Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Points of Pride

Facts

- Established in 1969 by the Texas Legislature as a regional institution with campuses in Lubbock, Amarillo, El Paso and the Permian Basin (Odessa/Midland)
- Mission of the HSC is to provide the highest quality education, research, patient care and community service
- TTUHSC’s service area encompasses 108 counties in West Texas – an area larger than New York, Pennsylvania and New England combined. (This represents 48 percent of the state’s land mass and is larger than all the states in the union except Alaska, Texas, California and Montana.)
- The Lubbock HSC building is about as long as the length of three football fields.
- Fall 2006 enrollment: 2,458 (all programs)
- Operating Budget: $488 million
- Outpatient Visits (FY '06): 783,028
- Total Graduates from HSC: more than 9,000 (1974-2006)
- Faculty/Staff Employees (all campuses): more than 4,600 FTEs

Institutional Accomplishments

- TTUHSC has graduated more than 9,000 health care providers for West Texas and beyond in medicine, nursing, allied health sciences, biomedical sciences and pharmacy.
- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center was named as one of six organizations nationwide to operate a three-year demonstration project to help Medicare beneficiaries improve their quality of life while reducing their medical expenses and Medicare program costs. The program, Texas Senior Trails, will coordinate an integrated health care delivery pilot project for beneficiaries in 48 counties in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains area.
In 2000, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center leadership identified aging as a strategic priority for the 21st century and the Board of Regents approved the establishment of the Institute for Healthy Aging.

The Garrison Institute on Aging contributes to the state and national dialogue on improving diagnosis and treatment of neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's disease. The Institute is building a world-class faculty and research team to increase federal funding and advance Texas Tech’s research growth. The Institute was designated by the 77th Texas Legislature as the Center for the Advancement of Quality in Long Term Care.

The Mildred and Shirley Garrison Geriatric Education and Care Center, constructed across the street from the Health Sciences Center in 2002, was one of the first teaching-nursing homes built on an academic campus.

The F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health is leveraging the tremendous skills of the Texas Tech community to improve health status in this region, and to expand the research base of the two universities.

Forty rural health research projects are underway which involve more than 100 faculty members and graduate students from all TTUHSC schools and more than twenty TTU departments. Innovative, practical research addresses previously intractable health problems which are complicated by distance and isolation. By maximizing current technology, working in multidisciplinary teams and partnering with communities, we are making a difference for West Texas and Texas Tech.

Health.edu, a department of the Information Technology Division, is one of the largest providers of continuing education for health care professionals in the United States. Health.edu provides services to more than 720 customers, including fragile critical access hospitals in Texas, rural and metropolitan hospitals and medical facilities of the U.S. military throughout the world.

TTUHSC is recognized as one of the developing pioneers in applying live interactive video to the practice of medicine, i.e. telemedicine. TTUHSC engineers also invented the "TeleDoc™", a single portable integrated package that provides the opportunity for live interactive video consultations, and a later model, which utilizes smaller desk top computer technology.
Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education listed the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center’s School of Pharmacy and School of Medicine as two of its top 25 colleges awarding professional degrees to Hispanics. The School of Pharmacy ranked fourth in the nation. The school admitted 89 students in 2004, of which 14 percent were Hispanic.

Efforts are under way to establish a four-year accredited medical school from the present two-year regional school in El Paso. It will be the first four-year medical school on a U.S. border, and the first in Texas in more than 30 years.

President George W. Bush appointed Rudy Arredondo Jr., Ed.D., professor of the Department of Neuropsychiatry and director of the Southwest Institute for Addictive Diseases, to the White House Conference on Aging Advisory Committee. The advisory committee’s responsibilities included developing a report that will outline a set of recommendations to address the needs of aging Americans. Arredondo was the only Texas appointee named to the advisory committee by President Bush.

Mary Croyle, chief of staff for the Office of the President at TTUHSC, was nominated by U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison to attend the Senate Leadership Summit for Young Professionals this past fall. The national event brings together government leaders and outstanding young professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 to discuss proposals to create more entrepreneurs, jobs and wealth; strengthen U.S. competitiveness and technology; and provide innovative, affordable health care.

