

Cheers to the
**NEW YEAR
NEWSLETTER**

DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES



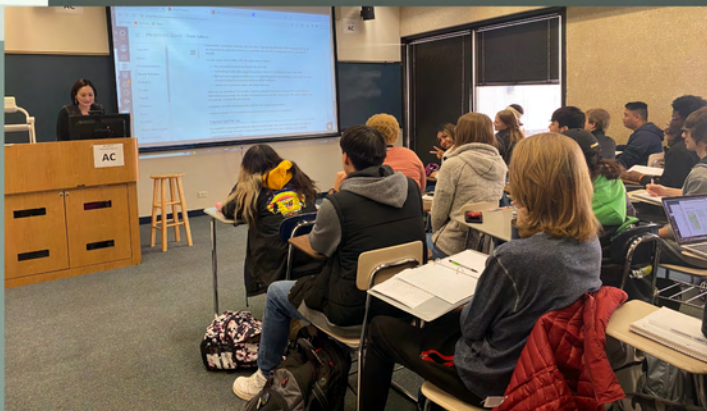
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Welcome Back!!



Greetings from our
Korean and
Japanese classes!



Starting the
semester strong!

Dr. Whitney Chappell's KSAT Appearance



Dr. Whitney Chappell, our Department Chair, was recently on KSAT to speak on the benefits of bilingualism. In the feature, she mentions that being bilingual can delay the onset of dementia symptoms by six years!

This a fantastic feature for our department, encouraging others to consider how beneficial being bilingual can be, as well as spreading UTSA pride.

Great work, Dr. Chappell!



Click [here](#) to watch the news clip



Student Spotlight: Quentin Hernandez

STUDY ABROAD

Highlighting Quentin Hernandez, who just finished the Fall semester in Riga, Latvia at Liden and Denz Intercultural Institute of Languages. Quentin was one of 27 students last year to receive the Gilman Scholarship to fund his program. Quentin is a Modern Languages major in Russian. Big congratulations!



Attention!



Boerne Star January 3, 2024

Book wins Genealogical Society nod as 2023's best

BOERNE -- The Genealogical Society of Kendall County has named "Comanches, Captives and Germans" winner of the 2023 Ed Mergele Book Award.

The Ed Mergele Award is given annually to a book that makes a substantial contribution to genealogy or history. The award was presented December 16 during the Genealogical Society's general meeting held at the Patrick Heath Public Library.

"Comanches, Captives and Germans" is based on the analysis of three old drawings. The authors identified the drawings as Wilhelm Frederich's work and dated them to approximately 1848.

One drawing depicts Comanches watching an



On hand for the 2023 Ed Mergele Book Award presentation were (from left) local historian and author Bryden Moon, Genealogical Society of Kendall County presenter Jack Gatewood, and authors Prof. Christopher J. Wickham and Prof. Emeritus Daniel J. Gelo. Author C.B. "Hoppy" Hopkins was unavailable.

ox-drawn wagon train of German immigrants, and two show the Germans buying the freedom of a captive girl from

the Comanches. Comanches, who were suburb horsemen, built a dominant culture and an econ-

omy based on trading horses and slaves. The Germans attempted to maintain peaceful relations with the Indians.

Frederich himself may have had a role in the Meusebach Peace Treaty between the early German settlers and the Comanches.

Frederich and Dr. Ferdinand Herff were members of "The Forty," a group of idealistic young German university students who came to Texas seeking to establish model communities. After their first effort at Bettina failed, Frederich acquired land in what would become the Boerne area. One of the Frederich drawings is on display at the Herff farmhouse.

The authors used their combined knowledge of Comanche culture, German immigration, art, and Hill County history to reveal the many layers of meaning in

Frederich's drawings.

Taking part in the GSKC presentation were authors Christopher J. Wickham, Daniel J. Gelo and Bryden Moon. Author C.B. "Hoppy" Hopkins was not on hand for the recognition.

Bryden Moon is a prominent local historian; Christopher Wickham is a professor of German and humanities at University of Texas-San Antonio; Daniel J. Gelo is a professor emeritus of anthropology at UTSA, and C.B. "Hoppy" Hopkins is an architectural and cultural historian.

GSKC maintains a genealogical library and research center, which is open to the public, at 114 E. Blanco Road in Boerne.

Our own Christopher J. Wickham received the Ed Mergele Award on December 16. The Ed Mergele Award is given to literary works that contribute to history and genealogy. The book, Comanches, Captives and Germans, was inspired by Wilhelm Frederich's drawings. Frederich was a young German who was a part of "The Forty", a group of German students who immigrated to Texas wanting to build a model community.

Professor Emeritus Wickham and Professor Emeritus Daniel J. Gelo worked with local historians to create a book that analyzed Fredrich's drawings. The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures wants to thank them for representing the Roadrunner Community.

End of Fall 2023 Holiday Party

The romance languages (Spanish, Italian, and French) united to celebrate together. German surprised them and joined their celebration as well!





Save The Dates!!

LA COMUNIDAD SPRING 2024



Calendario



Jan 24

Student Union 2.01.24 Mesquite room 4 PM

Feb 7

Student Union 2.01.24 Mesquite room 4 PM

Feb 21

Student Union 2.01.28 Denman room 4 PM

March 6

Student Union 2.01.24 Mesquite room 4 PM

March 20

Student Union 2.01.24 Mesquite room 4 PM

April 3

Student Union 2.01.24 Mesquite room 4 PM

April 10

TBA 4 PM

April 18

Demo kitchen Recreation Center 2nd floor 4PM

May 1

Chesholm Hall Recreation Center 4 PM



Save The Dates!!

EL CLUB DE ESPAÑOL @ UTSA SPRING 2024 SCHEDULE

- * JANUARY 23 Student Union 2.02.12 - Willow
- * JANUARY 30 Student Union 2.02.12 - Willow
- * FEBRUARY 6 HEB Student Union 2.202 - Travis
- * FEBRUARY 13 Student Union 2.03.06 - Ash
- * FEBRUARY 20 Student Union 2.01.24 - Mesquite
- * FEBRUARY 27 Student Union 2.02.12 - Willow
- * MARCH 5 Student Union 2.02.12 - Willow
- * MARCH 19 Student Union 2.01.24 - Mesquite
- * MARCH 26 Student Union 2.02.12 - Willow
- * APRIL 2 Student Union 2.02.12 - Willow
- * APRIL 9 Student Union 2.02.12 - Willow
- * APRIL 16 Student Union 2.02.12 - Willow
- * APRIL 23 Student Union 2.02.12 - Willow
- * APRIL 30 Student Union 2.02.12 - Willow

**ALL MEETINGS ARE
ON TUESDAYS FROM
3:30-4:30 P.M.**

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