



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM™

AROUND THE SYSTEM

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A Note from the Chancellor



Dear System Colleagues,

One of our strategic priorities for the Texas Tech University System is to build robust internal information resources to ensure our system employees stay up-to-date with the exciting things going on at the system and our component institutions. Around the System, our Town Halls, and News and Notes on our website all work together to keep you informed about the work we're doing here at the system. Our internal

audiences are arguably our best ambassadors, so it is imperative we share with you all of the exciting initiatives and accomplishments we have to celebrate, because they are plentiful. I hope you enjoy the first edition of Around the System.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Duncan".

Robert Duncan

Upcoming Events at the TTU System

Friday, Oct. 20 -
Board of Regents
Meeting in TTU
System Building
room 104A.

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stories visit
www.texastech.edu*



Kramer Named Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement

Patrick Kramer has been named vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement. Kramer begins his appointment immediately.

Kramer has served the TTU System for the past 15 months as the senior associate vice chancellor for finance, operations and services, a position he was selected for after an extensive nationwide search. In his time here, Kramer has played an integral role in implementing Chancellor Duncan's vision for a system of sustained philanthropy.

Kramer is a seasoned development professional, with more than two decades experience at all levels of higher education.

Kramer succeeds Lisa Calvert, who was recently announced as vice president for advancement at Washington State University and CEO of the WSU Foundation.

TTU System Investments Team Receives Recognitions

The Texas Tech University System Office of Investments – located in Austin, Texas – and Chief Investment Officer (CIO) continue to bring recognition to the system on a national scale.

After being named last year's CIO of the Year and receiving the 2016 Industry Innovator Award for Endowments from Chief Investment Officer, TTU System CIO Tim Barrett was named one of the 2017 Power 100 for the second year in a row by the publication.

Michael Nichols, also of the Office of Investments, was recognized by the same publication in its Class of 2017 Forty Under Forty. The honor recognizes 40 asset owners from around the world who show a strong passion in their work and the ability to become potential game changers in the industry.

Deputy CIO Dan Parker was one of just two people recently recognized as an Emerging Leader by Institutional Investor at its annual Endowments and Foundations Roundtable.

Gifts to Texas Tech System Advance Scholarship, Research and Patient Care Across Universities

Recognizing philanthropy's significance to each of its universities, the Texas Tech University System concluded a successful year fundraising gifts to advance excellence and innovation. Support from individual alumni, friends and corporate partners exceeded \$145.4 million for the year, furthering the Texas Tech University System's pursuit of bold ideas that change student lives, foster new discoveries, spur economic growth and make a global impact. The year-end finish is the system's fourth consecutive year of securing more than \$140 million in annual support to benefit its universities.

"Philanthropy provides a crucial foundation for the future growth and success of our universities," said Chancellor Robert Duncan. "The Texas Tech University System's momentum is driven by the generosity of our donors, and we are grateful for the investments they continue to make in the life-changing work of our universities."

Facility Spotlight: Amarillo SimCentral

The new SimCentral building on the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center campus in Amarillo officially opened its doors Sept. 15.

The \$9,750,000 project houses: 12 standard patient exam rooms; six high fidelity simulation rooms; two high fidelity surgery rooms; one resource center with a 10-bed capacity; six debrief rooms; a pharmacy; a large classroom space that can be divided into two smaller classrooms; and administration spaces. This Tuition Revenue Bond project was supplemented by other funding sources.

The 20,485-square-foot facility will provide space for teaching clinical simulations using high-tech, state-of-the-art mannequins and computer software to provide students a hands-on, multi-disciplinary learning experience.



TTUHSC, West Texas A&M University and Amarillo College have forged an educational alliance through *SimCentral* by pooling funds and sharing faculty. The alliance has helped establish the facility as an education resource for professional health care students, physicians in training and other health care professionals throughout the Texas Panhandle.

As part of the TTU System Public Art Program, “Body Geography” (2017) by Carolyn Braaksma and Brad Kaspari has been installed in the facility. The mission of *SimCentral* is directly linked to the human body and its physiology — therefore, the human body became the anchor point for the conceptual development of the epoxy terrazzo installation. “Body Geography” refers to flora and fauna found in the region, as well as the nearby geographical terrain of Palo Duro Canyon — which has been reimagined as a surgical cut through the human torso.



New Federal Relations Director Named

The Texas Tech University System is welcoming Jennifer Brown as the new senior director of Federal Relations. Brown will represent the TTU System in Washington, D.C.

for all federal government affairs.

Brown’s career includes various positions on Capitol Hill. Since 2013, she has served as the chief of staff for the U.S. House Committee on Science, Space and Technology. Previously, she spent eight years as chief of staff for Congressman Lamar Smith. She is a former board member and officer of the Texas State Society of Washington, D.C.

A fifth generation Houstonian, Brown resides in Washington, D.C. with her husband, Barry, children, Leighton and Gipson, and their dog, Tex. She is an alumna of the University of Colorado at Boulder where she earned her bachelor’s in political science.

Brown fills the position vacated when former director Kristina Butts was named TTU System Chief of Staff in August. Brown will officially assume her new duties Oct. 23.

ASU Receives U.S. Dept. of Education Grant for Engineering Department

Angelo State University has been awarded a five-year, \$2.75 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education (DoE) to support the implementation of ASU’s proposed new mechanical engineering program. The grant was awarded under the DoE’s Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions program for a project titled “Culturally Responsive Education in Mechanical Engineering,” or CREEME. It is designed to ensure that Hispanic, first-generation and low-income students receive a more culturally sustaining education at ASU through the adoption of innovative teaching practices, re-imagining of engineering pedagogies and defining how ASU works with community colleges.

Pending final approval, implementation of the new program is scheduled to begin in fall 2018.



TTUHSC Physician Testifies at U.S. House of Representatives on Energy and Commerce

Adrian Billings, M.D., Ph.D., an associate professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) and medical director of the Presidio County Health Services, testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Health Sept. 14.

The hearing's purpose was to examine the extension of funding for two primary care workforce programs, the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) – of which Billings is an alumnus – and the Teaching Graduate Medical Education program. Billings testified the NHSC has proven effectiveness in addressing needed preventative care services in a rapidly growing population.



TTU System Institutions Reach Record Enrollment, Milestones

For the first time in TTU System history, system-wide enrollment has surpassed 52,000 students with a total of 52,926 students enrolled for the fall 2017 semester.

The record accomplishment comes as all four institutions posted record enrollment numbers, and Texas Tech University and Angelo State University reached major milestones.

TTU has a total of 37,010 students enrolled this semester. Of the 30,759 undergraduate students, 27.8 percent are Hispanic, meaning the school has officially met all criteria required to be eligible to apply for Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) status – a long-term goal of the university. When the designation is granted, TTU will join ASU as the second institution in the system to become an HSI.

ASU met its long-term enrollment goal a full three years ahead of schedule when it officially surpassed the 10,000 student mark for the first time in history with 10,447 total enrollment.

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso enrolled 665 students this fall, a 10 percent growth over last year. Combined with its approximately 265 medical residents and fellows, TTUHSC El Paso is educating nearly 1,000 health care professionals.

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center reached its highest enrollment since TTUHSC El Paso made the transition from a regional campus to a standalone institution in 2013. TTUHSC has a total student body of 4,804 for the fall semester.