



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Office of the President™

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Dear Texas Tech Community, Alumni and Friends,

I hope this message finds you and your family healthy and safe as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. These last few months have brought many challenges as we've worked to ensure our students returned home safely to complete the semester through online courses and last weekend we finished the semester with our first ever [virtual commencement ceremony](#).

Today, I'm pleased to share with you some of the notable accomplishments of 2019. We received approval from the state legislature and Governor Abbott for the first School of Veterinary Medicine in Texas in more than a century. This new school, located in Amarillo, will address the growing need for veterinarians in West Texas and the entire state. We continue to expand our campus with state-of-the-art new facilities. The new Experimental Sciences Building II will provide an important additional resource to grow our research enterprise. The expanded and renovated Charles E. Maedgen, Jr. Theatre is a world-class facility that will support the creative activity of the School of Theatre and Dance in the J.T. and Margaret Talkington College of Visual and Performing Arts.

Our enrollment numbers continued to increase for the 11th consecutive year with a total enrollment of nearly 39,000 students. This demonstrates a tremendous strength in the demand that students have to continue their education at Texas Tech. We also reached record retention and graduation rates and saw a significant increase in National Merit Finalists and Presidential Scholars. This is due in part to an increase of scholarships of more than \$24 million since 2016.

I invite you to take a closer look at Texas Tech's accomplishments from the last year in our [2019 President's Report](#).

Sincerely,

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

Lawrence Schovanec
President
Texas Tech University