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## TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM™

**Founded:** 1996

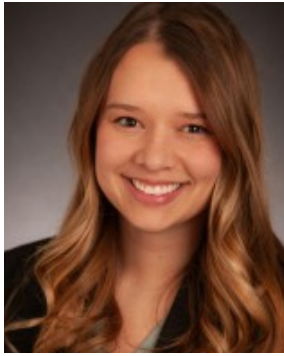
**Component Institutions:** 5

**Statewide Economic Impact:** \$16.4 billion

**Endowment:** \$1.7 billion

**Chancellor:** Tedd L. Mitchell, M.D.

**Location:** Lubbock, Texas



# MAGGIE ADKINS

*Assistant Director*  
System Relations

Texas Tech University System Administration

Maggie Adkins is an assistant director for the System Relations team at the Texas Tech University System, previously serving as a donor advising officer within Institutional Advancement. Prior to joining the TTU System, Adkins spent two years working in the event industry, with a focus on weddings. She received her undergraduate degree in sport management from Texas Tech University in 2020, and during her time as a student, she was a 4-year member of the Red Raider volleyball team. Her choice of degree stemmed from her longtime love of watching and playing sports. As a former player, Adkins is thrilled by the creation and growth of the professional women's volleyball leagues in the United States. When not watching volleyball, you can count on her cheering on the Dallas Stars! She met her husband, Bradley Adkins, during her time at TTU. Both former student-athletes, they love to stay engaged with Tech Athletics and Red Raider athletes. Bradley and Maggie both serve with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (Bradley on staff and Maggie as a volunteer) which offers resources, support and connection to both coaches and athletes.



# ERIC BENTLEY

*Vice Chancellor & General Counsel*  
Office of General Counsel

Texas Tech University System Administration

Eric D. Bentley began serving in 2018 as vice chancellor and general counsel for the Texas Tech University System. Bentley oversees an office of 25 employees, including 17 attorneys, across the TTU System's five component institutions. As vice chancellor and general counsel, Bentley oversees a wide variety of legal matters including, litigation, employment matters, health care compliance, medical malpractice claims, student discipline issues, open records, policy matters, constitutional law issues, athletics, law enforcement, real estate, construction matters and contracts. Bentley arrived at the TTU System following a 15-year career in the Office of the General Counsel at the University of Houston where he most recently served as senior associate general counsel. He received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Houston Law Center, his master's degree in sports management from the United States Sports Academy and a bachelor's degree from Hawaii Pacific University. Bentley is a former college baseball student-athlete who was on a baseball scholarship at the University of Utah and Hawaii Pacific University and has published multiple articles in the areas of sports law. Bentley has also taught undergraduate courses in sports law and currently teaches a higher education law class at the Texas Tech University School of Law. Eric and his wife, Mandy, have two children, a daughter, Avery, and a son, Camden.





# BILLY BREEDLOVE

*Vice Chancellor*

Facilities Planning & Construction

Texas Tech University System Administration

Billy Breedlove serves as the vice chancellor for Facilities Planning & Construction (FP&C) for the Texas Tech University System and was appointed to this role on August 9, 2018. As vice chancellor, Breedlove manages a team of 20 professionals and oversees all capital improvement projects greater than \$4 million at the TTU System and its five institutions. He first joined the TTU System in 2010, serving as the associate vice chancellor of operations, risk management and quality assurance. In this role, Breedlove managed the contracting process, provided quality assurance reviews during project development phases, offered support for quality control inspections and promoted job site safety and health and warranty management, while also maintaining the FP&C Design and Building Standards for all TTU System projects. He brings more than 35 years of experience to his position following more than 12 years in the fire protection industry and more than 13 years managing agricultural processing facilities. In addition to his role at the TTU System, Breedlove serves on the Board of Directors for Carillon Senior Living Center. A Lubbock native and graduate of Texas Tech University, he earned a bachelor's degree in construction engineering technology in 1986. Billy and his wife, Amy, have two children – Ben, a Texas Tech graduate who now resides at Inks Lake with his wife, Brooke, and their daughter Blaire, and son Blake; and Will, a Texas Tech graduate who resides in Austin with his wife, Kaylee.



# MARTHA BROWN

*Vice Chancellor for State Relations*

Governmental Relations

Texas Tech University System Administration

Martha Brown has served as the vice chancellor for state relations for the Texas Tech University System since August 2019. Prior to that she served as vice chancellor for governmental relations, associate vice president of governmental relations and assistant vice president of public affairs. After graduating from Texas Tech University School of Law in May 1979, Brown practiced in a general practice law firm in Lubbock, Thompson and Thomas, until January of 1984 when she accepted the position in Public Affairs at TTU. At the time, the office was a shared service between the university and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Eventually, the TTU System was created in August 1996 and the Office of Governmental Relations was established. Brown worked with Mike Sanders representing TTU and TTUHSC in the State Legislature and several state and legislative agencies. The system grew to include three additional component institutions, including Angelo State University (joined in 2007), Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso (established in 2013), and Midwestern State University (joined in 2021). Brown worked closely with and supported all five of the TTU System chancellors and 27 presidents. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from TTU along with her Doctor of Jurisprudence from the School of Law. TTU is 101 years old this year, and Brown has been associated with Texas Tech for 51 of those years.



# KRISTINA BUTTS

*Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations*  
Governmental Relations

Texas Tech University System Administration

Kristina Butts is the vice chancellor of governmental relations at the Texas Tech University System. Butts initially joined the TTU System in April 2016 as the director of strategic initiatives, and the following year she assumed the position of chief of staff in the Office of the Chancellor for Chancellor Robert Duncan. Butts served as the chief of staff for Dr. Tedd L. Mitchell during his first year as chancellor of the TTU System from 2018-19. The Governmental Relations team serves as a liaison between the TTU System and elected officials while supporting each of the component university's initiatives and efforts in West Texas, Austin and Washington, D.C. The Governmental Relations team ensures adequate representation on the state and federal levels and increases awareness of each institution's academic and research programs. In addition, the office monitors state and federal legislation and garners public and governmental support necessary to the operations of the TTU System.



# AMANDA CASTRO-CRIST

*Assistant Director of Executive Communications & Support*  
Office of the Chancellor

Texas Tech University System Administration

Amanda Castro-Crist currently serves as assistant director of executive communications & support in the Office of the Chancellor at the Texas Tech University System. Her duties include supporting the system's internal and external communication efforts. She coordinates messaging for the chancellor, the Board of Regents and other executive leadership at the TTU System that aligns with the mission, vision and values of the system and its five component universities. These messages are shared with various internal and external stakeholder groups, including employees, students, elected officials, donors and community groups and leaders. Her previous experience includes serving as a media relations coordinator in the Texas Tech University Office of Communications & Marketing, where she wrote hundreds of stories about people, research, initiatives and community engagement efforts at the university. She also worked as a print, online and radio journalist for numerous outlets, where she shot photos and videos and designed graphics and layouts for the stories she wrote. A native of Amarillo, she earned associate degrees in mass communication and speech communication from Amarillo College before transferring to TTU and earning her bachelor's degree in journalism from the College of Media & Communication. She is currently completing her master's degree in strategic communication and innovation at the university and resides in Lubbock with her husband, Brandon, and their family.



# JOE DAILEY

*Assistant Vice Chancellor*  
Advancement Services

Texas Tech University System Administration

Joe Dailey is an assistant vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement at Texas Tech University System. He works as a collaborative leader to establish strategic goals and objectives through management and accountability of TTU System Advancement Services which includes Financial Services and Advancement Information Services. His teams provide services such as budget preparation and procurement processing for Institutional Advancement as well as receiving, processing, depositing and reporting on gifts to the TTU System. He ensures the Customer Relationship Management (CRM) platform is managed and utilized in a manner that promotes quality data integrity and responds to the needs of the universities. Dailey strives to provide the best possible experience, whether he is helping to facilitate a transaction, providing a detailed report to a donor or just being available to answer questions. He is a 2001 graduate of the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business at Texas Tech University. With more than 18 years' experience in higher education, he enjoys discussing endowments with the donors whose philanthropy is impacting the lives and careers of students and faculty across the universities of the TTU System.



# URVI DALAL

*Assistant Director of Digital Media & Support*  
Office of the Chancellor

Texas Tech University System Administration

Urvi Dalal currently serves as assistant director of digital media & support in the Office of the Chancellor at the Texas Tech University System. She joined the system in 2023, and her duties include managing social media and digital platforms (including the TTU System website), leading various graphic design projects for internal and external stakeholder groups, and overseeing branding for the TTU System Administration. She graduated with a master's degree in mass communication and certificates in advanced digital and social media and sports communication from Texas Tech University's College of Media & Communication in 2023. Dalal received her bachelor's degree in public relations from Texas State University in 2022.



# JULIE DOSS

*Executive Director*  
System Relations

Texas Tech University System Administration

Julie Doss is an attorney with experience in higher education and a heart for community service. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas A&M University and a Juris Doctor degree from the Texas Tech University School of Law. As executive director of system relations, an extension of the Chancellor's Office, Doss ensures the successful engagement and stewardship of the TTU System's key internal and external stakeholders. She previously held similar roles at the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She also was associate dean for external relations at TTU School of Law and practiced law in Lubbock. Her volunteer work is reflective of her passion for empowering and enriching the lives of women. Doss has been named a YWCA Woman of Excellence, Volunteer Center of Lubbock's Adult Volunteer of the Year, Lubbock AFP's Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser and received the TTU Greek Life Lifetime Achievement Award. Julie is married to Larry Doss, a Justice on the Seventh Court of Appeals, and they have three adult children. Her other interests include reading, entertaining, connecting people and the pursuit of the perfect red lipstick.



# DAILEY FULLER

*Chief of Staff*  
Office of the Chancellor

Texas Tech University System Administration

Dailey Fuller serves as chief of staff for the Texas Tech University System in the Office of the Chancellor and supports Chancellor Tedd L. Mitchell, M.D., in leading and directing the TTU System's vision, course and success. In his role, Fuller serves on the executive leadership team and provides strategic counsel, advances the day-to-day and long-term operations of the administration and identifies and executes key priorities to achieve the chancellor's goals for the TTU System and its five component institutions. Serving at the TTU System for more than 15 years, Fuller first joined the Chancellor's Office in 2008 as a student intern and has served in progressively responsible leadership roles under three chancellors – Kent Hance, Robert Duncan and Mitchell. During this time, the TTU System has developed into a \$3 billion higher education enterprise, completing a billion-dollar fundraising campaign, establishing dental and veterinary schools and adding two component institutions, Midwestern State University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso, among many notable leadership and organizational advancements. Before becoming chief of staff, Fuller was the director of policy and planning from 2016 to 2018. From 2009 to 2016, he served in the Communications & Marketing Department at the TTU System in multiple roles, including as director of communications & marketing, where he handled media relations and executive communications for system leadership and managed the system's integrated communications and marketing efforts. A native of the Dallas area, Fuller earned his bachelor's degree in 2009 and master's degree in 2015 from Texas Tech University.