Paula Grammas, Ph.D., Executive Director for the Garrison Institute on Aging is nationally recognized for her pioneering research into the role that blood vessels and inflammation might play in the development of diseases, including Alzheimer’s, diabetes, AIS and atherosclerosis.

“Visions,” a publication of the Office of Rural and Community Health earned honors as “best annual report for a non-profit” at the 2006 Addy Awards.
ACADEMICS

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

- Douglas Stocco, Ph.D., recipient of the Robert A. Welch Endowed Chair in Biochemistry and a University Distinguished Professor, is internationally renowned for identifying and characterizing a novel protein in his lab, the STAR protein, the existence of which had been predicted for 40 years.

- Alice M. Young, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Neuroscience, was recently appointed to serve a four-year term on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Behavioral Regulations, Learning and Ethology Study Section, Center for Scientific Review. She is also a professor in the Department of Psychology at Texas Tech University.

School of Medicine

- The George Washington Institute for Spirituality and Health (GWish) awarded a Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center program one of 12 outstanding programs nationwide to receive a grant to integrate spirituality and health. Thomas F. McGovern, Ed.D., and Terry McMahon, M.D., both from the Department of Neuropsychiatry at TTUHSC, were presented the grant for Spirituality and Medicine Award for Curriculum Development for Psychiatry Residency Training Programs.

- The TTUHSC School of Medicine is one of ten medical schools that received a prestigious $2 million training grant from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation. Forty-eight academic health centers applied for grants. Other schools to be awarded grants include Brown University, Florida State University, Harvard University, University of Arizona, University of California - San Francisco, University of Kansas, University of Utah, Vanderbilt University and Yeshiva University.

- David Straus, Ph.D, and his team of researchers discovered two fungi responsible for the phenomenon known as Sick Building Syndrome.

- Gov. Rick Perry appointed Rudy Arredondo Jr., Ed.D., professor of the Department of Neuropsychiatry and director of the Southwest Institute for Addictive Diseases, as the Presiding Officer of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The commission within the state government will promote optimal health for individuals and communities while providing effective health, mental health and substance abuse services to Texans. The DSHS encompasses the work of four former agencies: the Texas Department of Health, the Mental Health Programs of Texas Department of
Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Texas Health Care Information Council.

- TTUHSC medical students may choose to follow the MD/MBA program, one of only two four-year programs in the country focusing on finance, economics and health care management systems.

- Gabor B. Racz, M.D., is an internationally recognized pain expert who draws patients and students from around the world. Racz has surgical instruments named after him. The new Messer-Racz International Pain Center, currently under construction, will be the only pain treatment facility of its kind in Texas.

- TTUHSC (Department of Neuropsychiatry) is one of only four Texas institutions involved in the Texas Alzheimer’s Research Consortium. The Consortium provides a unique opportunity for collaborative research on Alzheimer’s disease among Texas institutions. This is the first-ever state appropriation for Alzheimer’s research. ($2 million)

- The Center for Women’s Health and Gender-Based Medicine, part of the Women’s Health Research Institute in Amarillo, will open in May 2007 serving as one of the few gender-specific medicine centers in the U.S. TTUHSC will be on the leading edge of this new era in medicine.

- Ranked No. 1 among Texas allopathic (conventional medicine) medical schools for the number of graduates practicing a primary specialty in the state of Texas.

- Fifty percent of SOM graduates remain in Texas for their postgraduate training.

- Through a National Speaking of Women’s Health Grant program, TTUHSC Amarillo is one of five cities throughout the nation to host a bilingual Hispanic Women’s Health Symposium.

- Daniel L. Hurst, M.D., Department of Pediatrics professor, received the 2006 Proficiency Designator award from the U.S. Army Medical Department. This award is one of the highest honors offered by the unit and recognizes professional excellence and exemplary achievement. Few officers attain this level of excellence.

- John Jennings, M.D., regional dean for the School of Medicine, Odessa, was recently named Educator of the Year by the Junior Fellows of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, District VII. The honor is given each year to an Ob/Gyn educator who is an exceptional leader and role model in the education of resident physicians.
Elsevier, a leading global health care and scientific publisher, announced the winners of two distinctive new U.S. award programs established to foster innovation and acknowledge the vital role of health care professionals. Medical resident Clifford Pereira and medical student Gregg Schmedes both received first place awards for their essays “Medical Information Can.” Only 18 first prizes were awarded nationally.

