

## ***Inside Student Services***

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***Getting to know...Gretchin Geye***



**Job Title:** Natural & Physical Sciences Division Head & Online Biology Professor

**When did you start working at Ranger College?** 2011

**The coolest place I have ever been:** That is a tough one...I love so many places!  
Probably a close race between Charleston, SC & Montreal, Canada if I had to choose.

**Favorite place to eat in Texas?** Another tough question...some of my all-time faves are The Beehive in Albany, McAdoo's Seafood in New Braunfels, & Bulla Gastropub in Plano (Ms. Keren Meyers and I went there two nights in a row because it was just that good!)

**Where can we find you on a Friday night?** Either helping on our large farm feeding cows or moving tractors or whatever needs to be done on a family farm OR I may be traveling to my daughter & sons-in-law in Oklahoma to keep the grandbaby...my daughter is a wedding photographer, so she is gone most Saturdays especially in the spring and fall.

**Favorite television show or movie:** I love all British Mysteries: Foyle's War, Father Brown, Luther, Broadchurch, Shetland...I could go on LOL!

**Guilty pleasure:** I love floating in the pool with my sister & grandkids!

**Favorite Ranger College Moment:** I loved reading the names of students at graduation for my division. Teaching online, I don't get to physically see my students in person most of the time and it was just so fun to see their faces and shake their hands & congratulate them!

**Pic:** Me, Husband (his nickname - Big Geye or just "Farmer"), & youngest grand - Dani Faye

### ***Athletic News by Sports Information Director/Public Relations, Mr. Tommy Wells***

#### **Lady Rangers' Season Comes to an End**

The Ranger College Lady Rangers saw their 2021 volleyball season come to a tough end on Friday in Hillsboro with a 3-2 loss to the Hill College Lady Rebels in the semifinals of the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference Tournament.

Hill rallied from a 5-3 deficit in the fifth set to claim a 15-13 decision in the best-of-five match.

With the loss, Ranger finished its season with a 20-8 record.

The game marked the final appearance in an RC uniform for several of the Lady Rangers' stars, including Gloria Guerin, Ava Shmueli, Daycoria Meadows, Jasmin Garcia, Jamyah Anderson, Sakura Thomas, Aaliyah Hardy and Raelyn Theiss.

The Lady Rangers' 20 victories was a milestone for the RC program, marking only the second time in the volleyball team's history that a squad had reached the 20-win plateau. Ranger's best season came in 2018 when they went 23-12.

While the Lady Rangers were finishing their season, the Ranger College men's basketball team was getting its season started with a pair of road wins. Ranger got double-digit efforts from four players on Nov. 3 and rolled to a 81-75 win over Western Texas College in Snyder.

Eli Taylor led all RC scorers with 19 points. Tayton Conerway and Sofyane Nocara both added 14, while Jaylen Thompson chipped in 11.

On Nov. 14, Conerway came up big again for the Rangers, scoring 22 in the team's 95-87 win over Clarendon.

Wade Williams also reached double figures in the win by scoring 15. Martin Anguelov and Jared Clawson added 14 apiece.

The Rangers will make their home debut on Tuesday, Nov. 9, against Howard College. The men's game will start at 7 p.m.

The Lady Rangers will begin the doubleheader at 5 p.m.

Like the RC men's basketball team, the men's cross-country team enjoyed plenty of success this past weekend. The Rangers ran to third place in the Region V meet in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Christopher Santana, Shea Johnson and Kalil Bell led the RC squad. All three posted top 15 marks in the individual standings. Santana finished ninth overall, while Johnson and Bell raced their way to 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

The men's team will compete in the NJCAA national meet on Nov. 13 in Richmond, VA.

The RC women placed fourth at the Region V meet. Jessica Thomas-Billot was eighth in the women's 5-kilometer race. Madison Rowland and Alauna Stackhouse were 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

### ***Ranger Highlight of the Week***

Last Thursday, Ranger College was awarded the Excellence in Ensuring Student Learning Award at the Texas Pathways Institute #4: Onboarding Reimagined Conference in Dallas, Texas.

Texas Pathways is a comprehensive, statewide five-year strategy to build capacity for Texas community colleges to implement structured academic and career pathways at scale. Grounded in research and based on the American Association of Community

Colleges' Pathways Project, Texas Pathways is an integrated, system-wide approach to student success that guides students from the selection of their high school endorsement through postsecondary education to attainment of high-quality credentials and careers with value in the labor market. Through Texas Pathways, colleges clarify paths to student end goals, help students choose and enter a pathway, help students stay on their pathway, and ensure students are learning.



***More Than Just Books by Golemon Library Assistant, Mrs. Helen Cozart***

NaNoWriMo is a nonprofit organization that supports writing fluency and education. It tracks words for writers like Fitbit tracks steps for walkers. It's a start-up incubator for novels (books like *Water for Elephants*, *Fangirl*, and *WOOL* began as rough drafts in November!). It's a teaching tool, it's a curriculum, and its programs run year-round. Golemon Library supports NaNoWriMo with software, space, and other tools to help keep productivity up, making your word count every day. Come on in and let us help you with whatever writing project you, or your students, are working on.

Our current theme is National Novel Writing Month. Check out all the tools we offer to jump-start that writing career or help students finish that paper. We have helpful books

for a variety of types of writing, from fiction and non-fiction to scriptwriting and copywriting as well as information about editing and getting published.

***Motivational Quote of the Week***