# MARK GRIFFIN

*Chairman*  
Board of Regents

Texas Tech University System Administration

Mark Griffin was appointed by Gov. Greg Abbott to the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System on March 6, 2019. He was named chairman of the board on Nov. 17, 2022, where he was nominated and affirmed by a unanimous vote by the board. He also currently serves the board as chairman of the Regents' Rules Review Committee and vice chairman of the Facilities Committee. He previously served the board as vice chairman (2020-22), as a member of the Facilities Committee, as a member on the Regents' Rules Review Committee and as the chairman of the Carr Foundation Board of Trustees. During his time on the board, Griffin served as chairman of the search committee responsible for identifying and recommending Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's ninth president, which concluded with the selection of Lori Rice-Spearman, Ph.D., as the university's first female president. Griffin is President and CEO of The Griffin Companies and Pro Petroleum Inc., which are wholesale fuel marketing, distribution and storage companies. He previously served as a TTU System Regent from 2005-09. He is a member of the Texas Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, State Bar of Texas and the Lubbock County Bar Association, director of the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance, and former director of Plains Capital Bank. He is a former board member of Covenant Health System and the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation, and a former trustee of Lubbock Independent School District. Griffin received a Bachelor of Arts from The University of Texas at Austin and a Juris Doctor degree from the Texas Tech University School of Law. A Lubbock native, he and his wife, Claudia, have three children and five grandchildren.



# EMILY GUY

*Assistant Vice Chancellor for Prospective Development and Engagement*  
Institutional Advancement

Texas Tech University System Administration

Emily Guy is the assistant vice chancellor for prospect development and engagement, where she leads a team responsible for analyzing and reporting on strategic information to advance the philanthropic success of the TTU System and its universities. Guy began her career as a graduate assistant for Administration and Finance at Texas Tech University. She later joined the Texas Tech University System, where she managed the proposal submission process for local nonprofit foundations. As a board member of the YWCA of Lubbock, Guy serves on the Finance and Wine, Women & Shoes committee. She is a recipient of the Top 20 Under 40 award and a graduate of Leadership Lubbock through the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. Guy graduated with both her bachelor's and master's degrees from TTU in 2010 and 2013, respectively. She and her husband, Wiley, who is also a TTU graduate, are both proud Red Raiders. They reside in Lubbock with their two children.



# KEITH HALMAN

*Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Information Officer*  
Information Technology

Texas Tech University System Administration

Keith Halman is the Texas Tech University System chief information officer and also currently serves as the interim chief information officer for TTU. He also represents higher education on the Texas Department of Information Resources Board of Directors.



# CHRISTY HAYNES

*Deputy Chief of Staff*  
Office of the Chancellor

Texas Tech University System Administration

Christy Haynes is the deputy chief of staff in the Office of the Chancellor for the Texas Tech University System. In her role, she collaborates closely with the chancellor and chief of staff to drive the TTU System's strategic direction and streamline operations for continued progress and efficiency. Previously, Haynes served as the executive vice president at Infection Controls, Inc., operating as GermBlast. There, she played a pivotal role in the company's expansion by strategically guiding sales and client relations across the education and healthcare sectors. Haynes also brings a wealth of experience in donor relations and stewardship from her time as director of donor relations for Texas Tech Athletics. She is a proud graduate of Texas Tech University. Christy and her husband, Kelly, have been happily married for 31 years. They have raised five children and cherish their time spent with their six wonderful grandchildren.



# CHELLE HILLIS

*Associate Vice Chancellor and Deputy Chief Financial Officer*

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Texas Tech University System Administration

Chelle Hillis is the associate vice chancellor and deputy chief financial officer for the Texas Tech University System. Her responsibilities include management and oversight of the System Controller and consolidated financial report preparation, the Accounting & Reporting team responsible for all investment and endowment reporting functions, the Office of Treasury, the Office of Risk Management and the System Clery Compliance Director. Hillis also works closely with the vice chancellor and chief financial officer for the TTU System, providing strategic counsel and assistance in managing the overall financial health and stability of the TTU System. She has worked in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at the TTU System since 2014, hired initially by Mr. Jim Brunjes. Prior to working in the CFO's Office, Hillis worked for the TTU Office of Research Accounting and started her career at the System as an auditor in the TTU System Office of Audit Services. Her community involvement includes serving as the treasurer for the Texas Women in Business of Lubbock. Hillis has also served previously on the Lubbock ISD Safety Committee, Leadership Lubbock and Parent Life of Lubbock. A true Red Raider at heart, she is a second-generation graduate from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She also has a master's degree in business administration from West Texas A&M University and is a Certified Professional Accountant (CPA). She and her husband, Brett, have one daughter and two sons, Autumn, Rowan and Quinn.



# COLE JOHNSON

*Associate Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations*  
Governmental Relations

Texas Tech University System Administration

Cole Johnson, J.D., currently serves as the associate vice chancellor for governmental relations at the Texas Tech University System and as the special advisor to the president at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Previously, he held the role of executive chief of staff at TTUHSC and served in various capacities, including special assistant to the president and managing director at the F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health. Johnson earned his bachelor of science in communication with a minor in business from Arizona State University before attending the Texas Tech University School of Law, where he earned his Juris Doctor degree. Throughout his tenure, Johnson has played a pivotal role in the university's business development initiatives, fostering collaborations between TTUHSC and diverse partners to advance its mission. Leveraging his expertise in higher education, he cultivates strategic partnerships and advocates for university programs, driving impactful change across multiple fronts. Johnson's dedication to fostering synergies enables him to effectively champion initiatives supporting innovation, research, clinical excellence and academic advancement. With a proven track record of building collaborative relationships, he is instrumental in driving university successes aligned with supporting the broader communities served by each institution.





# GINGER KERRICK DAVIS

*Vice Chairwoman*  
Board of Regents

Texas Tech University System Administration

Ginger Kerrick Davis was appointed by Gov. Greg Abbott to the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System on March 6, 2019. She was named vice chairwoman of the board on Nov. 17, 2022, where she was nominated and affirmed by a unanimous vote by the board. She currently serves as the chairwoman of the Academic, Clinical and Student Affairs Committee. She also is a member of the Regents' Rules Review Committee. She has previously served the board as a member of the Academic, Clinical and Student Affairs Committee and as a member of the Audit Committee. Kerrick Davis is the chief strategy officer for Barrios Technology, Ltd. She retired from NASA in September 2021 after 30 years of service. She served in numerous leadership roles for NASA, including flight operations assistant director for the International Space Station, flight integration division chief and deputy director of the exploration integration and science directorate. Kerrick Davis became the first female Hispanic flight director in the history of NASA in 2005. In 2001, she was selected as the first non-astronaut capcom (short for Capsule Communicator), the person in Mission Control that speaks to the on-orbit crew. She served as NASA's first Russian Training Integration instructor in 1997, providing support to the first crew that would live onboard the ISS. She began working for NASA as a summer intern in 1991 for Johnson Space Center and started her first permanent assignment in May 1994 as a materials research engineer. In 1995, she was reassigned to the Mission Operations Directorate as an instructor for the ISS Environmental and Life Support System, training both astronauts and flight controllers. In 2016, Kerrick Davis was one of five women named to the Texas Women's Hall of Fame. Kerrick Davis and her husband, Samuel Davis, were married in March 2021. Kerrick Davis received a Bachelor of Science in physics in 1991 and a Master of Science in physics in 1993 from Texas Tech University. She was born and raised in El Paso, Texas.



# JAMES MAULDIN

*Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer*  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Texas Tech University System Administration

Prior to joining the Texas Tech University System, James Mauldin served as vice president of treasury management for the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport where he was responsible for the defined benefit and defined contribution pension, debt portfolio, grants, banking and investments operations. His team led eight bond issues totaling more than \$5 billion during the COVID-19 pandemic and implemented a commercial paper program for the airport, which ranked as the No. 2 busiest airport in the world in 2021 with more than 62 million passengers. He served in a critical leadership role during his four-year tenure at the University of North Texas System as associate vice chancellor for treasury and later in the interim CFO position. His notable contributions include centralizing key functions for the university system, generating incremental investment returns and implementing a strategic capital planning model. From 2008 to 2015, Mauldin served a pair of municipalities as the director of finance/CFO at the City of Cedar Hill – a suburb in Dallas County – and as treasurer and assistant director of finance for the City of Fort Worth, which is the county seat in Tarrant County.



# KEINO McWHINNEY

*Secretary of the Board of Regents & Special Advisor to the Chancellor*  
Board of Regents

Texas Tech University System Administration

Keino McWhinney serves as secretary of the Board of Regents and special advisor to the chancellor for the Texas Tech University System. McWhinney was named to his position on Dec. 1, 2019. He assists the Board of Regents members in their duties and acts as a liaison between the Board and TTU System personnel. He is responsible for the production of materials and the coordination of logistics for all meetings of the board and the board's committees.



# TEDD L. MITCHELL

*Chancellor*  
Office of the Chancellor

Texas Tech University System Administration

Dr. Tedd L. Mitchell is the fifth chancellor and CEO of the Texas Tech University System, a nearly \$3 billion, higher-education enterprise consisting of five distinct and distinguished universities. The system enrolls over 63,000 students, employs approximately 21,000 people and operates at 24 academic locations across Texas and internationally. It has nearly 400,000 alumni and an endowment valued at more than \$1.7 billion. Mitchell works collaboratively with the Board of Regents, the System Administration and university presidents to enhance the system's profile and support the shared missions of developing people and advancing tomorrow through higher education, health care, research and community outreach. He guides the system's engagement with elected officials in Austin and federal leaders in Washington, D.C., to further increase funding and support. Under his leadership, the TTU System has achieved record systemwide enrollment and fundraising; added MSU Texas as its fifth university; established the state's first new veterinary medicine school in 100 years and its first new dental medicine school in over 50 years; and sees monumental success during each legislative session, including significant funding to support strategic institutional initiatives. A Longview native, Mitchell earned his bachelor's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University and his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch.



# SCOTT PARSONS

*Assistant Vice Chancellor for Leader and Culture Development*

Leader & Culture Development

Texas Tech University System Administration

Scott Parsons serves as the assistant vice chancellor for Leader & Culture Development for the Texas Tech University System, beginning the role on Aug. 31, 2023. In his position, Parsons assists organizations in developing leaders of character by designing curricula, integration techniques and assessment tools with a focus on character education. He also works with leaders at all the universities in the TTU System to implement a values-based culture. Prior to his position at the TTU System, Parsons served as an officer in the U.S. Army and has over 24 years of military experience through his position in cyber and military intelligence and as an assistant professor of philosophy and ethics at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Parsons also served as the Character Development Integrator for the Military Program at West Point for three years and completed three combat deployments to Iraq, one to Afghanistan, and a one-year tour of duty in the Republic of Korea (South Korea). Parsons earned his doctorate through the Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues at the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom. He earned two master's degrees in philosophy and political science from Columbia University, a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Nebraska Omaha and a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Texas at San Antonio. Parsons and Clare, his wife of 34 years, have two children: Preston is a computer scientist in Jersey City, New Jersey, and Andrew is a first-year medical student at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, New York. Scott and Clare enjoy traveling and spending time with their two dogs, Zoe and Izzy.