Mimi Zumwalt, M.D., director of sports medicine in Lubbock recently competed in the Women’s Tri-Fitness International Challenge Fall Classic held over two grueling days. She placed fifth overall in the Tri-Fit category and first in her age group. She also set the world record in the nine-year history of this competition for bench pressing, overshooting the maximum 65 reps at 60% of her bodyweight.

Eldo Frezza, M.D., Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery, TTUHSC Lubbock, has published a book “Stay Slim the Italian Way.”

Thomas Tenner, Jr., Ph.D., Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Development, and David Porras, Jr., Managing Director of Administrative Services for the Health Sciences Center in El Paso, have been named to the American Heart Association Texas Affiliate State Advocacy Committee.

Steven Berk, M.D., School of Medicine Dean was the recipient of the 2006 MS Hope Award by The Panhandle Division of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Surendra K. Varma, M.D., University Distinguished Professor has been elected to the American Pediatric Society. The society is dedicated to the prevention of illness and the promotion of health in children. The organization promotes pediatric education and research, and honors those who have aided in its advancement.

Ryan Loftin, M.D., second-year resident in the Department of Ob/Gyn, El Paso campus, was named chair-elect for the Texas Medical Association’s Resident and Fellow Section at the annual TexMed meeting. He will take office as chair in April 2007.

The American Academy of Pediatrics honored Alison Days, M.D., assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics El Paso, for her efforts on behalf of the nation’s largest practice-based research network – Pediatric Research in Office Settings (PROS).

Henry T. Uhrig, M.D., professor in the Department of Radiology El Paso, has been selected for fellowship in the American College of Radiology, one of the highest honors that can be conferred upon a radiologist.
Kallol Chaudhuri, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor in El Paso’s Department of Anesthesiology was recently elected director of Region 1 (Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland/Odessa, Abilene, and El Paso) at the Texas Society of Anesthesiologists Annual meeting.

Frank Talamantes, Ph.D., assistant dean for research development in El Paso, was elected treasurer for the Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine.

Luis Colato, M.D., a second-year resident in the Department of Internal Medicine El Paso, won first place in the 2006 American College of Physicians (ACP) Clinical Vignette Competition. Colato’s presentation, “A Test So Helpful and Only $78,” emphasized practicing cost-effective medicine.

Yoplait, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and SELF magazine recently honored their 2006 Yoplait champions – 25 women and men doing extraordinary things in their local communities to help in the fight against breast cancer. Carmen Gonzalez, Coordinator for Support Services at the University Breast Care Center in El Paso honored as 2006 Yoplait champion.

Grace Camacho, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation at TTUHSC’s El Paso campus, has been named Social Worker of the Year by the Texas chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Stanislaus Ting, M.D., Clinical Professor of Pediatrics in El Paso has been named a recipient of the American Medical Association Foundation’s 2006 Leadership Award.

David F. Briones, M.D., Professor in the Department of Neuropsychiatry, TTUHSC El Paso has been named Distinguished Life Fellow in the American Psychiatric Association, which is the highest honor that can be bestowed in the profession of psychiatry.

The National Board of Directors of the University of Arizona Alumni Association chose Dr. Zuber D. Mulla, associate professor and assistant director of clinical research in the El Paso Department of Ob/Gyn to receive the Professional Achievement Award for his research on the clinical epidemiology of necrotizing fascitis caused by the “flesh-eating” bacterium, group A Streptococcus.

TTUHSC residents in El Paso were winners of a medical poster competition at the 27th Annual Medical Education Congress of the Southwest Association of Hispanic American Physicians in El Paso. The awards
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included: first place to Mateo Porras-Aguilar, M.D., Department of Internal Medicine, second place to Mary Groening-Wang, D.O., Department of Ob/Gyn, and third place to Humaira Hassan, M.D., Department of Internal Medicine.

- David C. Porras, director of administration in El Paso, was elected vice-chairman of the board for Sierra/Providence Rehabilitation Hospital’s governing board.

