



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Office of the President™

April 15, 2019

Dear Texas Tech Community,

As Texas Tech University approaches its centennial anniversary, our growth and achievements in the 96 years since our founding are highlighted in the remarkable accomplishments of the last year.

We closed the year with news from The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, which reaffirmed Texas Tech as one of 131 institutions in the "very high research activity" category. Texas Tech University Costa Rica, our first international campus, welcomed its first class to San Jose, while our efforts in international education were recognized by NAFSA with the Sen. Paul Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization.

Among the numerous outreach and engagement initiatives at the university, the East Lubbock Promise Neighborhood project, a multi-agency community effort led by the College of Education, received one of four W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Engagement Scholarship Awards from APLU. We also added the university's first National Academy of Sciences member, Dr. Luis Rafael Herrera-Estrella, a plant stress researcher in the College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources.

Our enrollment numbers increased to record levels for the 10th-consecutive year, while new benchmarks were set in retention rates. Student success is reflected in a record number of degrees awarded, more than 8,000, which includes 349 doctorates.

I invite you to take a broader look at Texas Tech's accomplishments from the last year in the [2018 President's Report](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lawrence Schovanec".

Lawrence Schovanec
President
Texas Tech University