# STEVE SOSLAND

*Vice Chancellor for Leader and Culture Development*

Leader & Culture Development

Texas Tech University System Administration

Steve Sosland is a professional disrupter. Organizations hire or consult with Sosland when they want to improve the way they define or codify their culture. He is excited to lead the team that works with leaders at the universities in the Texas Tech University System to grow the capacity and capability of the lives they touch by integrating a positive sustainable values culture and development programs for all team members. Higher education is his fifth career industry. After graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point, Sosland spent 11 years as an Infantry Officer, where he had worldwide assignments in mechanized and Ranger units. After completing his master's degree in business administration at Boston University, he spent six years in restaurant general management with PepsiCo and Brinker International and 13 years as a corporate recruiter focused on helping junior military officers find careers in corporate America. Prior to transitioning to higher education, Sosland served as the chief operating officer of Hill Country Memorial Hospital in Fredericksburg, Texas, and helped lead the team on the journey to win the Malcolm Baldrige National Leadership and Quality Awards. The consistent thread of his life has been the ability to understand and share the power that comes from working with people who share common core values.



# KIM TURNER

*Chief Audit Executive*  
Audit Services

Texas Tech University System Administration

Kim Turner, CPA, has served as the chief audit executive for the Texas Tech University System since 2004. With over 34 years of audit experience, she leads a team of 17 auditors with responsibility for the audit activities of the System and its five universities. In addition, Turner is a dedicated practitioner and proponent of the TTU System Administration values culture and served as its first executive sponsor. With a long history of service in professional and philanthropic organizations, she currently serves on the boards of Covenant Health System and Texas Tech Credit Union. She was the founding president of the High Plains Chapter of The Institute of Internal Auditors and was president of the Association of College & University Auditors (ACUA), an international association of higher education institutions. Turner received ACUA's two highest awards: Outstanding Professional Contributions and Excellence in Service. She has led or participated in over a dozen peer review teams to elevate and highlight the value of internal audit functions both inside and outside of higher education. She also serves as a frequent speaker on topics ranging from fraud and ethics to leadership of high-performing audit functions. Turner earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from Texas Tech University. Kim and her husband, Lane, a fellow CPA, have three children, all of whom are TTU graduates. Hayden and husband Ben Jordan live in Lubbock with their son, Brooks; Easton lives in Dallas; and Landry and future husband Trey Stephens will soon begin Trey's service in the U.S. Army at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.



# JASON WEBER

*Associate Vice Chancellor for Leader & Culture Development*  
Leader & Culture Development

Texas Tech University System Administration

Jason Weber serves as the associate vice chancellor for Leader & Culture Development for the Texas Tech University System. In his role, Weber collaborates with teams across the TTU System to operationalize their values-culture. In addition, he works to construct leader development programs tailored for students, staff and faculty. Weber is a certified executive and professional coach and engages with leaders at each of the system's component universities to elevate leadership skills and foster effective team development efforts. Before joining the TTU System, Weber was the enterprise training and development director at the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration. In this capacity, he led a team of training and instructional design professionals, catering to 21 state agencies and a workforce of 40,000 employees. He also has held roles in higher education, serving as a faculty member, program coordinator and campus administrator. Weber earned a doctorate degree in leadership from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, a master's degree in criminal justice leadership from Concordia University – Saint Paul and bachelor's degrees in criminal justice and psychology from Evangel University. Weber and his wife, Lisa, married in 2006 and have five children and three rescue dogs.





# TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY®

**Established:** 1923

**Joined the TTU System:** 1996

**Enrollment:** 40,944

**Academic Locations:** 17

**President:** Lawrence Schovanec, Ph.D.

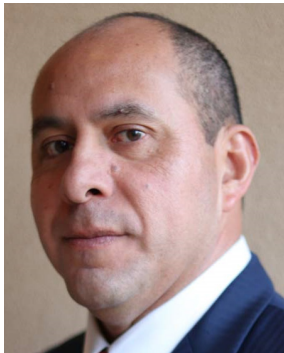
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# CINDY AKERS

*Vice Provost for Administrative Affairs*  
Office of the Provost

Texas Tech University



# MARTIN CAMACHO

*Dean*

J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual &  
Performing Arts

Texas Tech University

Martin Camacho, D.M.A., M.B.A., is the dean of the J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts at Texas Tech University. Before his appointment at TTU, Camacho served for eight years as the dean of the Fain College of Fine Arts at Midwestern State University and as interim provost 2021-2022. His other leadership appointments include assistant chair in the Department of Fine Arts at Barry University, chair of music at Alabama State University, and dean of arts, humanities and social sciences at the Community College of Rhode Island. His administrative experience includes a special focus on student retention; enhancement, expansion and renovation of facilities; community collaborations and partnerships; innovative curricula offerings; expansion of fundraising efforts; and a deep commitment to the promotion of diversity of student experiences as well as global experiences for students and faculty. He is an active promoter of the arts, and his leadership includes serving in national organizations such as the International Council of Fine Arts Deans (ICFAD) where he served as a board member and assisted in organizing the 2023 ICFAD International Symposium that took place in Mexico. Camacho has won 18 national and local piano competitions in Mexico, Cuba, and the United States. He has appeared as a soloist with orchestras in the United States and Mexico, including the Mexico State Orchestra and Bellas Artes Chamber Orchestra, and has performed in the United States, Brazil, Venezuela, Cuba, Japan, Norway, Italy, Serbia and Mexico. His two recent CD releases have received great acclaim.



# SEAN CHILDERS

*Assistant Vice President of Operations*  
Administration & Finance

Texas Tech University

Sean Childers serves as the associate vice president for operations within Texas Tech University. Within this role, he provides oversight and leadership for the departments of Facilities Maintenance, Grounds, Transportation and Parking, Planning and Design, Construction, Utilities, Capital Projects and Administration, Planning and Administration, Services and the Employee Success Center. His leadership focuses on operational and uninterrupted support of the campus in the areas of education, research and community. Childers has been with the university for over 30 years while serving in his current role since 2014. He received both his Bachelor of Business Administration and Master of Agriculture degrees from TTU and is a firm supporter of education, not only within the university but the workplace. He currently serves on multiple boards and committees within the university, state and nationally.



# MATT DEWEY

*Vice President of Marketing & Communications*  
Office of Communications & Marketing

Texas Tech University





# TIM DODD

*Dean*

College of Human Sciences

Texas Tech University

Tim Dodd grew up in a small rural community in New Zealand and completed his undergraduate degree at Waikato University. He then worked for five years in various roles with an agricultural association in New Zealand and specialized in providing research, administrative support and legislative advice for their dairy, grape and wine industry departments. In 1988, Dodd moved to Lubbock so he could pursue a graduate degree in business, and later completed his Ph.D. in consumer economics with a focus on developing wine industries through tourism, particularly the Texas wine industry. Academic positions include director of the Texas Wine Marketing Research Institute (1993), president of the Texas Wine and Grape Growers Association (1996), James Young Professor in Hospitality and Retail management (2009), associate dean for operations (2005) and dean of the College of Human Sciences (2019).



# EARNSTEIN DUKES

*Dean of Libraries*

University Libraries

Texas Tech University



# TOSHA DUPRAS

*Dean*

College of Arts & Sciences

Texas Tech University



# ROLAND FALLER

*Dean*

Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering

Texas Tech University

Roland Faller was appointed dean of the Edward E. Whitacre College of Engineering in August 2023. Prior to that, he served as executive associate dean of engineering at the University of California, Davis as well as associate dean for graduate studies and associate dean for facilities and capital planning. He has a history of being very engaged in education, exemplified by his chairing the graduate programs of chemical engineering and materials science when he was just an associate professor and managed a Department of Education-funded Graduate Assistantships in National Needs project for over 10 years. Faller began his academic career as a physicist. He studied physics at the University of Bayreuth in Germany as an undergraduate and earned his doctorate in theoretical physics at the University of Mainz in 2000 for work performed at the Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research. This work in the simulation of polymer melts led him to switch to chemical engineering when he came to the U.S. for his postdoctoral work at the University of Wisconsin. He joined UC Davis in 2002 as an assistant professor of chemical engineering and materials science and rose through the ranks, eventually becoming co-chair in 2014. He became chair of the newly reconstituted chemical engineering department in 2016 when the department became independent from the Department of Materials Science and Engineering. He focused on growing the department's academic excellence and strengthening its commitment to diversity. He collaborates extensively with Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos National Labs, and he is on the international advisory board of the TREE Institute in St Augustin, Germany.



# WENDOLI FLORES

*Chief of Staff and Senior Director*  
Office of Research & Innovation

Texas Tech University

Wendoli Flores serves as the chief of staff for the vice president for research (VPR) in the Office of Research & Innovation (OR&I). In her role, she represents the interests and priorities of the OR&I through management and integration of the VPR's initiatives, priorities and objectives. Prior to joining OR&I, Flores served as the director of prestigious external student awards for over eight years. Her experience at Texas Tech University also includes working in the Office of the Vice President for Research (2011-2015) and in the Office of Institutional Advancement (2005-2009). During her graduate studies, she had the opportunity to serve as a graduate instructor of Spanish. In 2019-2020, Flores participated in the President's Leadership Institute. She received the President's Award of Excellence in 2021 and the TTU Quality Service Award in 2009. Additionally, Flores has participated in several Leadership Women programs throughout her career. She is a graduate of the 2009 Power Pipeline leadership class and has served on the Power Pipeline Committee of the Board. In 2013, she graduated from the Leadership Texas program. Flores earned a Bachelor of Business Administration with international emphasis in 2004 and a Master of Arts in Spanish literature in 2011 from TTU.



# UPE FLUECKIGER

*Dean*  
Huckabee College of Architecture

Texas Tech University



# ASHLEY GONZALES

*Managing Director*  
Campus Access & Engagement

Texas Tech University

Ashley Gonzales, Ph.D., has been at Texas Tech University since August 2009 and has served in various roles at TTU including undergraduate education, student affairs, institutional diversity and most recently, managing director of campus access & engagement. She leads, manages and directs the day-to-day operations of Campus Access & Engagement, which includes eight units with 26 professional staff members in the following areas: TRIO Student Support Services (\$1.3M Grant), McNair Scholars Program (\$1.3M Grant), Upward Bound (\$1.3M Grant), Upward Bound Math & Science (\$1.3M Grant), University Interscholastic League, Community Outreach, the Student Enrichment Center and Hispanic-Serving Institution Initiatives, servicing a \$3M grant through the Title V, Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions federal program. Gonzales also serves as Title III and Title V Institutional Lead for TTU, and is responsible for the university's designation as a Title III and Title V institution under the Higher Education Act of 1965. Prior to this role, Gonzales led a student, faculty and staff portfolio consisting of the creation and development of the First-Generation Transitioning and Mentoring Programs, advocating and creating the Dream Resource Center, development of the Leaders Engaged in Advancing Diversity Staff Fellows Program and initiation of access for tenure track professors (assistant and associate ranks) to receive additional summer funding to support research. Gonzales earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication studies from TTU, a master's degree in public administration from Wayland Baptist University, and her doctorate degree in higher education research at TTU. Her research interests focus on the parental influence and relationship among first-generation college students attending community colleges and universities.



