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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](#).

COVID-19  
INFORMATION

## A MORE MODERN WT

Website Construction Update

- ✓ Launched on May 15, WT has a new, revamped website.
- ✓ Webpages and links may not be current. Faculty and Staff are working hard to get them up-to-date.
- ✓ Please continue to be patient as construction continues and the issues get addressed.



***BEGINNING JUNE 1***

WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
WILL BE A

**SMOKE-FREE**  
*and*  
**VAPE-FREE**  
**CAMPUS**

**No tobacco or  
smokeless  
tobacco  
products  
allowed  
anywhere on  
campus.**

Beginning June 1, 2020, West Texas A&M University will be a completely tobacco/vape-free campus. Revisions to the current tobacco policy were adopted March 3 and are an important step toward ensuring the health and safety of our campus community and visitors.

The new policy prohibits the use of all tobacco products (including vape products), smokeless tobacco products, and any illegal smoking products on all University properties, facilities, and state vehicles—including the use of these products in personal vehicles while on campus property. Prohibited products include cigarettes, cigars, snuff, chewing tobacco and snuff products, vape pens, e-cigarettes, and hookahs.

Rules governing the use of these products in residence halls can be found in the Code of Student Life Handbook.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping WT join more than 2,400 colleges and universities across the county in eliminating secondhand smoke exposure, discouraging the use of use of harmful products, and encouraging tobacco users to kick the habit. The University has and continues to promote prevention and cessation programs.

Students may contact Darcy Webber, **Health and Wellness Promotions** Coordinator, for more information about prevention and cessation programs.

Faculty and staff should contact the **Benefits Office in Human Resources** (Heidi Stricker) for information regarding similar programs.

Walter V. Wendler  
President

# Scholarship Search



West Texas A&M University serves a broad community of students in Canyon, Amarillo, the Texas Panhandle and the World with unique needs as a result of the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic. In order to meet the needs of WT students and their families who have been impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, WT will award over \$2.88 million to assist students as part of its WT CARES PROGRAM. These allocations are designed to provide grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds will be used to address financial hardship, including housing and food insecurity, medical expenses, and lack of educational support and supplies (including technology). Additional grant opportunities will be made available for students with similar needs who are enrolled in any of the Summer and Fall 2020 semesters. [Click here to apply for the CARES Act grant.](#)

**Summer I and II 2020 semester application dates:**

**Opens: May 30, 2020**

**Closes: July 31, 2020 11:59 pm**

## WT's New Scholarship for Interns

**The President's Earn and Learn Scholarship Program launched this year for students pursuing experiences in research or internships that are unpaid or underpaid. Some of Paul Engler College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences students were recipients of this award.**

- **Jessica Williams**, Sr. Wildlife Biology and Broadcast Journalism
- **Caitlyn Dotson**, Jr. Wildlife Biology
- **Katie McCallie**, Jr. Wildlife Biology

[See the full list of recipients](#)

# Fantastic Faculty

## Dr. Joseph Cepeda presents on: "Geological Framework of the Ogallala Formation"



Photo by Rik Anderson

On February 21, 2020, Dr. Joseph Cepeda, Professor of Geology, was invited to present his talk titled "Geological Framework of the Ogallala Formation" at the 2020 Southern Plains Conference, held in Canyon, Texas. This research traced the evolution of ideas on the origins of the Ogallala Formation from 1899 to present day.

For more than 120 years, geologists have recognized the abundance of groundwater contained within the Ogallala and the reality that most of the water is contained in the lower part of the formation - ideas that still remain true today.



# DATES TO REMEMBER



6/1

Summer 1  
Classes begin



6/2

Last day to add/  
register  
for Summer 1



6/4

Last day to drop (not  
withdraw) and be  
eligible for  
refund



6/8

Summer 1 Registration  
(Full) Payment  
Deadline 4 PM

**Employer Information  
Session:  
Cactus Feeders  
June 4th 3:00 P.M.**

**Career Success Webinar:  
Leveraging your LinkedIn  
June 2nd 4:00 P.M.**

**Career Services  
Summer Sessions**

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806-651-2345

West Texas A&M  
UNIVERSITY  
**CAREER SERVICES**

# Paul Engler College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences

Spring Semester 2020

## President's List Students

4.0 GPA

Department of  
Agricultural Sciences

**111**

Department of  
Chemistry and Physics

**13**

Department of  
Life, Earth and Environmental Sciences

**65**

## Dean's List Students

3.5 - 3.9 GPA

Department of  
Agricultural Sciences

**158**

Department of  
Chemistry and Physics

**9**

Department of  
Life, Earth and Environmental Sciences

**68**

## Pond's Ponder

**“Two things define you:  
Your patience when you have nothing,  
and your attitude when you have everything.”**

**~ George Bernard Shaw**

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Go Buffs!

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