land fill
WT Postseason Success

12 of 16 sports qualified for NCAA Postseason

- Equestrian finished 3rd nationally at IHSA National Championship as a non-NCAA sport
- Nine teams ranked in Top 25 of their respective sports
George Catlin’s American Buffalo

- This year the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum was selected to exhibit *George Catlin’s American Buffalo* from the Smithsonian American Art Museum.
  - The exhibition presents 40 original Catlin paintings from the Smithsonian American Art Museum’s collection to show the crucial role of the buffalo in Plains Indian culture.
  - This exhibit will be on display until the end of August.

"George Catlin’s American Buffalo" is organized by the Smithsonian American Art Museum in collaboration with the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Generous support for the exhibition has been provided by Mary Anne and Richard W. Cree, and Lynn and Foster Friess. Additional support for the exhibition and the publication was provided by the William R. Kenan Jr. Endowment Fund and the Smithsonian Council for American Art. Support for “Treasures to Go,” the museum’s traveling exhibition program, comes from The C.F. Foundation, Atlanta.
Accounting

During the past year, over 51,800 cash receipts were processed and 20,137 payments to vendors and students were completed.
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

- PPHM admission is always free to current WTAMU students, faculty and staff with a valid Buff ID.
- This year (2014-2015) PPHM served 1,651 WTAMU students through curriculum support and 3,583 WTAMU students through student engagement.
University Police

During the past year, over 2,500 service calls were completed for vehicle boosts, vehicle assists, vehicle unlocks, building locks, and building unlocks.
Blackboard Learn Goes Live

• Completed a yearlong pilot on Blackboard Learn across 255 courses with more than 3,000 students participating.
  ▪ 200 Blackboard workshops have been provided totaling over 400 hours of training.

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Buffalo Express

Buffalo Express will have transported approximately 135,800 students and employees from FUBC parking to campus by mid-August. The peak month of use was October 2014 with 21,042 passengers.
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

• The PPHM is currently undergoing a 1.6 million dollar renovation of the Don D. Harrington Petroleum Wing, located on the second floor of the museum.
  ▪ Updates will include a “striking” new entrance, new and better presentations of the existing exhibit’s best elements, and the addition of some completely new elements, such as an interactive “house” that illustrates the importance of petroleum products in everyday life.
The online Master of Science in Finance & Economics degree was ranked #11 nationally by *U.S. News & World Report*; the online MBA program was ranked #32 nationally.
Q: Which WTAMU College sponsors Dia de los Muertos – a celebration of life in October?

A: College of Education and Social Sciences
Q: How many student visits were there in 2014-2015 to Advising Services?

A: There were 11,820 total visits and 6,107 individual students who went to Advising Services last year.
Research Support

Internal grant funding programs to support faculty and student researchers: Awarded over $100,628 in 2014-2015 through the...

- President’s Summer Undergraduate Program
- Graduate Student Internal Grants
- McNair Scholars Program
- Killgore Faculty Research Grants
Diversity and Inclusion

‘I Matter’

Our differences create the harmony required to sing the universal song of our humanity - love. Every life matters.

Yewande Austin
Athletics

Chontiquah White
2015 NCAA
Woman of the Year Nominee
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

The PPHM has exciting special events year round. We have the following events planned for 2015-2016:

- Crafts & Drafts (a fun evening of beer sampling and crafting)
- The Daughter of the Dawn film screening
- A historic walking tour of downtown Amarillo
- PPHM’s Annual Christmas Open House
- Grand Opening for the Petroleum Wing Renovation
- AND MORE

all events can be viewed at panhandleplains.org
A new Academic and Research Environmental Health and Safety Director was hired; Congratulations to Richard Smith.

Academic and Research Environmental Health and Safety – general safety laboratory training of 2,500 students.

An audit by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) of the WTAMU Institutional Animal Care and Usage Committee (IACUC) had no findings.
The *U.S. News & World Report* ranked WTAMU’s Online Graduate Nursing Program (MSN) #41 nationally overall and #2 nationally as most affordable for out-of-state students.
Lecture Capture

• Lecture capture technology is now available in 50 classrooms throughout the campus.
  ▪ Over 1,600 lectures across 183 different courses have been captured and made available through WTClass.
The 2014 medical school acceptance rate for WTAMU students was 72%; the national average is 42%.
Diversity and Inclusion

Q: Which student organization is responsible for the beautiful world mural on the wall in the JBK?

A: International Student Board
Human Resources

Q: During the previous 12 months, how many student employment packets were processed?

a. 877
b. 1,309
c. 1,545

A: 1,309; HR processed approximately 1,309 packets from student employment, an average of approximately 93.5 per month.