# MATT GREGORY

*Dean of Students & Vice Provost for Student Life*  
Office of the Provost

Texas Tech University

Matt Gregory is the dean of students and vice provost for student life at Texas Tech University. At TTU, Gregory's supervision portfolio consists of Campus Life, Student Wellbeing, Fraternity & Sorority Life, Military & Veterans Programs, Office of the Dean of Students, Office of Student Conduct, Risk Intervention Safety Education, Spirit Programs, Student Counseling Center, Student Disability Services, Student Government Association, Student Involvement, Student Legal Services and the Chess Program. He has 28 years of experience working within the university environment in a variety of capacities including student housing, fraternity and sorority life, campus law enforcement, student conduct and students of concern/BIT. Gregory is a past president and former secretary of the Association for Student Conduct Administration (ASCA) Board of Directors. He has a Doctor of Philosophy degree in educational administration from Southern Illinois University, a Master of Education in counseling and student affairs from Western Kentucky University, and a Bachelor of Arts in biological sciences from Southern Illinois University. Gregory is a certified Rape Aggression Defense instructor and has a basic law enforcement certification from Illinois. He previously worked at Louisiana State University as the associate dean of students and director of student advocacy and accountability.



# JAMIE HANSARD

*Vice President of Enrollment Management*  
Enrollment Management

Texas Tech University

Jamie Hansard serves as the vice president of enrollment management at Texas Tech University, leading a dynamic and diverse team encompassing undergraduate admissions, orientation, financial aid, scholarships, information technology, marketing and the registrar's office. She has an impressive 27-year tenure in enrollment management, including the last 17 years at TTU. In her strategic leadership role, Hansard is tasked with crafting vision and setting enrollment objectives for the institution, which has evolved into a prominent research-focused establishment. Her journey with TTU began in 2007 as an assistant director in university advising, gradually transitioning to enrollment management in 2008 as associate director of undergraduate admissions. Over the years, she has held various positions of increasing responsibility, culminating in her appointment as vice president of enrollment management in 2019. Apart from her significant contributions to TTU, Hansard actively engages with her professional community through involvement and leadership in numerous state and national-level organizations. Her dedication to her field is underscored by her academic background, holding a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in counseling from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas. Through her visionary leadership, Jamie Hansard continues to drive enrollment success and foster growth at TTU.



# RONALD HENDRICK

*Provost and Senior Vice President*  
Office of the Provost

Texas Tech University



# JOE HEPPERT

*Vice President for Research and Innovation*  
Office of Research & Innovation

Texas Tech University

Joe Heppert joined Texas Tech University in 2017 as vice president for research and a professor of chemistry.



# GRACE HERNANDEZ

*Chief of Staff*  
Office of the President

Texas Tech University





# JILL HERNANDEZ

*Dean*

Honors College

Texas Tech University



# PATRICK HUGHES

*Dean*

University Studies

Texas Tech University

Patrick Hughes is in his 23rd year with Texas Tech University. He serves as the dean of university studies and a professor of communication studies. Previously, he held the position of vice provost for university programs and student success from 2011-2022. A member of the TTU Teaching Academy, Hughes has been recognized for his teaching excellence, receiving the TTU President's Excellence in Teaching Award and the President's Excellence in Gender Equity Award. With experience as a department chair and associate dean for academic affairs, Hughes has contributed significantly to the advancement of communication studies, interdisciplinary educational programs and the enhancement of undergraduate and graduate education. His scholarly work spans publications in communication and focuses on strategic improvements in education. Hughes earned his bachelor's degree from Augustana College in 1994, followed by a master's degree from Illinois State University in 1996 and a doctorate degree from the University of Denver in 2000.





# JORGE IBER

*Interim Vice President for Campus Access & Engagement*  
Campus Access & Engagement

Texas Tech University

Jorge Iber was born in Havana, Cuba, and raised in the Little Havana neighborhood of Miami, Florida. He taught in the public schools of Miami-Dade County for five years before pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Utah, graduating in 1997 with a focus on Mexican American history. Iber is the author, co-author, editor and co-editor of seventeen books and numerous scholarly and encyclopedic articles, as well as more than 55 published scholarly book reviews. His current projects include: 1) A history of a Mexican American family of athletes and educators for the University of Wyoming Press; 2) a 35,000-word manuscript on Latino/a athletes for a popular audience for the Ohio State University Press; 3) a short article on a Mexican American woman who played professional football during the 1970s; and 4) a short article on the life and career of a Mexican American basketball legend from the South Texas town of Roma.



# BYRON KENNEDY

*Vice President for University Advancement*  
Office of Advancement

Texas Tech University



# CLINT KREHBIEL

*Dean*

Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural  
Resources

Texas Tech University

Clint Krehbiel joined the Davis College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Texas Tech University as dean in January 2023. He arrived in Lubbock after serving as the Marvel L. Baker Department head and professor of animal sciences at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln since 2017. A native of Kansas who grew up on a diversified farm and ranch near McPherson, Krehbiel has an extensive history in agriculture. He earned his bachelor's (1988) and master's (1990) degrees in animal science and industry from Kansas State University and his doctorate in animal science with a concentration in ruminant nutrition from the University of Nebraska in 1994. Prior to joining the University of Nebraska, Krehbiel served on the faculty at Oklahoma State University for 17 years, leaving as a Regents Professor and Dennis and Marta White Endowed Chair of Ruminant Nutrition and Health and the assistant head of the Department of Animal Science. Before Oklahoma State, Krehbiel served four years as an assistant professor of ruminant nutrition at New Mexico State University. He also has held positions at the University of Nebraska while pursuing his doctorate and was a postdoctoral research associate at the Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center, Nebraska. He is a member of the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS), the American Dairy Science Association, the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists and the Plains Nutrition Council. Krehbiel has received the ASAS Southern Section Outstanding Young Animal Scientist Award for Research, the Oklahoma State Department of Animal Science Tyler Award, the James A. Whatley Award for Meritorious Research in Agricultural Science, the Gamma Sigma Delta Research Scientist Award of Merit, the Sarkey's Distinguished Professor Award, the OSU University Service Award and the American Feed Industry Association ASAS Ruminant Nutrition Award. Clint and his wife Shelly have three grown daughters.



# MITZI LAUDERDALE

*Vice Provost for Academic Innovation and Student Success*  
Office of the Provost

Texas Tech University



# GUY LONERAGAN

*Dean*

School of Veterinary Medicine

Texas Tech University



# JACK NOWLIN

*Dean*

School of Law

Texas Tech University

Jack Wade Nowlin joined the Texas Tech University School of Law in 2017. As dean of the Law School, Nowlin is committed to putting students first and teaching outstanding practical lawyering skills in a student-supportive environment. Prior to joining the law faculty at TTU, Nowlin served on the faculty of the University of Mississippi School of Law for 17 years. At the University of Mississippi, Nowlin was Jessie D. Puckett, Jr., Lecturer in Law, professor of law and senior associate dean. Nowlin has been a dedicated teacher throughout his career and has taught courses on constitutional law, philosophy of law, criminal procedure, criminal law and academic legal writing. Nowlin also served as a faculty member of the National Judicial College for over a decade and taught Fourth Amendment law to trial and appellate judges. Nowlin has written over 30 articles, book chapters and book reviews, including placements with the Notre Dame Law Review, the Illinois Law Review and Princeton University Press. His research interests have focused on judicial power, interpretive theory and constitutional structure.



# LAWRENCE SCHOVANEC

*President*

Office of the President

Texas Tech University

Since Lawrence Schovanec was named president in 2016, Texas Tech University has attained record levels of enrollment, graduation rates, degrees awarded and research expenditures. During his tenure, TTU has been designated a Hispanic-Serving Institution, was reaffirmed as a Carnegie Foundation Highest Research Activity institution and opened a branch campus in San Jose, Costa Rica. Since 2016, TTU has received more than \$1 billion in philanthropic donations and completed or started construction of new facilities that represent an investment of more than \$900 million. He is a member of the Board of Directors of NAFSA, the U.S. Regional Vice President for the Inter-American Organization for Higher Education and the Chair of the Texas International Education Consortium. Schovanec received a doctorate in mathematics from Indiana University.



# MARK SHERIDAN

*Vice Provost for Graduate & Postdoctoral Affairs and Dean  
of the Graduate School*

Graduate School

Texas Tech University

Mark Sheridan is vice provost for graduate and postdoctoral affairs, dean of the graduate school and a professor of biology at Texas Tech University. He provides overall leadership for graduate and postdoctoral education. Reporting units include the Graduate School, Graduate Interdisciplinary Programs, Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Fellowships, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs and The Graduate Center. The Graduate School is the home college for all master's and doctoral students at TTU and is responsible for marketing/recruitment, admissions, sponsored student services, funding, student progress/credential audits and alumni/donor relations. Interdisciplinary instruction and research are conducted in 10 interdisciplinary programs. The Graduate Center hosts numerous programs and services, including graduate student success, professional and career developing programming and the Statistical Consulting Service. Sheridan's research is in the areas of comparative animal physiology/endocrinology and focuses on the regulation of growth, development and metabolism of animals as well as environmental influences on such processes. His research/research development activities have been funded (ca. \$35M) by DOD, DOE, EPA, NIH, USDA, and for over 35 continuous years from NSF. He has given over 50 invited/plenary lectures and has published two books, 10 book chapters and over 150 journal articles (Stanford University/Elsevier top 1% globally-cited researcher). He has served as a visiting professor at universities in 10 countries. He currently serves as editor-in-chief of general and comparative endocrinology. He earned a B.A. in zoology and an M.A. in biology from Humboldt State University, Arcata, California, and a Ph.D. in zoology from the University of California--Berkeley.



# NOEL SLOAN

*Senior Vice President of Administration & Finance and  
Chief Financial Officer*  
Administration & Finance

Texas Tech University

As the senior vice president of administration & finance and chief financial officer, Noel Sloan partners with university leaders to support growth and strategic initiatives while ensuring accountability for financial operations is maintained and risk is minimized. She is also a member of the President's Cabinet. In addition to managing the university's \$1.3 billion operating budget, Sloan oversees Information Technology, Auxiliary Services, Financial & Business Services, Safety & Security and Operations divisions. By valuing collaboration, dedication and service, these divisions strive to provide services, solutions and support for the safety and success of Texas Tech University's students, faculty, staff and community. Sloan came to TTU in 2006. Prior to being selected as the chief financial officer in January 2014, she served in the role of managing director for Financial Services & Tax. She has also served as an adjunct faculty member in the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business teaching income tax and managerial accounting. Before shifting to higher education, Sloan practiced law at Michael, Best Friedrich and worked in public accounting at Arthur Anderson in Wisconsin.



