



BUFF BRIEF

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

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COVID-19 INFORMATION

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Encouraging Words from Each Department



[Dr. Lance Kieth – Department Head of Agricultural Sciences](#)



[Dr. David Khan – Department Head for Chemistry and Physics](#)

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[Dr. David Sissom – Department Head of Life, Earth, and Environmental Sciences](#)



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Fantastic Faculty

Faculty Receive College Awards



Instructional Excellence Award

Dr. Dan Posey, Clinical Professor, Texas A&M University Veterinary Medicine and Biochemical Sciences, was named as the 2019-2020 winner for the College's Instructional Excellence Award.

In his nomination letter included the following quote from a student that highlights Dr. Posey's impact on his students, "Dr. Posey is an amazing teacher, listener, and was always interested in how we were doing in life - not just from a school perspective."

Intellectual Contributions Award

Dr. Naruki Hiranuma, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science, has been announced as the 2019-2020 recipient of the College's Intellectual Contributions Award.

Dr. Hiranuma's nomination letter showed the impact of his research by saying, "Dr. Hiranuma has been immensely successful at securing both external (7) and internal (5) grants, totaling approximately \$1.7 million."



Excellence in Service Award

Dr. Greg McGovern, Laboratory Coordinator, Instructor of Chemistry, was announced as the recipient of the College's Excellence in Service Award for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Dr. McGovern's nomination letter noted, "When Dr. Woodyard retired last year, Dr. McGovern did not hesitate to jump in and teach our Organic Chemistry I course in the Fall semester, in addition to his normal responsibilities, without extra compensation."

Stellar Students



Congratulations, Class of 2020

Graduates, while we are saddened that we cannot be celebrating the accomplishment of you earning your degree in-person, we remain proud of your achievements! We are thankful you chose West Texas A&M University and the Paul Engler College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences for your education!

We know that you have received an education that has prepared you to be competitive and successful in your next steps.

Go Forth and Achieve!



Virtual Commencement

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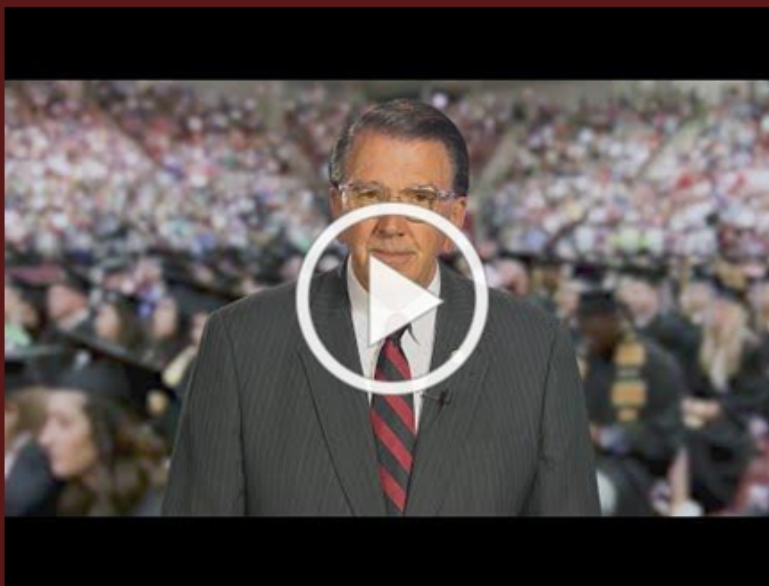
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While there will not be an in person commencement ceremony in May, WTAMU has decided to host a virtual commencement ceremony to honor and celebrate our graduates.

WHEN: Saturday, May 9th. Available from 10:00 am - 10:00 pm.

WHERE: View the Ceremony [HERE](#)

*In addition, all May 2020 graduates are invited to participate in the December 2020 commencement exercises.



[Dr. Walter Wendler – President of West Texas A&M University](#)

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Deadline extended to May 7!

Graduate Resources



Interested in pursuing an advanced degree?

The Graduate School is now waiving application fees through May 31, 2020.

The first 200 students that complete their full graduate program application package and the online scholarship application between March 15th and May 31st, are eligible for a \$2,020 scholarship.

Graduate School Info



Ready to take the next step in starting your career?

Career Services is a perfect place to start trying to find your perfect job. from offering workshops on how to create a resume, resume reviews, career coaching, and more.

Through Handshake, students and alumni also have access to a strong and diverse career portal to help you locate your next job!