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WTAMU alumna Shanna Peeples was named the 2015 National Teacher of the Year.
Dr. Paul Clark, Professor of History, received a Fulbright Scholar Research Grant to Japan for the Spring 2016 semester.
Financial Aid

The Office of Financial Aid administers more than $28 million in need-based aid to students each year. Factor in loans and other assistance, the figure increases to $35 million.
Awarded Sponsored Research

- **Drs: David Parker, Gary Barbee, Andy Cole, Ty Lawrence.** $160,000. National Science Foundation (NSF) Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) grant: Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer-Flame Ionization Detector.


- **Dr. Emily Hunt.** $300,000. AVF Nano Alloys, LLC lab support.

- **Drs. Matt Jackson and Emily Hunt.** $115,310.43. CNS Pantex: "Active Bay Noise Reduction PDRD Project."
Diversity and Inclusion

Q: Do you know the name of the new “Male Mentoring Program” at WTAMU?

A: Buff Men of Honor
Scholarships

West Texas A&M University awards approximately $4 million in scholarships to new and continuing students each year.
Institutional Advancement

The Office of Advancement Services processed over 9,800 gifts from donors to the WTAMU Foundation and University during FY15.
Dr. Roy Issa received a Fulbright Scholar Award to teach and research in Graz, Austria in Spring 2016.
Softball National Player of the Year

Renee Erwin

Two-Time National Player of the Year

only player in NCAA Division II history to earn back-to-back honors
EMC Syncplicity

• Secure and encrypted cloud-based storage will be available to all faculty, staff, and students starting this fall.
  ▪ https://www.syncplicity.com/
  ▪ coming in September
Recruitment

Undergraduate Admissions traveled more than 45,000 miles August through May recruiting students. This represents more than 500 individual high school events.
LSC Academic Excellence Award

*WT Men’s and Women’s Programs had the Highest GPA’s in the Lone Star Conference*

Athletics had its best season academically with a 2.97 Cumulative GPA for all student-athletes.

- 10 of 15 teams had team GPA of 3.0 or higher
- 7th-straight year of GPA improvement
- 61 student-athletes with 4.0 GPA

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NACDA Director’s Cup

WT Finishes in Top 10 of NACDA Director’s Cup second straight year

9th Most Successful Athletic Program out of nearly 300 NCAA Division II colleges and universities
WTAMU/Underwriter’s Laboratory
Wind Turbine Testing Center

- Completed the first wind turbine Small Wind Certification Council (SWCC)/International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) certification.
- Continued a program of Wind Turbine education to local middle schools.
- Participated in American Wind Energy Association’s (AWEA) Testing Standard 9.2 Revision.
- Began a campaign to become an International Organization for Standardization (ISO 17025) certified Laboratory.
Recruitment

Undergraduate Admissions have processed more than 7,500 applications for fall 2015. This is the largest number of undergraduate applications ever processed.
Payroll

The Payroll department developed and implemented a process for payroll deductions for:

- parking permits
- annual memberships to the Virgil Henson Activities Center (beginning this fall)
Diversity and Inclusion

The Gay Straight Alliance was established on WT Campus in 2003, and has since been rejuvenated as Buff Allies since 2012.
The WTAMU Beef Carcass Research Center has collected data on over 42,000 head this academic year and over 720,000 head since 1992.
Diversity and Inclusion

Q: Which historically African American Organization was re-established on WT campus after a 25 year dormancy?

A: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

- The first African American Greek Organization (1906)
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

- What is this year’s theme for PPHM’s exhibits?
  A: Women of the West
  B: Western Art and Architecture
  C: Go West!
  D: Wildlife and Hunting

- ANSWER

  D: Wildlife and Hunting

  This year PPHM has focused on Wildlife and Hunting with an exhibit line up of: Hunting the Perfect Accessory, Wildlife and Hunting Photos, George Catlin’s American Buffalo, Hunting the Panhandle-Plains, Philip R. Goodwin: America’s Sporting & Wildlife Artist.
Institutional Advancement

The WTAMU Foundation received $2.98 million in planned gift expectancies during FY15. These include gifts from a donor’s will or trust.
Recruitment

Undergraduate enrollment at WT has grown 26.2% since fall 2003. The majority of this increase (99.7%) has come from outside the Top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle.
IT Service Center

• Need help from the IT Service Center?
  ▪ Call 806-651-4357 (HELP)
  ▪ Email itsc@mail.wtamu.edu
  ▪ Call after hours support 806-316-9037
  ▪ Come by the Hastings ELC
Kaspersky Virus Protection

• Kaspersky virus and malware protection is now available to faculty and staff members for personal use.
  - register with your wtamu.edu email address at promo.kaspersky.com/wtamu
251 international students enrolled last year, a 45% increase over the previous year and the highest number on record.
Mary Jane Cruz was selected to the Chancellor's Academy of Teacher Educators.
Buffalo Roaming

• The University’s entire wireless network infrastructure has been upgraded to Cisco’s newest wireless architecture.
  ▪ 300 new wireless access points have been added throughout the campus, including all of the residence halls.
International Students

Staff from the International Student Office will travel this year to the following countries to recruit students: Brazil, Ecuador, Columbia, Panama, Costa Rica, Spain, Morocco, Guatemala, and El Salvador.
Hastings Electronic Learning Center

• The Hastings Electronic Learning Center has two new computerized classrooms.
  ▪ Hastings ELC 15A has 30 new Apple iMacs.
  ▪ Hastings ELC 56 has 28 new Windows laptops.
International Students

• International Enrollment at WTAMU
  ▪ Top 5 countries represented
    • Saudi Arabia
    • Vietnam
    • China
    • India
    • Nigeria
Diversity and Inclusion

Buff Allies provides a safe space and resources for our LGBTQIA faculty, staff, and students.
This summer, during NSO, over 1,400 new students took the Strengthfinder® assessment to discover their natural talents.