# ROBERT STEWART

*Interim Dean*  
College of Media & Communication

Texas Tech University

Robert Stewart, professor of communication studies, has served as interim dean since August 2023. He formerly served as senior vice provost (2008-2022), associate dean in College of Arts & Sciences (1997-2008) and department chair (1994-1997). He teaches communication theory, leadership communication and special topics. In addition, he studies communication and religion.





# BRIAN STILL

*Vice Provost for Texas Tech University Online*  
Office of the Provost

Texas Tech University



# KAY TINDLE

*Associate Vice President for Research Strategy*  
Office of Research & Innovation

Texas Tech University

Kay Tindle, Ph.D., currently serves as the associate vice president for research strategy in the Office of Research & Innovation at Texas Tech University. In this role, she facilitates collaborations that cross departmental and institutional boundaries, liaises with industry and federal and state agencies and provides project management for the development of major research strategies for TTU. Tindle also oversees the Office of Research Development and Communications, Strategic Research Intelligence, the Texas Produced Water Consortium and the STEM Center for Outreach, Research and Education. Prior to joining TTU, Tindle served at the University of Central Oklahoma, interned at the Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education and taught English around the world (Japan, China, Saudi Arabia, South Korea). She still enjoys traveling with her husband, and someday, they might also take their kids along on these adventures.



# MARGARET WILLIAMS

*Dean*

Jerry S. Rawls College of Business

Texas Tech University

Margaret L. Williams, Ph.D., began service as dean of the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business in April 2017. Since that time, Williams has engaged faculty and staff to strengthen internal policies and procedures and shared governance processes. She supports critical enrollment growth and curriculum enhancement across the undergraduate and graduate programs, including a new, fully online undergraduate business degree and an online MBA. Williams has also played a major role in fundraising efforts for the college including the recent naming of the Lyons School of Accounting. Williams came to Rawls College from the University of North Dakota where she served as the Page Endowed Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration. Prior to that, Williams served as the Department of Management chair and later interim dean of the School of Business Administration at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. She has held faculty and teaching positions at Virginia Commonwealth University, the University of Tennessee, Purdue University, Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis and Indiana University. A recognized scholar in the field of management, Williams has more than 30 years of experience as an educator, researcher and administrator. Her research on leadership and employee motivation, compensation systems, organizational justice and work/life issues has appeared in top journals in the field. Williams earned a Ph.D. in management and an MBA, both from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University. She holds an M.S. in psychology from Purdue University and a B.S. in biology from Heidelberg University. She currently serves as a member of the International Board of Directors for the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, which accredits business programs globally.





## TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER™

**Established:** 1969  
**Joined the TTU System:** 1996  
**Enrollment:** 4,911  
**Academic Locations:** 7  
**President:** Lori Rice-Spearman, Ph.D.  
**Location:** Lubbock, Texas



# GERARD CARRINO

*Dean*

Julia Jones Matthews School of Population and Public Health

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center



# RONALD COOK

*Chief Health Officer*  
President's Office

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Ronald L. Cook, DO, MBA, is the chief health officer for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Receiving his undergraduate degree in microbiology at Texas Tech University in 1985, Cook obtained his master's degree in zoology in 1989 and medical degree from Texas College Osteopathic Medicine in 1993. Completing his residency in 1996, he joined TTUHSC's faculty in Family Medicine and has since held key roles including City of Lubbock Health Authority and chief medical officer for the Division of Rural Affairs. Cook, board-certified in family medicine, has been a prominent figure in the Texas medical community, holding memberships in several associations. His significant contributions during the COVID-19 pandemic, including over 80 press conferences, earned him Special Recognition from Lubbock's mayor and council members, as well as the Rotarian Paul Harris Fellow Award. Cook's distinguished career has been marked by numerous awards such as America's Best Physician and Physician of the Year by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians for 2023, reflecting his commitment and dedication to the field of medicine.



# DARRIN D'AGOSTINO

*Provost and Chief Academic Officer*

Office of the Provost

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center



# JOHN DeTOLEDO

*Dean*

School of Medicine

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center



# VINCE FELL

*Vice President for Information Technology and  
Chief Information Officer*  
President's Office

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center



# SMILEY GARCIA

*Assistant Vice President of Governmental Relations*  
Governmental Relations

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Smiley Garcia leads and manages the Texas Tech University Health Science Center's Governmental Relations program. Garcia was instrumental in TTUHSC's success during the 88th Texas Legislative Session in 2023 where he developed a comprehensive strategy to secure funding for the creation of the new TTUHSC Institute of Telehealth and Digital Innovation. His career includes 12 years of service as a commissioned officer in the United States Army, primarily as director of government affairs for the Adjutant General of Texas. He worked directly with congress and the National Guard Bureau to secure funding for training programs and military construction projects for the Texas National Guard. In 2009, he deployed as a brigade operations officer in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), where he earned the Bronze Star, Combat Action Badge and Iraq Campaign Medal. His legislative career began in Austin as a staffer and policy advisor in the Texas Legislature, spanning over a decade. During his tenure in the Capitol, he served as a legislative assistant for State Representative Kyle Janek (Houston) and then progressed to leadership roles as a budgetary policy advisor for Governor Rick Perry and the Speaker of the House, Tom Craddick (Midland). Prior to his federal active duty military assignment, he also served with the Texas Water Development Board's Governmental Relations team headquartered in Austin. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in economics from the University of Houston and Master of Public Administration from Texas Tech University.



# ASHLEY HAMM

*Executive Chief of Staff and Vice President for External Relations*

President's Office

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Ashley Hamm serves as the executive chief of staff to the president and vice president of external relations at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. In this role, she leads strategic initiatives in marketing, communications and philanthropy to advance the university's mission. Hamm serves as a trusted advisor and strategic partner to the president, playing a vital role in executing presidential priorities and fostering collaboration within the executive leadership team. She previously served the university and its stakeholders as assistant vice president of external relations. Before joining TTUHSC in 2014, she held positions as executive director of the Susan G. Komen - Lubbock Area Affiliate and account executive at Randy Christian & Partners advertising agency. Hamm is an alumna of Texas A&M University, holding a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in marketing.



# PENNY HARKEY

*Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations*

Finance Division

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Penny Harkey is the executive vice president of finance and operations at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. In this role, she is responsible for the executive management of the finance, human resources, facilities and safety and information technology functions of the university. Harkey has held several leadership roles during her 37-year career at the university including an interim appointment as vice chancellor and chief financial officer of the Texas Tech University System in 2022. She grew up in Idalou and is a proud graduate of Texas Tech University. She and her husband, Mike, have two daughters who have also chosen to dedicate their careers to institutions within the TTU System. Mike and Penny spend their time on the family farm and spoiling their two precious grandchildren.





# CYNTHIA JUMPER

*Vice President Governmental Relations and Strategic Initiatives*  
Managed Care

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Dr. Cynthia Jumper has worked as a critical care physician for 25+ years and now focuses on primary care and population/public health. She served as the chairman of internal medicine for over a decade at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and that involved oversight of the largest training program and department in the School of Medicine. Jumper is committed to developing the next generation of physicians and healthcare professionals and advocating to secure resources to improve quality of life focusing on rural health. In a constantly evolving and challenging healthcare landscape, Jumper's role is critical as a catalyst in bridging technology and access to care. She has pushed the boundaries of telehealth to provide quality access to care for a large, state correctional system and has been involved in developing software that allows for efficient use of scarce resources and in documenting patient outcomes. In her roles as an elected official in the Texas Medical Association the American Medical Association and the American College of Physicians (ACP), Jumper advocates for the collective health of communities and medical professionals. She has previously served on a Texas Medicaid Oversight Committee and on an advisory committee to the Texas Employee Retirement System Board. She currently serves on several state and national committees: the Health and Public Policy Committee of the ACP, the Texas Correctional Managed Healthcare Committee and the Stakeholder Advisory Committee of American Board Medical Specialties.



# ERIN JUSTYNA

*Associate Provost for Student Affairs*  
Office of the Provost

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center



# SCHOEN KRUSE

*Vice Provost for Academic Affairs & Integrated Learning*  
Office of the Provost

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center



# GRACE KUO

*Dean*  
Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Dr. Grace Kuo is dean and a professor at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy, located at four campuses in Amarillo, Lubbock, Abilene and Dallas. Being a certified executive team coach, Kuo enjoys inspiring teams to achieve excellence through honesty, creativity and kindness by working in a values-based culture. Kuo's clinical expertise is primary care pharmacy practice. She has spearheaded the development of innovative pharmacist-physician collaborative practice with reimbursement models and worked with inter-professional teams to design and implement comprehensive medication management practices in both primary care and specialty clinics. Kuo had previously developed and administered a national pharmacogenomics education program (PharmGenEd), which has been used by more than 3,000 healthcare professionals and faculty from 100+ countries. Being a pharmacist health services researcher, Kuo is passionate about practice-based research that uses implementation science methods to design and evaluate medication management and interprofessional collaborative practices. She has received grant funding from federal agencies (AHRQ, CDC, and NIH) and authored more than 100 publications. She enjoys professional services and has served on grant review study sections, scientific journal editorial boards, journal and book peer review groups and poster review committees. She is currently serving as a member of the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration's Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages. When she has spare time, Kuo enjoys music, hiking in state and national parks and traveling with her husband.



# BRENNA LEISING

*Associate Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer*  
Human Resources

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

With 24 years of diverse human resources leadership in healthcare, community health, security and academia, Brenna Leising develops strategic workforce initiatives at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Her dual master's degrees in legal studies from Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law and business administration from Morehead State University, coupled with her Senior Professional in Human Resources and Society for Human Resources Management Certified Professional certifications, underline her deep expertise and passion for her field. Leising's strategy encompasses aligning HR practices with TTUHSC's mission and vision, ensuring the institution's success through effective talent attraction, retention and decision-making processes.



# HELEN LI

*Assistant Vice President of Development*  
Institutional Advancement

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center



# ADAM McKEE

*Assistant Vice President of People & Values*  
Office of People & Values

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Adam McKee is responsible for directing and implementing all aspects of our people development programs and values-based culture initiatives in alignment with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's strategic objectives.



# LANCE McMAHON

*Senior Vice President for Research and Innovation*  
Office of Research and Innovation

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center



# BILLY PHILIPS

*Executive Vice President for Rural and Community Health*  
Office of Rural & Community Health

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Billy U. Philips, Jr., Ph.D., MPH, serves as executive vice president for the Division of Rural Affairs at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. The division is a community-facing enterprise-level entity that houses the F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health and the Institute for Telehealth and Digital Innovations. He is a Grover E. Murray Professor and previously served from 2009-2023 as the director of the F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health. His research has focused on understanding and eliminating health disparities in rural areas of West Texas. As holder of the F. Marie Hall Chair in Rural Health, he has led many pioneering programs that have brought innovation and comprehensive community-based solutions to advance the health of West Texas and beyond. Some of these include the Telemedicine Wellness Intervention Triage and Referral (TWITR) Project, a demonstration of concept using telemental health counseling to address the mental health needs of students in rural schools; now a statewide program called TCHAT. He currently is perfecting the Next Generation 911 Emergency Services Pilot Project, to improve trauma care and to serve as the basis for a new model of community-centric primary care. Philips established the Frontiers in Telemedicine Training Lab, the only one of its kind in the nation that provides competency-based education in telehealth. Philips founded the Rural Health Quarterly, which is indexed on the Rural Health Web as a national research resource. He continues as the publisher working with a team of award-winning editors and writers. Philips has also served previously as acting dean of the Julia Jones Matthews School of Population and Public Health at the TTUHSC campus in Abilene. His research is widely cited along with an early work on social support and health that is the foundation of resiliency in communities.



