

Dear Red Raider Family,

As another academic year gets underway, I want to take a moment to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning students, faculty and staff. There is always a sense of excitement that can be felt on campus this time of year.

There will be much to celebrate this year as we recognize Texas Tech's centennial. We can be proud of the university's trajectory over the last 100 years as we anticipate the successes of the next century. The demand for a degree from Texas Tech has never been greater as we continue to enhance our stature as a national research university. In the coming year, we look forward to working with our state legislators during the 88th Legislative Session and the opportunities this will present.

We recognize that COVID-19 continues to be a concern for many. We remain committed to providing a safe learning and working environment for all students, faculty and staff. As we've done the last two years, you can expect we will monitor and respond appropriately to this situation as it evolves. I encourage you to review the communication sent by the Office of Emergency Management for guidance on COVID-19 and other health-related matters.

- Employees: Additional guidance on classroom management of COVID-19 cases will be sent to faculty and staff from Provost Ron Hendrick later this week.
- Students: Please refer to a letter sent from Matt Gregory, Dean of Students, for information specific to you.

As our attention turns toward the semester ahead, I invite you to check out some of the <u>news you may have missed</u> over the summer. The many noted campus enhancements, partnerships, gifts and new additions to our faculty leadership continue to elevate Texas Tech.

I wish you all a healthy and safe semester and look forward to seeing you around campus this fall.

Sincerely,

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