- Jim Hastings, associate director of the Office of Border Health at El Paso was presented the 2006 Marion Zetzman Award by the Texas Rural Health Association. The award is presented annually to an individual who has “made a significant difference in improving the health of rural Texans.”

- Nusrath Habiba, M.D. and Tetyanna Vasylyeva, M.D., both residents of the Amarillo Department of Pediatrics, received awards for their research posters recently at the Texas Pediatric Society Annual Meeting.

- The Women’s and Children’s Healthcare Center at TTUHSC Amarillo was presented the 2004 Excellence in Community Service Award at the Texas Hospital Association’s conference.

- Shirley Karr, BSN, RN, genetic counselor in the Department of Ob/Gyn, TTUHSC Amarillo, was inducted into the Manchester Who’s Who Executive and Professional Registry.

- A paper by Robert P. Kauffman, M.D., Vicki Baker, R.N., and Pam DiMarino, Department of Ob/Gyn in Amarillo, was published in the April 2006 edition of the Journal Fertility and Sterility and received a “Blue Ribbon” at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists meeting in 2005.

- Toni J. Emmons, senior analyst in the Office of Billing and Compliance in the School of Medicine, Amarillo, has been selected to serve on the Practice Management Institute National Advisory Board.

- Fred McCurdy, M.D., Regional Chair in the Department of Pediatrics in Amarillo was recently elected a Fellow of the American College of Physician Executives. Only about a dozen physicians are selected each year by the ACPE board for fellowship status.

School of Nursing

- The School of Nursing has ranked among the top nursing schools in the nation for the third year in a row in U.S. News & World Report’s 2006 edition
of America’s best graduate schools. The U.S. News & World Report ranked the TTUHSC School of Nursing 75th in the nation this year and it is the only ranked nursing school in the West Texas region.

- The Texas Nurses Association named Alexia Green, Ph.D., dean and professor in the School of Nursing, as the TNA 2005 Nurse of the Year. Bestowed selectively, the award recognizes a Texas nurse who has contributed significantly beyond their employment arena to the nursing profession.

- Christine Esperat, Ph.D., associate dean for research and practice in the School of Nursing, was selected as a 2005 Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow. The prestigious national fellowship program is designed to strategically position the voice of nursing across many sectors of the economy in a health care system undergoing unprecedented challenges and change. Esperat is one of 20 nurses in executive leadership roles nationwide to receive the three-year fellowship.

- School of Nursing Dean Alexia Green, Ph.D., serves on the Texas Health Care Policy Council. The council, composed of designees from various state agencies and systems of higher education, advises state leaders on flaws, gaps, inefficiencies or problems in the Texas health care system. She is the only nurse on the council.

- The School of Nursing received the first-ever National Science Foundation research grant at TTUHSC. The grant allowed the SON to create the Center for Innovation in Nursing Education which provides leadership uniting efforts across health care, education and public sectors to address nursing workforce challenges.

- There are only two “online” second degree programs in the nation. The SON Second Degree Baccalaureate program allows students with a bachelor’s degree in any field the opportunity to receive a BSN following an intensive 12 months of study.

- Less than one percent of all nurses are inducted into the National Academies for their outstanding leadership in health care. The School of Nursing has six faculty who are American Academy of Nursing Fellows and one faculty member who is a fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives.

- Linda Brice, Ph.D., assistant professor in the School of Nursing, was selected to receive the Outstanding March of Dimes Program Volunteer of the Year Award for the state of Texas.
Donna Owen, R.N., Ph.D., Professor and Research Coordinator for the School of Nursing, has been selected to participate in the American Association for Colleges of Nursing Leadership for Academic Nursing Program.

Christine Esperat, R.N., Ph.D., APRN, BC, Associate Dean for Research and Practice in the School of Nursing was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in Washington, D.C.

Nancy Johnson, nurse practitioner and director of rural health at TTUHSC Odessa was honored with the Spirit of Women Healthcare Provider Award.

School of Nursing Dean Alexia Green, Ph.D., has been appointed to serve on the Texas Health Care Policy Council.

Elsevier, a leading global health care and scientific publisher, announced the winners of two distinctive new U.S. award programs established to foster innovation and acknowledge the vital role of health care professionals. Valerie Gregory, instructor in the Health Sciences Center School of Nursing received a first prize in Elsevier's Student & Faculty Awards for Nursing Excellence.

