Dear Red Raider Family,

With great pride, I write to you today to share the progress Texas Tech has made in establishing high marks in enrollment, research, and philanthropic contributions.

Texas Tech continues to be a destination school for first-year students seeking a college education, with a record 6,850 first-year students enrolled this fall, an increase of nearly 2.6% from 2021. Our student body also is the most diverse and qualified it’s ever been. In the last ten years, we’ve doubled the number of first-generation students and Hispanic students, and the number of Black and African American students has increased by 50%. In 2016, we had seven National Merit Finalists; this year, we have 97, along with more than 4,400 Presidential Merit Scholars.

On the research front, we continue to elevate our standing as one of the top research universities in the country. Over the last year, Texas Tech reached $212 million in total research expenditures and exceeded $43 million in federal research expenditures for the first time in school history. Recently, we also received a grant from the National Science Foundation to create the NSF Engineering Research Center for Advancing Sustainable and Distributed Fertilizer Production. The award represents a potential of more than $50 million in funding.

Texas Tech’s Office of Advancement also has seen unprecedented success with $234 million in donations last fiscal year, a record for the university. Highlighting the year was a $45 million gift from Gordon and Joyce Davis, most of which will benefit the people and programs in the new Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources. Significant gifts from regents Dustin Womble and Cody Campbell helped push athletics fundraising to a record $104 million, and Texas Tech’s inaugural Day of Giving saw 1,400 donors raise more than $340,000 in about 32 hours.

We are grateful for the hard work and dedication our faculty and staff have made toward these efforts and are proud to have an excellent student body representing Texas Tech on the national stage. As we advance into our centennial year, I look forward to sharing more success stories with you.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Schovanec
President, Texas Tech University