# JODY RANDALL

*Vice President and Chief Experience Officer*  
Division of Institutional Excellence and Culture

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Jody C. Randall, Ph.D., serves as the vice president and chief experience officer at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She is responsible for oversight and management of TTUHSC's efforts to strengthen the culture of achievement for learners and team members while guiding the integration of presidential priorities, university strategy and other long-term objectives across the TTUHSC enterprise. She collaborates with the TTUHSC community to implement initiatives that reflect and acknowledge the needs and experiences of learners and team members. Randall holds a Doctor of Education in leadership and learning in organizations from Vanderbilt University's Peabody College of Education and Human Development. She received a Bachelor of Integrated Studies in human services and a Master of Science in human development and leadership from Murray State University.





# LORI RICE-SPEARMAN

*President*

President's Office

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Lori Rice-Spearman, Ph.D., is the ninth president of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and the first female president in the Texas Tech University System. She joined TTUHSC in 1987 and has held multiple leadership positions during her tenure with the university. Most recently, Rice-Spearman served as provost and chief academic officer, appointed in October 2019; the following month, she agreed to serve concurrently as interim president. From 2016-2019, Rice-Spearman was dean of the School of Health Professions and served concurrently as the university's associate provost, beginning in 2018. Rice-Spearman also served the school as associate dean for Learning Outcomes and Assessments and chair of the Department of Laboratory Sciences and Primary Care. Rice-Spearman has numerous publications in peer-reviewed journals and is recognized nationally as an innovator in health professions education. She has served as an accreditation reviewer and site visitor for the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences and the Commission on Accreditation for Physical Therapy Education. She is an alumna of the School of Health Professions' first class in the Clinical Laboratory Sciences program and earned her master's and Ph.D. from Texas Tech University.



# HOLLY RUSSELL

*Assistant Vice President of Communications and Marketing  
External Relations*

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Holly Russell is a media and marketing expert with over 19 years of experience in a variety of industries. She currently serves as the assistant vice president of communications and marketing at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, where she has the privilege and honor of working with the most incredible media, creative and marketing minds in the region. Prior to joining the TTUHSC team, Russell served as a destination strategy director for Madden Media, an advertising agency that specializes in travel and tourism. Before joining the Madden team, she was the director of marketing & communications for the Visit Lubbock CVB and Lubbock Economic Development Alliance. Under her direction, the team received national and international acclaim for their award-winning marketing and advertising campaigns. In 2021, she was recognized as one of the 4 Under 40 by the Texas Travel Alliance Board. In addition to her extensive public relations and marketing experience, Russell has served as an adjunct professor in communications and advertising at Texas Tech University. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Charlie and their three dogs (Dolly, Tim, and Rebel).



# BRANDT SCHNEIDER

*Dean*

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Brandt Schneider has served as the dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences since 2013 and has been a faculty member since 1999. He is a tenured professor in the departments of medical education and cell biology and biochemistry. Schneider received his B.S. in microbiology from the University of Washington in 1986. He subsequently earned his Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology from the University of Arizona in 1993 and was a post-doctoral fellow at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory from 1994-1998. Since arriving at TTUHSC, Schneider's laboratory has studied the molecular genetics of growth control and the mechanisms that modulate aging to determine cellular lifespan. Schneider has taught human gross anatomy at TTUHSC for more than 20 years. He is the co-director, with Dr. Kerry Gilbert, of the Institute of Anatomical Sciences. Schneider is an avid golfer and loves spending time with his family.



# DAWNDRA SECHRIST

*Dean*

School of Health Professions

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Dawndra Sechrist serves as the School of Health Professions (SHP) dean at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. SHP is home to 21 programs. Sechrist is a tenured distinguished professor and teaches in the Post-Professional Occupational Therapy Doctorate program. She received her occupational therapy degree from TTUHSC and has served in multiple roles at TTUHSC over the past 20+ years. Her area of passion is collaborating with others on interprofessional education and practice. Sechrist is from Lubbock and is very invested in the community. She currently serves as the YWCA Board President. Sechrist and her husband love to travel and attend sporting events, especially events that include Texas Tech University teams. They also enjoy spending time with family, especially their young grandson.



# PHIL SIZER

*Associate Vice President for Research Innovation*  
Office of Research and Innovation

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center



# HARRY SLIFE

*Vice President for Facilities & Safety Services*  
Facilities & Safety Services

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Harry Slife, Ph.D., currently serves as vice president for facilities and safety services at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, responsible for the operations, maintenance, construction and safety on all six TTUHSC campuses. Prior to coming to TTUHSC, Slife served as the dean of the School of Health Professions and Education, at Utica College, New York. Slife served in the United States Army, retiring after a 30-year career in 2012 at the rank of Colonel. Slife holds a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, a master's degree from the University of Maryland and a bachelor's degree from Youngstown State University. He has authored or co-authored a number of professional journal articles and papers and was honored with the U.S. Army's "A" Proficiency designator by the Army Surgeon General as a national expert in his field of biochemistry. He is accredited by the American Association of Clinical Pathologists as a Medical Technologist and is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and Sigma XI. Slife resides in Lubbock with his wife Leslie. They have three adult children Caitlin Hill, Ph.D., LT Carolyn Harbert, U.S. Coast Guard and CPT Jacob Slife, U.S. Army.



# HOLLY WEI

*Dean*

School of Nursing

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center





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**Established:** 1928  
**Joined the TTU System:** 2007  
**Enrollment:** 11,250  
**Academic Locations:** 1  
**President:** Ronnie D. Hawkins Jr.  
**Location:** San Angelo, Texas



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# JACKIE BAXTER

*Executive Director and Controller*  
Controller's Office

Angelo State University

Jackie Baxter graduated from Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting. Before starting in higher education, Baxter worked in several accounting areas: tax, governmental, and auditing. Her first role at ASU was in the Controller's Office as the accountant for the Student Accounts Office. This student-focused experience shaped how she viewed her responsibility to the university in her next roles as director of accounting, and then as executive director and controller. Currently in her 16th year at ASU, Baxter continues to encourage her department and other offices in the finance and administration division to work as a team for a stronger university for students, faculty and staff.



# SCARLET CLOUSE

*Dean*  
College of Education

Angelo State University

Scarlet Clouse is a dean and professor at Angelo State University. She currently serves as the dean of the College of Education and has been at the institution for almost five years. Prior to ASU, Clouse served as an associate professor and dean of the College of Education at the University of the Southwest and department chair, director of teacher education and assistant professor at Sul Ross State University. She has served in various positions in the K-12 setting as well as higher education for over 25 years and strives to continually improve the teacher preparation model to prepare classroom-ready teachers. Along with her colleagues, she works to restore esteem to the profession of teaching by providing teacher candidates with the highest-quality teacher preparation program possible. Additionally, in partnership with the University of Texas at San Antonio and with assistance from a National Security Agency grant, Clouse has led various educational initiatives to build cybersecurity capacity throughout the San Angelo region and surrounding communities. The three-pronged, whole-community approach utilizes resources from 1) higher education, 2) K-12 schools and 3) community and municipal partners to educate citizens and build sustainable "cyber-resiliency" practices designed to keep communities safe.



# DOUG FOX

*Associate Vice President of Information Technology & Chief Information Officer*

Information Technology

Angelo State University

Doug Fox serves as chief information officer for Angelo State University where he leads a team of professional staff and students that oversee and support the campus technology environment. During his tenure, Fox's team has played an active role in positioning ASU to take advantage of new technologies that improve campus efficiencies, student learning and support student recruiting and retention efforts. Fox oversees information security at ASU and his team has been instrumental in the launch of the pilot Regional Security Operations Center. Prior to his move into higher education, he worked in the private sector for over 10 years in software development and IT leadership roles. Fox and his team are past recipients of the American Association of University Administrators John Blackburn Award for exemplary leadership. He is a past recipient of the President's Award for IT Excellence from TASSCC. Fox has served on several local and state organizations and boards. He is a past chair of the Texas Connection Consortium and the past chair of the Concho Valley School to Work Council. Fox currently serves on the Lone Star Education and Research Network board of directors.



# CODY GUINS

*Executive Director of Facility Services*

Facilities Planning and Construction

Angelo State University



# RONNIE D. HAWKINS JR.

*President*

Office of the President

Angelo State University

Ronnie D. Hawkins Jr. was appointed president of Angelo State University on Aug. 17, 2020. He is the sixth president of ASU and the 11th president of the institution since it began as San Angelo Junior College in 1928. A retired Air Force Lieutenant General, Hawkins is an internationally respected subject-matter expert in leadership, strategic planning, cybersecurity, military matters and Christian discipleship development. He has over four decades of business, military, academic and spiritual development experience. During his 37-year Air Force career, Hawkins served as the director of coalition forces for the Multi-National Forces in Iraq, as well as director of coalition forces for Operation Southern Watch in Saudi Arabia. He commanded at all levels of military command, including Cadet Squadron 24 at the U.S. Air Force Academy and as commander of the Air Force ROTC Corps, Junior ROTC Corps and Officer Training School, which at the time had a combined enrollment of over 20,000 students and officer candidates. A 1977 ASU distinguished graduate, Hawkins earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in computer science. He later graduated cum laude from Liberty Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree, and has also earned a Master of Science in management and human relations from Abilene Christian University and a Master of Science in national resource strategy from the National Defense University. He attended Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School Program for Senior Managers in Government, and has attended senior executive programs at the Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base.



# JOHN KLINGEMANN

*Dean*

College of Arts and Humanities

Angelo State University

John Eusebio Klingemann, a native of Terlingua, Texas, graduated from Sul Ross State University and the University of Arizona. Upon completion of his graduate studies, Klingemann returned home to the Lone Star State and accepted a position at Angelo State University as an assistant professor of history. A recipient of the García Robles Fulbright Fellowship to Mexico, his dissertation focused on revolutionary movements in the 20th century. Since his employment at ASU, he has worked as the chair of the History Department and currently serves as the dean of the College of Arts and Humanities. He is also the director of the Mayer Museum on ASU's campus.



# BEN LION

*Vice President for Student Affairs*

Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs

Angelo State University

Benjamin Lion is a proven university administrator with 20 years of progressive experience and a robust record of individual and collaborative success working in student affairs and enrollment management. He has substantial experience in private, liberal arts, highly residential and mission-focused education, as well as experience in public, open-access institutions designed to serve local and regional community needs. He is a demonstrated change agent whose student-centered career encompasses progressive leadership, innovation and departmental management, with responsibilities extended across institutional lines.