Patrick Palmieri, assistant professor in the School of Nursing, has been recognized by the American College of Healthcare Executives as a Fellow. The 2006-07 Fellow Convocation will take place March 19, 2007 in New Orleans.

A new public television series entitled “State of Tomorrow” will feature the TTUHSC School of Nursing. The series will focus on challenges Texans are currently facing and the work being done at the state’s public higher education institutions to provide solutions to these challenges. Texas continues to face a health crisis due to the impact of the nursing shortage.

Charlie Simpson, graduate student in the Health Sciences Center’s School of Nursing, was named one of the “Fabulous Five” (chosen from more than 9,000 registered nurses in the nine Central Texas counties) by the Texas Nurses Association-District 5. The Fabulous Five are nurses judged by their peers to have made a difference in their careers based on qualities such as leadership, compassion, role-modeling, community service and contributions to the profession.

School of Allied Health Sciences

SPINE, which is recognized internationally as the leading journal in the field of orthopaedics, named Kerry K. Gilbert, P.T., Sc.D., with the Young Investigator Award. Gilbert, an assistant professor and program director
for the Master of Physical Therapy Program in the School of Allied Health Sciences, will be honored for two manuscripts. These manuscripts will be published with the Young Investigator Award winner designation in the July 2007 issue of *SPINE*, which is the leading subspecialty journal for the treatment of spinal disorders and the official journal of 12 different international spine societies.

- The fall 2006 enrollment for the TTUHSC School of Allied Health Sciences exceeded 800 students on four campuses, making it the largest School of Allied Health Sciences in the state.

- Six of 14 programs have recently had 100 percent pass rates.

- In 2005, one student scored 848. Only 9 students scored higher, meaning the TTUHSC School of Allied Health Sciences graduated one of the top 10 students in the country.

- PA graduates make approximately 500,000 patient contacts annually in West Texas and Texas. By the fall of 2008, TTUHSC PA graduates will add 1,000,000 patient contacts annually to Texas.

- The Master of Rehabilitation Counseling program maintains a 100 percent pass rate.

- The 2006 graduates of the Speech-Language Pathology program in the School of Allied Health Sciences all passed the Praxis National Exam on their first try. Students must pass the Praxis exam to acquire national certification and Texas licensure.

- Sherry Sancibrian, PhD., program director for the Speech-Language Pathology program in the SAHS has been asked to join the national team that writes the Praxis test questions for the speech-language-hearing profession.

- The Master of Physical Therapy program has achieved 100 percent membership in the American Physical Therapy Association. Program Director, Kerry Gilbert, Sc.D. said “Achieving 100 percent membership in our professional association will help us serve our students by providing the opportunity to communicate effectively about current issues facing the profession of physical therapy and helping us stay current with the latest research and clinical practice methods.”

- The Physician Assistant program at the Health Sciences Center ranked in the top 10% among all 143 programs participating in the 2005 Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination. PA student Heidi Jeffrey's ranked as one of the top 10 students among more than 5,300.
▪ School of Allied Health Sciences faculty member, Michael Keller, BSN, RN, MBA, CHE, was selected to command the 413<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion, Lubbock, Texas. He was also selected as a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE).

▪ Rubini Pasupathy, MBA and Morgan House, MBA, both faculty members of the Clinical Services Management Program in the School of Allied Health Sciences were selected for membership in the American College of HealthCare Executives.

▪ Robin Satterwhite, MBA, EdD, CHE, Associate Dean for Learning Outcomes and Technologies in the School of Allied Health Sciences achieved Fellow status within the American College of Healthcare Executives.

▪ 2005 Athletic Training graduate, Roland Ramirez, is Assistant Athletic Trainer with the NFL’s Tennessee Titans.

▪ 2004 Athletic Training graduate, Nixon Dorvilien, is Assistant Athletic Trainer with the NBA’s San Antonio Spurs.

▪ 2005 Athletic Training graduate, Billy Whitehead, is Athletic Trainer with Major League Baseball’s Colorado Rockies Rookie Baseball Team the Casper Rockies.

▪ 2005 Athletic Training graduate, Thomas Garcia, is an Athletic Training Intern with the NFL’s Seattle Seahawks.

