



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** May 10, 2021

**To:** Administration, Faculty and Staff

**From:** Lawrence Schovanec, President

**Re:** Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs

Please join me in welcoming Ronald Hendrick as Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs at Texas Tech University. Dr. Hendrick is currently the dean of the Michigan State University (MSU) College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) and professor in the Department of Forestry. He will begin his new role July 1.

During his tenure as CANR dean, Dr. Hendrick revamped the college's governance structure and created staff training opportunities, while leading the college's leadership team to enhance diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) efforts, including the creation of a new administrative position focusing on DEI within the college.

He has played an important role in MSU's presence as one of the world's leading research institutions. CANR averages \$130 million annually in total research expenditures, with an additional \$30 million in contracts and grants administered in MSUE. MSU recently ranked No. 146 globally in the Center for World University Rankings and 59 among U.S. institutions. In the latest Center for Measuring University Performance's *The Top American Research Universities*, Michigan State ranked No. 31 overall and No. 18 among public universities with more than \$650 million in total research expenditures.

Previously, Dr. Hendrick spent seven years at The Ohio State University in various roles within the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, including Director of the School of Environment and Natural Resources (2009-13), Senior Associate Dean (2013-15) and Acting Vice President for Agricultural Administration and Dean (2015-16). He began his career as a faculty member at the University of Georgia and has bachelor and doctoral degrees from MSU in forestry and forest ecology, respectively.

I would like to thank search committee chair Joe Heppert, Vice President for Research and Innovation, members of the search committee, and SP&A Executive Search for their thorough review and presentation of five talented candidates during this process.

I am looking forward to working alongside Dr. Hendrick and invite you to join me in welcoming him to Texas Tech University.



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