# JAMIE MAYER

*Vice President for External Affairs*

Division of External Affairs

Angelo State University



# MICHEAL SALISBURY

*Dean*  
Freshman College

Angelo State University

Micheal Salisbury has been at Angelo State University in an official position for 23 years. He earned his B.S. and M.S. from ASU in 1994 and 1996, respectively, followed by his Ph.D. from New Mexico State University in 1999. Immediately out of school, he went to the University of Tennessee as a state livestock specialist before returning to ASU. Salisbury was in the agricultural department as a faculty member for 11 years before serving in the capacity of department chair for seven years. He then transitioned to the College of Graduate Studies and Research as dean in 2019. He served in that capacity for three years. While in graduate studies, Salisbury served as interim dean of the Freshman College and realized he enjoyed the mission and work of the college so he applied and was hired. He currently serves as the university's faculty athletic representative. He has served the animal science and agricultural industries as the president of the Ag Consortium of Texas, the American Society of Animal Science Western Section and the Non-Land Grant Agricultural and Renewable Resources Universities. Salisbury hosted the animal science meetings at ASU as the first time a non-land grant school had ever hosted. He currently serves on the Executive Board of Directors of the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo and is the superintendent of the Collegiate and Junior Wool Contest at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition. Salisbury is married to his wife (ASU Class: 1996 & 2012) of 32 years, and they have a son (ASU class of 2021) and twin daughters (3rd year ASU students).



# PAUL SWETS

*Dean*  
College of Science and Engineering

Angelo State University

Paul K. Swets is the dean of science and engineering at Angelo State University. After graduating from high school, Swets took several (eight) gap years, including serving four years as an enlisted man and a non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Army (Infantry), most of which was spent in then-West Germany. Upon leaving the military, he earned a B.S. in mathematics and a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Texas at Austin. After a postdoc at Indiana University in Bloomington, he came to ASU as an assistant professor in 1998 and has been a Ram ever since. Swets received tenure and was named department head of mathematics in 2004, and was promoted to professor in 2008. In 2011, the ASU College of Sciences was merged with the College of Liberal and Fine Arts to form the College of Arts and Sciences. He was named the first and, as it turns out, only dean of arts and sciences. In 2016, when ASU was approved to add a Department of Engineering, the College of Arts and Sciences was split into a College of Arts and Humanities and a College of Science and Engineering. To date, Swets has served as the only dean of science and engineering. He's married to his wife Molly, with five children and two (soon to be three) grandchildren.





# ANDREW TIGER

*Dean*

Norris-Vincent College of Business

Angelo State University

Andrew Tiger has been with Angelo State University for six years. Prior to this, he taught at five other universities and worked in industry for 3M, E&J Gallo Winery and AspenTechnology.



# DONALD TOPLIFF

*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Office of the Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

Angelo State University

Donald R. Topliff was named provost and vice president of academic affairs at Angelo State University in January 2015. As provost, he serves as the chief academic officer and has responsibility for all teaching and research programs at the university. He oversees a faculty of about 350 full and part-time members in six colleges and the graduate school, in addition to about 100 staff employees. He oversees the library, the registrar, the honors program, the office of accountability, the testing center and numerous other university functions. He is a native of Kansas and has served on the faculty at Oklahoma State University and as a department head and dean at West Texas A&M before coming to ASU. Here, he has been instrumental in beginning the engineering program, the Regional Security Operations Center and the Commercial Aviation Program.



# ASHLEY WARREN

*Chief of Staff*  
Office of the President  
Angelo State University

Ashley Warren is a dedicated professional with a passion for empowering students and fostering educational access. Holding a Bachelor of Arts in communication and a Master of Education in student development and leadership from Angelo State University, Warren has honed her expertise in navigating the intricacies of academia and student support. Her journey began with a firm commitment to serving the community college sector, where she dedicated a decade to roles spanning enrollment, advising, financial aid and administration. Throughout her tenure, Warren championed initiatives geared towards enhancing education access and fostering student success. In 2023, she seized the opportunity to return to her alma mater, ASU, as chief of staff. For Warren, this move was not just a professional milestone but also a cherished homecoming, reuniting her with the institution where her educational journey began.



# ANGIE WRIGHT

*Vice President for Finance and Administration*  
Finance and Administration  
Angelo State University

Angie Wright currently serves as vice president for finance and administration (VPFA) at Angelo State University. She has been in this position since June 2014 after serving 15 months as interim vice president. An ASU and Lake View High School graduate, Wright joined the university in 1991 after five years in the private sector. Prior to the appointment as VPFA, she held various positions at ASU, including associate vice president for finance & administration, assistant vice president for finance & administration, budget director, manager of business services and payroll coordinator/director. Her current responsibilities range from finance to facility operations and include IT, human resources and university police. In addition, Wright also served as interim president from April to August 2020.



# TTUHSC EL PASO

**Established:** 2013

**Joined the TTU System:** 2013

**Enrollment:** 934

**Academic Locations:** 1

**President:** Richard Lange, M.D., M.B.A.

**Location:** El Paso, Texas



# DEBORAH CLEGG

*Vice President for Research*  
Office of Research

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso

Deborah Clegg, Ph.D., is a known expert in the field of obesity sex hormones, and metabolism with a specific interest in nutrition and how it interacts with physiology. She has authored over 200 articles in impactful journals such as The New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA, American Journal of Physiology and the National Kidney Foundation, and is listed in the top 2% of the most cited/impactful investigators out of more than six million cited in science journals worldwide, according to a peer-reviewed database. Clegg is the vice president for research at the Paul Foster School of Medicine. Clegg and her research have been featured in many forms of media, including the television program “The View” and the HBO series entitled “Weight of the Nation”, as well as in the popular press including magazines such as Vogue, Mademoiselle, Ladies Home Journal and Nature. Clegg has conducted her own basic science research as well as participated in clinical and translational research for over 25 years.



# JESSICA FISHER

*Vice President for Finance & Administration and Chief  
Financial Officer*

Office of Finance and Administration

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso

Jessica Fisher serves as the vice president and chief financial officer for finance & administration at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso, bringing over 13 years of dedicated service to the institution. In her tenure, Fisher played an essential role in the transition of the institution from a regional campus to a freestanding entity. Fisher holds a Master of Accountancy from the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) and is a certified public accountant in Texas. She earned her Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting from UTEP, laying a strong foundation for her exceptional career in financial leadership and administration.





# JOHN HARRELL

*Assistant Vice President of Student Services & Student Engagement*

Student Services & Student Engagement

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso

John R. Harrell II, Ed.D., affectionately known as “Dr. J,” is an innovative thinker with proven skills working with students from varying academic, socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds. Harrell is the grandson of Mississippi farmers and the son of a retired Army soldier. He has served many institutions and systems across the state and currently serves as the assistant vice president of student services & student engagement at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso.



# CHRISTIANE HERBER-VALDEZ

*Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Office of Academic Affairs

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso

Christiane Herber-Valdez, Ed.D., serves as assistant vice president (AVP) for academic affairs at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso. She holds a faculty appointment in the TTUHSC El Paso Paul L. Foster School of Medicine and is an instructor at TTUHSC El Paso. In her role as AVP, Herber-Valdez oversees institutional reporting and regional accreditation. She serves as a liaison to SACSCOC and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Herber-Valdez led TTUHSC El Paso’s application for separate accreditation in 2017. The following year, she helped the institution earn Hispanic-Serving Institution status, and, in 2023, she successfully led the institution’s reaffirmation of accreditation. Her commitment to higher education is reflected in her work as principal investigator of a U.S. Department of Education Title V Hispanic-Serving Institutions grant. Prior to joining TTUHSC El Paso in March 2014, Herber-Valdez held professional positions at institutions of higher education in the areas of student services (University of Texas at El Paso, 1995-2001) and in directing and evaluating large-scale federally funded programs (New Mexico State University, 2002-2014). Between 2002 and 2014, she directed the evaluation and program operations of a \$17M NIH P20 faculty and student development grant (New Mexico-IDEA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence, NM-INBRE), spanning six New Mexico institutions of higher education. Herber-Valdez earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, a Master of Arts degree in clinical psychology, and a Doctor of Education degree in educational leadership and administration from the University of Texas at El Paso.





# CRAIG HOLDEN

*Assistant Vice President for Development*  
Office of Institutional Advancement

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso

Craig Holden grew up in Toledo, Ohio, and graduated from the university there, but also spent a year at Durham University in England. After getting his MFA at the University of Montana, Craig moved to New York City, where he worked in trade publishing and the film industry for five years. He was then privileged to live as a full-time novelist for another 17 years, during which time he also began teaching at the college level, including at the University of Michigan. Craig moved his family to Las Cruces, New Mexico, in 2007 to take a two-year visiting writer contract at New Mexico State University. That was in 2007. He found that he loved this region, the people, the climate, the food and the geography. He began writing grants for the NMSU Foundation in 2012 and working with a development officer named Andrea Tawney. They have been working together, more or less, ever since. After becoming the director of corporate and foundation relations at NMSU, Craig moved to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso in 2018, where he is now the assistant vice president for development. He continues to write and has a novel nearing completion. He's also a partner in a small film development company. Their first film, a short, had its European premiere in London in March, which he was able to attend. Holden has four kids and three grandchildren.



# RICK LANGE

*President and Dean*  
Office of the President & Paul L. Foster School of  
Medicine

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso

Rick Lange is a practicing general cardiologist who currently serves as dean of the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine and president of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso for the past 10 years. Additionally, he serves as chair of the FDA panel of Circulatory Device Panel, on the Editorial Board and/or as associate editor of numerous medical journals, weekly medical podcast journalist and co-author of more than 400 scientific articles, book chapters, web-based chapters and books (the latest published in 2023 and 2024).

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# ADAM RASCON

*Managing Director for Facilities and Services*  
Facilities and Services

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso

Adam Rascon is new to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso and the Texas Tech University System. He currently serves as the managing director for facilities and services at TTUHSC El Paso.

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# JERRY RODRIGUEZ

*Associate Vice President of Information Technology*  
Paul L. Foster School of Medicine

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso

Jerry Rodriguez is the chief information officer for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso. He has over 35 years of experience in the computer science and information technology industry. He has been working for TTUHSC El Paso for 27 years and has also worked as a defense contractor for the U.S. Department of Defense. Rodriguez has a Bachelor of Computer Science degree from the University of Texas El Paso and a master's degree in information technology management.



# VANESSA SOLIS-CORTEZ

*Assistant to the President*

Office of the President & Dean

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso

As assistant to the president, Vanessa Solis-Cortez reports directly to the president/dean, providing support to the president and managing the daily operations of the Office of the President. She also supports many administrative functions, human resource needs, the university's preparations for Texas Tech University System Board of Regents meetings, executive position searches and other miscellaneous administrative duties. Solis-Cortez has been with TTUHSC El Paso for over 20 years, starting as a student assistant and working her way up. She worked for a Fortune 100 company as an operations manager for four years prior to returning to higher ed. Solis-Cortez is a native El Pasoan. Her academic accomplishments include a Bachelor of Arts in business administration with a computer information systems concentration and an MBA in health systems from the University of Texas at El Paso. She was recently elected chair of the national Dean's Assistant Group, an affiliation of the Association of American Medical Colleges, as well as a member of the United Way Young Leaders Society and the National Society of Hispanic MBAs. She was chair of the Local Employees Committee for the State Employee Charitable Campaign El Paso region. She is also a Hunt Fellow for the Socrates Institute in Aspen. She enjoys watching football on Sundays and spending time with her husband and children.