▪ 2005 Athletic Training graduate, Kristin Tucker, is interning with the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) in Marquette, Michigan.

▪ 2004 Athletic Training graduate, Raymond Ibarra, is an Athletic Training Intern with the Oakland A’s Single A Baseball Team the Vancouver Canadians.

▪ Natalie Steadman, MAT, ATC, LAT, 1992 Physical Therapy graduate and Assistant Professor in the Athletic Training Program serves as Chair of the Texas Advisory Board of Athletic Trainings (this committee is appointed by the Governor).

▪ LesLee Taylor, Ph.D., ATC, LAT, Athletic Training Program Director:
  o Chair of the Education Committee for the Texas Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers
  o Serves as a Site-Visitor for the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE)
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- Serves as a Test Site Administrator for the Board of Certification
- Serves on the Exam Development Committee for the Board of Certification

Lois Stickley, PT, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy at the Amarillo campus, was the winner of the J Perry Distinguished Publication Award from the American Society of Allied Health Professionals. She was also selected as an item writer for the Physical Therapy Licensure Exam through the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.

Kerry K. Gilbert, ScD, 1997 and 2004 Physical Therapy graduate and Physical Therapy Program Director, was the winner of the Young Investigator Award from SPINE. He also chairs the Ethics Committee for the Texas Physical Therapy Association.

Kevin Brueilly, PT, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy at the Odessa Campus, was selected as an item writer for the Physical Therapy Licensure Exam through the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. He was also appointed to the editorial Advisory Board for APTA’s acute care section publication – Acute Care Perspectives.

Tony Domenech, PT, EdD, OCS, FAAOMPT, Regional Dean for the School of Allied Health Sciences Center in Odessa, was appointed as a board member of the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties and elected to House of Delegates for the TPTA-Permian Basin District.

Beth Williamson, PT, PhD, Assistant Professor at Odessa’s Physical Therapy program, was selected as an item writer for the Physical Therapy Licensure Exam through the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy and serves as Chair for the Permian Basin District of the TPTA.

Amanda Hensal, Speech Language Pathology student, is one of two newly appointed student members of the Executive Board of the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association (1st student board members ever).

Elisa Valdes, Speech Language Pathology student, serves on the national board of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Judith Keller, MS, CCC-SLP, Assistant Professor in the Speech Language Pathology Program, is serving as President-elect of the Texas Speech, Language and Hearing Association.

Rajinder Koul, PhD, CCC-SLP, Chair of the Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences Program, is a Fellow of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA). This fellowship recognizes scientific and professional achievements and is given to
members who have made outstanding contributions to the professions. The award is one of the highest honors that ASHA can bestow and is retained for life. Additionally, Dr. Koul was selected by the U.S. Department of Education as a Distinguished Switzer Fellow for Outstanding Contribution to the Advancement of Rehabilitation Research.

- Katsura Aoyama, PhD, Assistant Professor in Speech Language Pathology, received the Advancing Academic Research Career Award from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

- The Master of Science in Molecular Pathology, the first graduate program in the nation in diagnostic molecular pathology, recently graduated a class (2006) of fourteen diagnostic molecular scientists.

- The Master of Science in Molecular Pathology received a first-time 100 percent pass rate in the 2005 National Certification Exam.

- The Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science program is considered one of the top programs in the nation for clinical laboratory science training.

- The Doctor of Audiology program has a 100 percent pass rate 4 out of the last 5 years.

- The Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology has a 100 percent pass rate this year.

- The Master of Athletic Training had a Texas Licensure Pass Rate for the Class of 2006 of 100 percent. The Class of 2006 had a 100 percent employment rate.

**School of Pharmacy**

- An increase in the number of prescriptions along with the number of the aging baby boomers helped fuel a shortage for pharmacists in the state as well as nationally. The city of Abilene and community leaders wanted to address the problem and approached the TTUHSC in the fall of 2004 to place a program in Abilene. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center was granted approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to expand the School of Pharmacy program in Abilene. The timeline suggests to open Fall 07.

