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BUFF BRIEF

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

WT Named Safest Campus in Texas, Top 10 in Nation.



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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](#).

COVID-19
INFORMATION



Thank You!

To faculty, staff, administrators, and students for making the Spring 2020 semester successful. It was an unprecedented semester, and your hard work and dedication to West Texas A&M is recognized and appreciated.

Welcome to the College!



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Mrs. RoseAnne Platt

Administrative Assistant
Department of Life, Earth &
Environmental Sciences

RoseAnne Platt, originally from Dumas, TX joined the Department of Life, Earth and Environmental Sciences on April 27, 2020. She has worked at West Texas A&M University for 16 years, starting in the TRIO Program – College Talent Search in 2004 and most recently in the Office of Extended Studies. She likes to watch and try new recipes from cooking shows and her son is a willing taste tester! Welcome, RoseAnne!

Miss. Ellis Linke

Graduate Assistant

Ellis Linke, a 2019 WT graduate, has returned to pursue her MS in Agricultural Media & Communication. Ellis began on May 4, 2020, as a graduate assistant in the Office of the Dean. Originally from Colorado, she is thrilled to be back at WT and is excited to begin her graduate degree with plans to teach at a junior or community college upon completion. She will be getting married in August and in her free time likes to spend time with her fiancé and their dog. Welcome, Ellis!



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Photo provided by Craig Bednarz

Dr. Craig Bednarz

Associate Professor
Director Semi-arid Agricultural Systems Institute

Dr. Craig Bednarz began May 1, 2020, as an Associate Professor of Plant, Soil and Environmental Sciences and Director of the Semi-Arid Agricultural Systems Institute in the Department of Agricultural Sciences. Dr. Bednarz will lead and expand the research, instruction, and service programs of the Institute addressing issues faced by semi-arid agriculture systems in the Texas Panhandle and surrounding areas. Welcome, Dr. Bednarz!

Words from the Dean's Team

19 Thoughts on COVID-19

Who said what:

Dr. Kevin Pond - KRP
Mrs. Rebekah Bachman - RCB
Dr. Lal Almas - Unavailable
Deanna Moore - DM
Zach McMeans- ZMc
Megan Miller - MM
Ellis Linke- EL

1. Our response to adversity is an indication of our character. - RCB
2. Remember how valuable it is to pause, reflect, and give thanks for all that is good. - ZMc
3. I support the increased hand washing and use of hand sanitizer!- RCB
4. Being flexible reduces stress. - KRP

5. Don't panic. - EL
 6. Washing your hands countless times a day does not have to stop after COVID-19. - MM
 7. I miss seeing my mom and dad. - DM
 8. Keep your eye on the big picture while solving immediate challenges. - KRP
 9. I have been reminded of how precious physical presence is to family and friends. -RCB
 10. Teaching my grandparents to use ZOOM was challenging, yet rewarding. -ZMc
 11. This has brought the absolute worst and best out in people. - EL
 12. Do not let fear be the filter for viewing the world. -DM
 13. Surround yourself with excellent people, especially in difficult times. - ZMc
 14. Deep appreciation to those who puts the lives of others before themselves. -DM
 15. This is the time to learn how to do the things you never had time to do. - MM
 16. Support local businesses when you can! - EL
 17. Everyone must adjust when shift happens. - KRP
 18. I am reminded not to take dinner with family or going to church for granted. - MM
 19. Decision making is critical in times of uncertainty. -RCB
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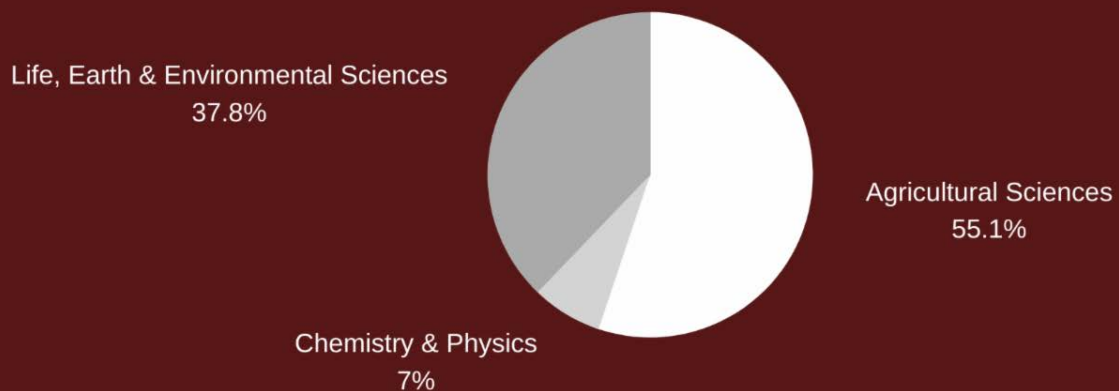
SAVE THE DATE

5/25 - Memorial Day - University Closed
5/27 - Summer 1 Full Payment due for those registered on or before May 24th
5/28 - May Intersession Finals
6/1 - Summer 1 Classes begin
6/2 - Last Day to add/ Register for summer 1

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MAY 2020

Undergraduates by Department



102 : Agricultural Sciences
13 : Chemistry & Physics
70 : Life, Earth & Environmental Sciences



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**"What you do today can improve all your tomorrows."
-Ralph Marston**

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