To learn more, ask anyone in the Division of Student Affairs.
Two Win NCAA Elite 89 Award

Bri Leeper, Track

Ethan Peterson, Golf

WT has won four Elite 89 Awards over the last two years (top academic performer at a national championship).
The Office of Engagement and Leadership

The new office was created by combining:

- CORE Student Activities
- Student Organizations
- New Student Orientation
- Rogers LEAD WT
Research Commercialization

Exclusive license and patent rights agreement with Aggie Venture Partners for the commercialization of Dr. Emily Hunt’s research on Nanostructured Metallic Alloys for Antibacterial Application.
This year, Equine Assisted Therapy was added to the list of offerings in Counseling Services.
A fun new sport to add to the many intramural sport offerings is bubble soccer.

Looks like fun, doesn’t it?
Recruitment

Undergraduate Admissions staff made approximately 10,000 phone calls to fall 2015 applicants and admitted students.

- Admissions student callers made more than 21,000 phone calls.
Residential Living

- Occupancy in the halls hit a record high in the fall of 2014, topping 90%.
- It will be even higher this fall!
Career Services

- Record number of students and employers took place in the numerous career fairs, including our first ever two-day fair.
Diversity and Inclusion

‘I Matter’

Society has conditioned us to believe that our “differences” create limitations of who we can become. It’s quite the opposite. Our differences bring value to the world.

Yewande Austin
Academic Affairs

Mireya Jacuinde, a social work major, was awarded an English Teaching Assistantship Fulbright Award to Spain.
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

PPHM is Texas’ Largest History museum and has annual attendance of 45,000-50,000 visitors a year.

- PPHM has been called the \textit{Smithsonian with a Texas Accent} because of its robust collection.

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Veterans Enrollment Increase

- Since the fall of 2008, enrollment of military service members has increased from 87 to 524 (active duty/reservists).
Military Friendly

- WTAMU was designated as a Military Order of the Purple Heart University and also awarded the VetCenter Initiative Grant on behalf of Student Veterans of America and the Home Depot Foundation.
Institutional Advancement

Q: Four chapters of the WTAMU Alumni Association were established in summer 2015. Can you guess where?

A: Denver, CO
   Austin, TX
   Houston, TX
   San Antonio, TX
Apple iPads

Apple iPad mobile carts have been made available to the colleges.

- Need 40 iPads for your class? Checkout is now available in your college.
Institutional Advancement

The WTAMU Foundation awarded $20,000 in professional development grants to WTAMU faculty during FY15.
Q: How many people visited or used resources at the Cornette Library in the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 semesters?

A: A total of 167,142 people used the library in 2014-2015, which is a 4.4% increase from 2013-2014.
Online Training Now Available

Missed a training session?

- Visit faculty.wtamu.edu for instructions and for “how to” videos for Blackboard Learn, Blackboard Mobile, Cisco WebEx, and Lecture Capture.
Awarded Sponsored Research

- **Dr. Ty Lawrence.** $317,284. Animal Health Related Sponsored Research.
- **Gina Woodward.** $127,400. Texas Tech University/ Small Business Association award for the Small Business Development Center (SBDC).
- **Drs. Nathan Howell, Erick Butler and Bridget Guerrero.** $149,777. USDA: "Water Quality Valuation Approach to Strategic Planning."
Graduate School

Fall 2013 to Fall 2014:

- Graduate student enrollment increased 26.6%.
- Graduate student credit hours increased 20.9%.

Enrollment increased 28.4% and credit hours 26.2% comparing Spring ’14 to Spring ’15.
WTAMU's Forensic Team competed internationally in Barcelona, Spain, winning two international championships. Additionally, the Forensics Team placed 17th in the nation in the AFA competition.
Laboratory Research

- New research equipment, *Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP MS)* in Core Laboratory for collaborative use by faculty (funding supported through Research Development Fund).
- Completed draft and architectural plans for **new engineering core laboratory** in the Palo Duro Research Facility. Construction began in summer 2015.
LSC Championships

- Baseball’s First LSC Championship
- Five LSC Coaches of the Year
- Three LSC Academic Players of the Year
- Five LSC Players of the Year
- League-best 167 athletes named to LSC Honor Roll