- SOP faculty Quentin Smith, Ph.D., and Paul Lockman, Ph.D., received a prestigious $3 million grant as part of a 2006 Department of Defense Breast Cancer Center of Excellence Research award. They will work with a team of scientists from the national Cancer Institute and eight other
universities to develop novel therapeutic strategies to treat brain metastases of breast cancer. This was the only one of 38 applications funded by the DOD this year.

- SOP student, Mindy Sexton, currently serves as the national president for student members of the National Community Pharmacy Association.

- The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy recently announced that Patrick Gallegos, Pharm.D. and his faculty mentor, Ann Canales, Pharm.D., are one of 35 student-faculty pairs who will receive the 2006 Wal-Mart Student/Faculty Annual Conference Scholarship. Gallegos is a pharmacotherapy resident at TTUHSC School of Pharmacy in Amarillo; Canales is an assistant professor.

- Krystal Haase, Pharm.D, Assistant Professor in the School of Pharmacy was elected to chair the 2006 Educational Affairs Subcommittee for the American College of Clinical Pharmacy.

- The Academy of Student Pharmacists was recognized for its work in the underserved and underrepresented populations by the American Pharmacists Association.

- Cynthia Raehl, Pharm.D, Professor and Chair for Clinical Research and Development in the School of Pharmacy, was elected as president-elect for The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

- The School of Pharmacy received a full six-year accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education in 2006. This is the maximum term possible.

- Anthony Busti, Pharm.D, Assistant Professor in the School of Pharmacy’s Dallas/Fort Worth campus, has been appointed to serve a two-year term on the Southwest Lipid Association Board of Directors.

- Eric MacLaughlin, Pharm.D. Professor in the School of Pharmacy, has been invited to serve on the Joint Commission Osteoporosis Management Technical Advisory Panel.

- The National Community Pharmacy Association Foundation recently handed out 15 Presidential Scholarships. Two of those recipients were School of Pharmacy students, Mary Klein and Mindy Sexton. They were selected based upon their leadership qualities and accomplishments, involvement in extracurricular activities and scholastic success.

- Ronald G. Hall, II, Pharm.D., assistant professor at the School of Pharmacy’s satellite campus in Dallas-Forth Worth, was recently selected
by the National Institutes of Health to be one of 14 clinical scholars working at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. The NIH clinical Scholars Program is administered by the Department of Clinical Sciences at UTSW Medical Center and requires a 75% time commitment by the clinician.

- School of Pharmacy students, Brandi Fleming and Dan McNatty placed first in the Resident Clinical Skills Competition at the annual Texas Society of Health System Pharmacists. Additionally, 3rd year students Theresa Gerst and Michelle Johnson, won the Student Clinical Skills Competition.

- Sachin Shah, Pharm.D. Assistant professor in the School of Pharmacy, was named the 2006 recipient of the Lewis S. Smith Pharmacy Practitioner Award. The award is given annually to a practitioner who demonstrates a commitment to the profession of pharmacy through exemplary patient care and exceptional relationships with other health care professionals.

- The TTUHSC chapter of the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists received a first-place award at the pharmacy association's national meeting in two categories: the “Operation Immunization Patient Care Project” and the “Heartburn Awareness Challenge Campaign.” The chapter also was named the national first-place recipient of the Membership Achievement Award for recording a 66% increase in membership, the largest growth of any chapter in the nation.

- The Texas Pharmacy Museum, located on the School of Pharmacy campus in Amarillo, was recently selected by the American Association of Museums and the Institute of Museum and Library Services to be one of 116 U.S. museums that will participate in the Museum Assessment Program (MAP) this year.

- The Pharmacogemomics Focus Group, one of five focus groups within the Clinical Pharmacology and Translation Section at the American Association of Pharmaceutical Science, has voted Majid Moridani, Pharm.D., Ph.D., to be its chair-elect. Moridani is an assistant professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in Amarillo.

- Fourth year pharmacy students Martin Ziska and Supriya Abraham were selected as the top overall team during the School of Pharmacy's annual Clinical Skills Competitions and will advance to the American Society of Health-System Pharmacist National Clinical Skills Competition.

- Katie Bennett, a graduate student and research assistant for the School of Pharmacy Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, has been named a
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recipient of the 2006-2007 Achievement Rewards for College Scientists Scholarship by the ARCS Foundation.