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TAKING HEALTH CARE TO HEART

In the late 1960s, West Texas had a physician-to-patient ratio of one to 1,366. That's why the Texas Legislature established TTUHSC: to provide health care professionals for this region. Over the course of almost 50 years, we've decreased that ratio roughly by half and enhanced the workforce in several other health care professions.

Regardless of where our alumni work, they are recognized for their excellent educational experience and their extensive training in service sites. Part of that is by design with our institution's focus on patient care/outreach services, and part is by selfless generosity. On a weekly basis, you'll find TTUHSC students, faculty and staff giving back to help those who live in our campus communities.

Most recently, I was honored to serve alongside them at events including Lubbock's March for Babies walk and the Mayor's Marathon. Here's a condensed list of TTUHSC's volunteerism over the past six months:

- Providing no-cost preventative screenings for chronic diseases and conditions such as skin and colon cancer, blood pressure, and diabetes;
- Conducting health awareness fairs;
- Assisting in the safe disposal of expired and unused medications;
- Providing boots on the ground and raising money for medical supplies to aid in Hurricane Harvey relief efforts;
- Working evenings to offer free health services for those who have no access to care; and
- Volunteering at the local food bank so others can eat healthy meals.

On all five of our campuses—and through global efforts—you will find this spirit of community and giving ingrained in our TTUHSC faculty, staff and students. Why? Part of it, I think, is inherent in those who choose health care as a profession and those who choose to work for an institution that has, at its very core, a mission to improve the health of the communities in which we live and learn.

I'm especially proud of the efforts made by each member of our TTUHSC family. Thank you for being a positive ambassador for our university and for choosing to make a difference. It does indeed take a village!

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2018: A YEAR OF MILESTONES

TTUHSC El Paso has marked many milestones in 2018. This year, we welcomed a new provost, new nursing dean and our first class of Master of Science in Nursing students. We saw our inaugural class in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) graduate; hosted the Texas Tech University (TTU) System Board of Regents meeting; and made history as the first health sciences center in the TTU System to receive a multimillion-dollar new investigator grant from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT). We also successfully completed the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) institutional accreditation process and were formally commended by the SACSCOC Application Committee for a “culture of excellence.”

We started 2018 strong thanks to the arrival of two new leaders: Paul E. Ogden, MD, as provost, and Stephanie Woods, PhD, MSN, as dean of the Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing (GGHSON). Ogden, who brings 30 years of experience to our institution, is focusing on academic planning, growing our academic programs and developing academic policy. Woods, who brings more than 35 years of nursing experience, is promoting the growth of our burgeoning nursing school. With the first cohort of master’s students starting this year, the GGHSON is making headway in advancing the profession, helping nurses become health care leaders alongside physicians and administrators.

Just two short years ago, the GSBS officially became our third school. Formerly a satellite program of TTUHSC, the GSBS at TTUHSC El Paso graduated its 23-student inaugural class in May, alongside five students in the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program—three of whom will join the MD program in the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine.

To keep up with enrollment growth, our campus infrastructure is expanding—a focal point of the regents’ visit in March. We were honored to showcase our facilities, cutting-edge research, evolving campus landscape and—most importantly—thank our regents and community stakeholders. TTUHSC El Paso exists because of these visionaries and continues to thrive today through their support.

During the visit, the regents got a first-hand look at the construction of our new five-story, 219,900-square-foot Medical Sciences Building II, slated for completion early next year. Other highlights included a tour of our state-of-the-art simulation labs, which, thanks to a faculty development partnership with two institutions in Vietnam, are making a name for TTUHSC El Paso across the Pacific.

In research, we also made history this year with a \$2 million new investigator grant from CPRIT, which you can read about on page 34.

Thanks to our world-class faculty, staff and students, TTUHSC El Paso is changing health care on the border and beyond. We have so much to celebrate and even more to look forward to. It’s a great time to be part of TTUHSC El Paso!

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