Career Services Info

Graduate School Info Link: <https://wtamu.edu/academics/graduate-school.aspx>

Career Services Info Link: <https://www.wtamu.edu/student-support/cs-home.aspx>



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Graduate Degree Information



Department of Agricultural Sciences

Programs:

Agriculture (Ph.D., M.S.)

Agriculture/Agriculture Business and Economics

Agriculture/Animal Science

Agriculture/Plant Soil and Environmental Science

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Department of Chemistry and Physics

Program:

Interdisciplinary Studies with an Emphasis in
Professional Chemistry

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Department of Life, Earth, and Environmental Sciences

Programs:

Biology

Environmental Science

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Save the Date

5/9 - Virtual Commencement
5/7 - 5/8 Final Exams
5/11 - Final Grades Due
5/11 - May Intercession begins
5/28 - May Intercession Finals
6/1 - Summer 1 begins

Set yourself up for success on finals!

STUDY TIPS

- START EARLY, PRIORITIZE, & MAKE A PLAN!
- UTILIZE YOUR RESOURCES!
- WORK TO UNDERSTAND THE MATERIAL INSTEAD OF MEMORIZING IT.
- DON'T FORGET TO TAKE A BREAK & TREAT YOURSELF!
- GET A GOOD NIGHT'S REST.



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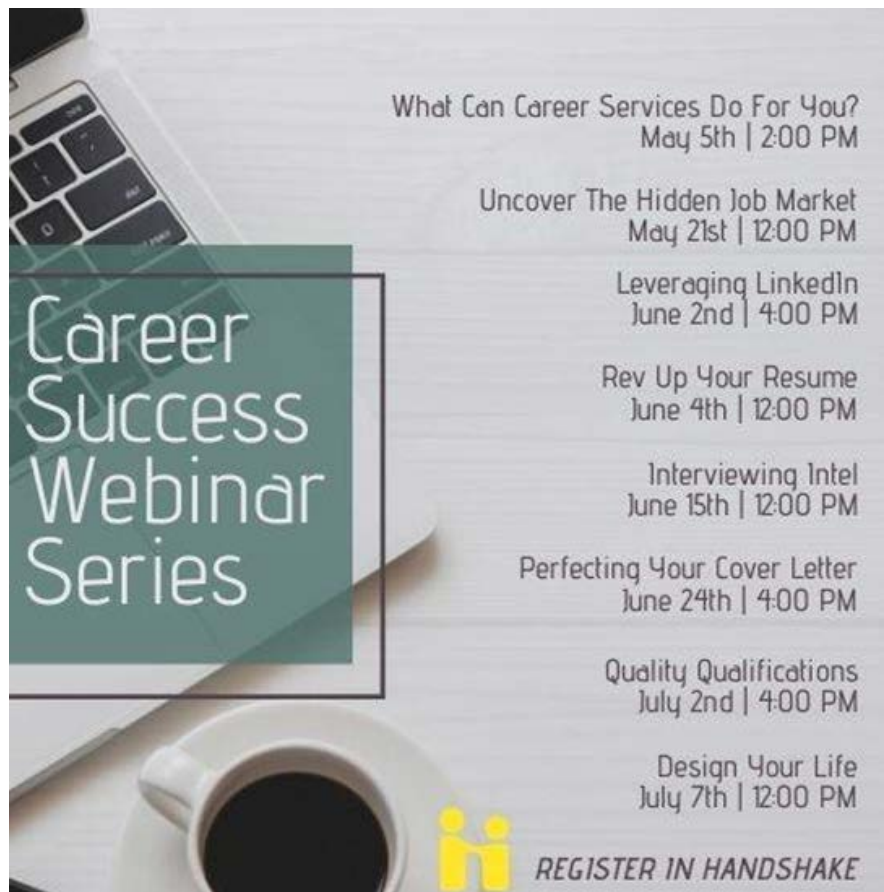
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May 4th – May 15th

Mon/Wed/Fri
10am – 2pm
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What Can Career Services Do For You?
May 5th | 2:00 PM

Uncover The Hidden Job Market
May 21st | 12:00 PM

Leveraging LinkedIn
June 2nd | 4:00 PM


Rev Up Your Resume
June 4th | 12:00 PM

Interviewing Intel
June 15th | 12:00 PM

Perfecting Your Cover Letter
June 24th | 4:00 PM

Quality Qualifications
July 2nd | 4:00 PM

Design Your Life
July 7th | 12:00 PM

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Pond's Ponder

**"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up.
The most certain way to succeed is always
to try just one more time"**

Thomas Edison

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Go Buffs!
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