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Dear Texas Tech Family,

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving and look forward to this holiday season, we have much for which to be grateful.

Every week our students, faculty, and staff provide wonderful examples of the contributions that make Texas Tech the great institution that it is, and the last few days have been no exception.

This past weekend it was with much pleasure and pride that I attended the presentation of the Phantom of the Opera by the Texas Tech School of Music Opera Theatre, in cooperation with Lubbock Moonlight Broadway. The performance was delivered entirely by Texas Tech students, including renowned performer and Texas Tech alumnus David Gaschen, who is currently enrolled as a graduate student at Texas Tech. We are fortunate to be blessed with incredibly talented students and accomplished faculty who prepared and supported them, especially Professor Gerald Dolter who served as the director and producer of the production.

Earlier last week, Texas Tech University was honored at a ceremony in Washington D.C. with the Senator Paul Simon Spotlight Award for excellence in international education. The event provided significant recognition for Texas Tech University, and in particular the good work that is being done through our K-12 Global Education Outreach Program and the Office of International Affairs. The K-12 GEO program provides international cultural programs to more than 20,000 students annually from local schools across West Texas.

It's not possible to mention all the exciting developments that reflect on the success of our university, but I hope you do take advantage of Texas Tech Today (http://today.ttu.edu) to learn more of what is being accomplished by members of the Texas Tech family.

I am grateful to all of you for your many contributions to Texas Tech University. I wish you a peaceful and blessed Thanksgiving holiday season with your family and friends.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Lawrence Schovanec President