



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Office of *the* President™

Dear Red Raider Family,

As we look forward to 2023 and our Centennial Celebration, I want to convey my gratitude for all you did to make 2022 a successful conclusion to our first century.

Notable achievements of this past year reflect the spirit and the history of our university's progress. Texas Tech's first enrolled class of 910 students exceeded most expectations for a new institution located in rural West Texas, far from the population centers of our state. We continue to be the destination for those seeking a world-class education and a unique and personalized experience as a member of the Red Raider family. This past fall, Texas Tech achieved a record first-year enrollment of 6,850 students and record graduate enrollment, both of which are notable considering national trends of decreasing enrollment in U.S. institutions of higher education.

In 1923, Texas Technological College was founded to serve the needs of West Texas. Today, Texas Tech is one of 21 Hispanic Serving Institutions in our nation that has also achieved Carnegie R1 'Highest Research Activity' status. The creative activity and impactful research produced by our students, faculty, and staff continue to enhance the quality of life not only in our region, but in our state, nation, and the world. No single metric captures the impact of our research and scholarly enterprise, but notably, in the past year, research expenditures were a record \$217 million. We also received the largest federal grant awarded to Texas Tech, more than \$50 million from the National Science Foundation, to fund the Center for Advancing Sustainable and Distributed Fertilizer Production.

The generosity of alumni and supporters has always been critical to the progress of our university. It was an exceptional year of fundraising at Texas Tech, with a record \$234 million in donations. This included funds to name and support the Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources and the Huckabee College of Architecture. Future generations of students will benefit from 114 new scholarship endowments, and significant gifts to Athletics have made possible renovations of the Football Training Facility, the south end zone project at Jones AT&T Stadium, and Rip Griffin Park.

Tens of thousands of Red Raiders came together in December as we launched Texas Tech's Centennial Celebration at the 64th Annual Carol of Lights. A few weeks later, Red Raiders turned out en masse for the Texas Bowl that capped off a great season for football. In the coming year, there will be many more opportunities to connect as members of the Red Raider family as we celebrate Texas Tech's 100th birthday. I look forward to joining you as we commemorate Texas Tech's past with proud anticipation of what is yet to be.

With my best wishes for the new year,



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