



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

**Dear Student Supporter,**

The development of globally competent and competitive leaders is a high priority of our institutions. Collectively, we are committed to ensuring that our students are afforded opportunities that assist them in reaching their full potential. The highly successful **Lauro Cavazos and Ophelia Powell-Malone Mentoring Program (Mentor Tech)** is one such opportunity.

Through faculty and staff mentoring and peer group networking, Mentor Tech seeks to improve the retention and eventual graduation rates of all students in the Texas Tech University System, with a special focus on those from underrepresented groups, by fostering a campus climate that is conducive to their academic, social, and cultural needs and interests.

Program highlights include:

- Nearly 3,600 students have enrolled in the program since its inception in 2002;
- On average, 100 participating students graduate each year, with nearly 1,200 having earned degrees from TTU and the TTUHSC over the course of the last twelve years;
- Student participants consistently achieve higher first year retention rates than other first year University students; and
- Being featured in the 2016 Education Trust's report, "Rising Tide II".

Last year nearly 300 TTU and TTUHSC faculty, staff and graduate students served as mentors to more than 700 Mentor Tech students, 450 of whom were first year students. With an anticipated increase in the number of incoming students, we ask that you consider serving as a mentor for the 2018-2019 academic year. You will receive additional information regarding the program within the next week. The retention of students is the responsibility of every individual and component of our great institutions. We trust that you will do your part.

Thank you in advance for your commitment and your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lawrence Schovanec".

Lawrence Schovanec, Ph.D.  
President, TTU

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tedd L. Mitchell".

Tedd L. Mitchell, M.D.  
President, TTUHSC