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BUFF BRIEF

A WEEKLY NEWS & EVENT UPDATE FOR THE PAUL ENGLER COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL SCIENCES

For the most up to date information from West Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M University System about COVID-19, visit the University's [COVID-19 Information Page](#).

MASK UPDATE

Masks are mandatory in the following areas: Indoor public areas on campus, including all non-private office or residential spaces, such as lobbies, restrooms, common spaces in residence halls, conference rooms, break rooms, elevators, and related campus-community areas.

Outdoor spaces where six feet or more of physical distancing is challenging to maintain reliably.

Show off your WT pride with a mask!

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- Take advantage of Free Shipping.
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- Textbooks will **NOT** be available in-store!
- Sponsored billing is currently available, but Federal Financial Aid may not be available until **August 14th**
- Our website offers other shipping choices if you need your texts quick

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WTAMU Accounting & Business Office WT Box 60999
Canyon, TX 79016

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Please note these important changes to the payment methods and policies for WTAMU are as of August 6, 2020. Please visit the Payment Methods and Deadlines webpage for full information about these and other payment options. If you have any questions, please contact the University Business Office at 806-651-2080

Payment Methods and Deadlines

Events

Buff Nation: A Buff Branding and Orientation Event



BUFF NATION SCHEDULE FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

- 9:00 - 10:00 AM: **To-Do List and Q&A Time**

Visit various offices on campus during this time!
Virtual Q&A sessions will be available on WT Class.

- 10:00 - 12:00 PM: **College Events**

Each academic college will host their own event!

Agriculture Sciences Majors: **Happy State Bank Academic & Research Building**
Life, Earth & Environmental Sciences Majors: **Natural Sciences Building**
Chemistry & Physics Majors: **Natural Sciences Building**

- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: **Lunch!**

Lunch is on us, for everyone! Join us at the Agriculture Sciences Complex!

- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM **Virtual Small Group Color Session 1**

Get to know your Peer Leader and new friends!

- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Find Your Classroom!**

Use this time to go find your classrooms for the Fall. Student leaders will be spread across campus to help you find your classroom!

NATIONAL WELLNESS MONTH



Max Shaw Pursues Passion in Dentistry

Max Shaw, 2019 B.S. Biochemistry and Biology Alumni, is currently attending University of Texas Health San Antonio School of Dentistry. He is in pursuit to become a dentist and says, "I chose dentistry because of the special relationships we are able to build with our patients, the love for science, and the chance to use my hands on a daily basis to help change people's smiles. The profession of a dentist is very unique in the aspect that we get to build long term relationships with our patients through regular exams. This also allows us to act as the first line in complete preventative care by allowing us to notice health changes and issues a patient may be experiencing and are unaware of; therefore, allowing us to refer patients to primary care physicians for further evaluation."



Fantastic Faculty

Dr. John Pipkin Judges AQHA Youth World Championship Show



Dr. John Pipkin judged the 2020 Built Ford Tough American Quarter Horse Association Youth World Championship Show in Oklahoma City, OK.

"This is the pinnacle event for youth competitors around the world. In most years, youth exhibitors must qualify for the event by earning a predetermined number of points to secure a spot in each of the classes, representing English, Western, and Halter disciplines. The other road to qualifying is for competitors to participate and compete through their state or provincial affiliate. In 2020, due to the coronavirus pandemic and the cancellation of spring shows, qualifying requirements were waived."

[About the show](#)



Stellar Students

INTERNSHIP HIGHLIGHT

Sharp's Internship Prepares Her For Life After College



Lindsey Sharp, a 2019 B.S Agricultural Media and Communication graduate, talks about how her internship with Cowboy Junction Church prepared her for life after graduation.

Where did you complete your internship?

I interned with Cowboy Junction Church in Hobbs, New Mexico.

How did your internship help prepare you post-graduation?

Building relationships, planning events, practicing my public speaking skills, and being forced out of my comfort zone during my internship; helped me with my current position: A recruiter for South Plains College.

Describe briefly what you did for your internship.

I was assigned to assist the media team in shooting and editing videos, updating the website, and posting on the social media platforms. I was part of planning and hosting two major events: The Create Women's Conference and Camp Crossfire. My favorite experience was getting the opportunity to create an app for the Women's Conference. The app contained any and all the information that the women attending the conference would need: speaker's information, schedule, maps, and more! It was my project from the beginning to the day that it launched.

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“You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take.”
~Wayne Gretzky

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