# DANIELLE URBINA

*Assistant Vice President for Marketing & Communications*  
Office of Institutional Advancement

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso

Danielle Urbina is assistant vice president for marketing & communications at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso, where she oversees marketing, communications and web development strategy for the institution, including its medical and dental clinics. Urbina has spent over 12 years of her career in media, marketing and public relations, with a focus on improving access to health care and empowering residents in her hometown of El Paso.



# STEPHANIE WOODS

*Dean*

Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso

Stephanie Woods, Ph.D., joined the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing as the dean and professor in July 2018 after serving as the associate dean for the Houston J. and Florence A. Doswell College of Nursing at Texas Woman's University, Dallas, for nine years. Woods is an accomplished leader who has held executive roles in health care and higher education in San Antonio and Dallas as well as interim roles in New Mexico. She has also served on the faculties of the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio and the University of Incarnate Word. She holds a bachelor's degree from Texas Woman's University, a master's degree from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio and a doctoral degree from the University of Texas at Austin. She began her professional career in critical care with a specialty in cardiac nursing. Woods has over 40 years of experience in nursing. She believes that nurses should have a place at tables where healthcare is discussed. She has served on the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas Board, the Board of Managers for the Parkland Health and Hospital System and on the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council Foundation Board. She is currently on the board of the American Association for the History of Nursing (AAHN) and serves on the Doswell Foundation, a family foundation located in Dallas.



## **MIDWESTERN** STATE UNIVERSITY

**Established:** 1922  
**Joined the TTU System:** 2021  
**Enrollment:** 5,574  
**Academic Locations:** 2  
**President:** Stacia “Stacy” Haynie, Ph.D.  
**Location:** Wichita Falls, Texas





# DEBBIE BARROW

*Chief of Staff*  
Office of the President

Northern State University

Debbie Barrow serves as chief of staff at Northwestern State University. A first-generation graduate of MSU Texas with a Bachelor of Business Administration and Master of Arts in political science with an emphasis in public administration, Barrow has been a member of the university president's staff for more than 40 years, serving seven university presidents. As chief of staff, she undertakes multifaceted responsibilities, including her work in governmental relations with the system's governmental relations team and serves as the MSU Texas liaison with the Texas Tech University System. Additionally, she is responsible for the management of the Office of the President and providing strategic leadership to the Office of Marketing and Public Information. Before MSU Texas became a part of the TTU System, Debbie also served as secretary to the MSU Texas Board of Regents. A member of the President's Cabinet, Barrow works with a wide range of individuals to advance cross-functional projects and administrative responsibilities. Beyond her professional commitments, she is involved with local non-profit organizations, particularly those dedicated to the arts, and serves as a trustee of a local foundation.



# MARCY BROWN MARSDEN

*Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs*  
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Northern State University

Marcy Brown Marsden is provost and vice president of academic affairs at Northwestern State University. She previously served as a dean of the McCoy College of Science, Mathematics and Engineering at MSU Texas. For 18 years, she was faculty at the University of Dallas and served as associate dean and Biology Department chairman. In administration, she has chaired accreditation planning and compliance committees, monitored environmental regulations compliance and was a member of budget oversight, strategic enrollment and faculty workload committees. As provost, she is developing initiatives for new programs, including partnerships with Sheppard Air Force Base to serve military partners by providing educational opportunities to active duty military, veterans, spouses and dependents. As a field biologist, she has worked in partnership with local, state and national organizations at the interface between science and society, with applications toward ecotourism and conservation in Alaska, on Alcatraz Island and in Costa Rica, and worked with the rare non-photosynthetic orchid *Hexalectris* in Texas. She has consulted for museums and nature centers, including the Perot Museum of Nature and Science, Trinity River Audubon Center and Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center. Her work on birds in art included a study for the Dallas Museum of Art for the birds of the Wittgenstein Vitrine by Carl Otto Czeschka. In 2003, she was given the Callison Award by Audubon for her contributions to environmental public policy through her board service, and in 2011, she was named a "cool scientist" for D Magazine's series on Dallas' Big Thinkers.



# PAUL CHAPPELL

*Chief Information Officer*  
Information Technology

Midwestern State University

Paul Chappell has worked for the last 25 years in the IT industry, the majority of that time being spent at the University of Illinois in Champaign. He has worked almost every IT job from programmer, help desk and level 1 tech up through the ranks to get to management. Chappell has been at Midwestern State University now for almost four years in the role of CIO and has had the opportunity to lead an excellent but small team to help modernize and prepare MSU Texas for the future.



# DAPHNEY "LEANN" CURRY

*Dean*  
Gordon T. & Ellen West College of Education

Midwestern State University

Daphney "Leann" Curry is an associate professor and dean of the Gordon T. & Ellen West College of Education at Midwestern State University. She received a B.S.I.S. and M.Ed. in reading from Midwestern State University and a Ph.D. in language and literacy studies with a minor in early childhood studies from the University of North Texas. Curry's career spans 28 years as an educator. She entered the teaching profession as a special education and early childhood teacher. She continued her professional career at the university level and currently works with pre-service and classroom teachers in professional development schools. Her experiences include teaching students with special needs in an inner-city school, early childhood director, university instructor and assistant professor graduate coordinator. Throughout her entire career, Curry has consistently maintained a focus on the development of high-quality teachers who focus on student learning as the key measure of quality impact. She has demonstrated through her teaching, research and work the impact of early childhood education on PK-12 success. Her research interests focus on literacy, early childhood education, teacher education, professional learning committees and professional development schools. Curry has published seven book chapters and nine refereed research articles in conjunction with colleagues both within the college and across other campuses. In addition, she has seven international conference proceedings, 20 international presentations, 19 national presentations and 11 state/regional presentations.



# LEAH GOSE

*Dean*

Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts

Midwestern State University

Leah Gose is a photographic artist and educator. She is an associate professor and dean of the Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts at Midwestern State University. She holds a B.A. in photography from the University of Colorado and an M.F.A. in photography from Texas Woman's University. Her work has been exhibited in various venues both nationally and internationally.



# STACY HAYNIE

*President*

Office of the President

Midwestern State University

Stacia “Stacy” Haynie, a native of Henrietta, Texas, serves as the 13th president of Midwestern State University. Dr. Haynie earned two degrees from MSU Texas — a bachelor’s degree in theatre and a master’s degree in political science. She received a Ph.D. in political science from the University of North Texas. Haynie is an accomplished scholar and leader in higher education with more than 33 years of experience. She previously served as the J.W. Annison Jr. Family Alumni Professor at Louisiana State University. Haynie served LSU in numerous administrative roles, including department chair, associate and interim dean of the Graduate School, vice provost for academics and planning, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and executive vice president & provost. She currently serves on the Sheppard Military Affairs Committee and the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce Executive Board. Haynie studies judicial politics with an emphasis on comparative appellate court decision-making. Her book, “Does Privilege Prevail? Litigation in High Courts across the Globe”, explores the decision-making of the high courts of Australia, Canada, Great Britain, India, the Philippines and South Africa from 1970-2000 analyzing who wins and why. Throughout her career, Haynie has been devoted to providing students with the best possible educational opportunities and supporting them throughout their education to graduation. She credits MSU Texas for providing the academic foundation she needed to pursue her goals.



# JEFF KILLION

*Dean*

Robert D. & Carol Gunn College of Health Sciences & Human Services

Midwestern State University

Jeff Killion, Ph.D., is the dean of the Robert D. & Carol Gunn College of Health and Sciences & Human Services and a professor of radiologic science at Midwestern State University. Killion has also served as the department chair and graduate coordinator of the Radiologic Science Department. Before coming to MSU Texas, Killion was a radiologic science program director at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge, Iowa. He completed his bachelor's and master's degrees in radiologic science from MSU Texas and received his doctorate degree in health studies education at Texas Woman's University. Killion writes and speaks at the state, national and international levels. He is an experienced educator of over 30 years.



# KEITH LAMB

*Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs*

Student Affairs

Midwestern State University

Keith Lamb has served in a variety of higher education leadership roles over a 28-year career at both a community college and a comprehensive regional university. Currently serving Midwestern State University as the vice president for enrollment management and student affairs, Lamb has additionally served as interim president, vice president for student affairs, vice president for enrollment management, associate vice president for student affairs and director of housing and residence life.





# RHONDA McCLUNG

*Interim Vice President for Advancement and Public Affairs*  
University Advancement and Public Affairs

Midwestern State University

Rhonda Talley McClung has served as the interim vice president for advancement and public affairs at Midwestern State University since June 2022 and continues to serve as the assistant vice president of gift planning and development, a position she began in 2017. She leads the staff through external affairs activities to increase the awareness of and engagement at MSU Texas and to promote private gifts to enhance the university. Prior to returning to MSU Texas for a second stint in the Advancement Office, McClung lived in the Kansas City area where she worked for a botanical garden and a fundraising consulting firm. She has extensive university experience having worked at Belmont University, Angelo State University, North Central Texas College and the University of North Texas. Additionally, she has public affairs experience in the Texas Legislature, serving on the staff of Speaker of the House James E. “Pete” Laney, and the Senate Education Committee chaired by Senator Carl Parker and Wichita Falls Senator Ray Farabee. She began her career as a reporter at the Wichita Falls Times Record News. She holds a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Texas and a master of education in higher education administration with a concentration in institutional advancement from Vanderbilt University. In 2019, she earned her certification as a Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy.



# JEFF STAMBAUGH

*Dean*

Dillard College of Business Administration

Midwestern State University

As a little boy, Jeff Stambaugh dreamed of graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy and becoming a fighter pilot. His dream came true. After graduating from the Academy, he initially flew the A-10 and then spent most of his career flying the F-16 fighter jet. He’ll tell you that flying fighters and leading airmen is the best job in the world. But flying fighters is for the young, so he retired from the Air Force after 24 years. Stambaugh decided to be a college professor as his second career. After earning his Ph.D. from Texas Tech University, he joined the Midwestern State University faculty in 2008. Since arriving at MSU Texas, he’s run an entrepreneurship center and started an energy center. He currently serves as the dean of the Dillard College, which means his job is to serve the other faculty and staff so they can give MSU Texas students the very best education possible. Jeff and his wife, Jeree, have two adult children. As for hobbies, Stambaugh still loves to fly and co-owns a small airplane. He’s also become a cyclist since moving to Wichita Falls, so if you see him with scrapes and bruises, he probably took yet another tumble off the bike.





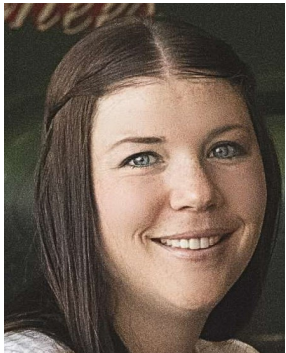
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