ATHLETICS LOGO UNVEILING

On January 21, Falcon Athletics debuted the much-anticipated redesigned logo and mascot during a press conference.

“With the recent and upcoming changes in our athletic department, we determined that an athletic logo reflective of our program was needed,” said Athletics Director Steve Aicinena. “The logo was to represent some important characteristics of our department and University: Strength, Determination and Ferocity. As our University and athletic department have evolved, these characteristics have been key to our growth and successes.”

The new athletic marks are the result of collaboration between staff, faculty and student focus groups and Rickabaugh Graphics, an Ohio company that has created numerous collegiate, professional and corporate logos over the past 29 years.

The new logos usher in a new era in UTPB athletics, in time for upcoming changes that mean more visibility for the University. UTPB will join the Lone Star Conference this summer, and the addition of football and men’s & women’s golf this fall brings our total sports teams count to 16, the most of any school in our new conference.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT SPEAKER

The English Department is bringing in guest speaker Dr. David Robinson from Oregon State University. His research has focused on the work of Ralph Waldo Emerson, Margaret Fuller, Henry David Thoreau and other authors connected with the New England Transcendentalist movement. His lecture titled “The New Emerson” will be held in LL 001 on February 25 at 7 p.m. A small reception will follow.

REQUIRED COMPLIANCE TRAINING

The required Annual Compliance Training is now part of the Performance Evaluation Process. Your evaluator will now indicate on your evaluation whether or not the required training was completed. Hopefully everyone has completed their training by now, but if not, be sure to complete it so your evaluation will reflect it. If you are a new employee this fiscal year, make sure you have completed your Required New Employee Compliance Training so that it can be reflected on your evaluation as well. Please contact Jessica Luna, UTPB Training Coordinator, at ext. 4701 or at luna_j@utpb.edu or Doug Binnion, UTPB Compliance Manager, at ext. 3702 or binnion_d@utpb.edu.

BEN VEREEN DLS

The John Ben Shepperd Leadership Institute is celebrating Black History month with special Distinguished Lecture Series (DLS) speaker Ben Vereen – the consummate actor, singer, and all around entertainer of our times. The lecture will take place on Friday, February 12 at 7 p.m. at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. The title is, “Black History – A Cornerstone of Americanism.” Stop by JBS to pick up your FREE tickets!
CLARK MORELAND (English) and junior art student KARIME RODRIGUEZ published an article together in The Edgar Allan Poe Review, a peer-reviewed scholarly journal. Congratulations to Clark, and especially Karime! It’s not everyday that a student gets published in a major academic journal.

First 5 Permian Basin staff Beth Meyerson, Yolanda Lynn, Becca Myers and Paige McPherson (right) stand with donations of diapers, blankets and books from the Congregation of First Christian Church of Odessa. The items will benefit first-time moms enrolled in First 5 Permian Basin’s Nurse Family Partnership program.

CEOWorld Magazine lists UT SYSTEM as one of the top 10 most innovative universities in the world, coming in at #7 on the list. UT System ranks higher than some very impressive U.S. universities, including Wisconsin, the UCal System, USC, UNC, Duke, Johns Hopkins and Cal Tech.

FALCON VETERANS ASSOCIATION (FVA), with the help of the Ector County Veteran’s Service Office, delivered approximately 300 pounds of goods to the Honor Our Troops (H.O.T) organization to be shipped to U.S. active duty military troops deployed in remote locations (left). Donations were collected from students, staff and faculty. FVA and H.O.T. thank everyone who participated for their generosity.

From January 7-10, members of the LITERATURE AND LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT attended the Conference of the Modern Language Association of America in Austin.

CHRIS STANLEY’S (Art) students learn bronze preservation techniques (right). What better way to learn than applying their newly learned skills on our own campus sculptures!

MICHELLE PENCE (Communication) was engaged on November 25 (left). Michelle and husband-to-be Austin tie the knot on May 21 in Brownwood, Texas. Best wishes!

JULI D’ANN RATHEAL-BURNETT (Mathematics) presented a paper at the 2016 International Education Conference in Orlando, Florida on January 3 sponsored by the Clute Research Institute. Her paper entitled “STEM Charter School with Flipped Classroom Model” received Best Paper in Session Award as determined by a peer review process.

BETH MEYERSON (First 5 Permian Basin) ventured out with four visiting Taiwanese students, who are at UTPB for six weeks teaching Mandarin, to show them the scenery of the Carlsbad Caverns (left). In turn for her hospitality, the students taught Beth the Mandarin word for cave: shan-dong.

UTPB alum ALEXANDER (ALEX) WETZIG from Monahans has been selected as the recipient of the 2016 Stanley H. Kaplan Achievement Award for Graduates. It is awarded to one first-year medical student in the entire state of Texas each year. This is the third time in five years this award has gone to a UTPB alum in medical school – the previous two being Andrew Torres in 2012 (attending UT Health Science Center at Houston) and Emily Marquez in 2013 (attending UT Southwestern).
Greetings!

Happy 2016! As we move forward in the new year, Staff Council has been doing some house-cleaning, like updating our by-laws and providing you the most recent version. Check out the Staff Council by-laws online, and be sure to check back here in the next issue of FalconCast for more Staff Council updates.

Have a comment, concern or question?
Submit it to Staff Council on the online Suggestion Box. Don’t worry, it’s anonymous!

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Santa Fe Sojourn at the Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery

The Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery is proud to exhibit the art of over 30 members from the Santa Fe Book Arts Group. The artists use a wide range of materials, designs, and techniques to create original works of sculptural or multi-dimensional book art.

“Santa Fe Sojourn” is a smaller, traveling exhibit of the Book Arts Group’s juried exhibition in the New Mexico State Capital’s Rotunda Gallery as part of a three-month Santa Fe Book Arts Celebration. Dr. Cynthia Sanchez, Executive Director of the Capitol Art Foundation, was the curator and juror for the 2015 exhibition, which was the sixth time that the New Mexico Capitol Art Foundation has invited Santa Fe BAG to exhibit.

Don’t miss this free opportunity to surround yourself with original works of art right here on campus. Head over to the Charles A. Sorber Visual Art Studios before it’s gone – the exhibit runs through February 25.

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Roland Spickermann (History)  02/02
Kyle Beran (Chemistry)  02/04
Cristina Figueroa (Psychology)  02/04
Ahmed Ahmedkamel (College of Business & Engineering)  02/05
Nivia Urteaga (College of Arts & Sciences)  02/08
James Wright (HT3R)  02/09
Christopher Hiatt (Mathematics)  02/10
D.Ellen Reedy (IRD)  02/18
Elizabeth Thomas (Nursing)  02/20
Amy Vanveen (Police)  02/20
Juana Cabello (Accounting)  02/21
Nikki Mancha (STEM Academy)  02/21
Diana Hinton (History)  02/24
Jodie Redding (BEST 4 ELLs Grant)  02/24
Luis Trueba (Mechanical Engineering)  02/24
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