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## TTUHSC — 50 YEARS LOOKS GOOD ON YOU

May 27, 1969, was a game changer for health education and patient care in West Texas. Legislation signed that day by Gov. Preston Smith established an independent university with the sole purpose of training health care professionals and providing world-class health care for the region.

Since then, TTUHSC has grown from one school on one campus to a highly complex health sciences center that provides the best educational opportunities in the nation for a multitude of health care disciplines. Additionally, we are extremely fortunate to have incredible clinical opportunities in each of our campus communities where our students learn from the best of the best in their fields.

None of this would have been possible without each one of you — our faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends.

Our faculty are experts in their fields. They lead in policy change, deliver quality health care at home and abroad, and improve care worldwide through novel research.

We have more than 28,000 alumni who are TTUHSC ambassadors around the world, many who also are experts and leaders in their respective disciplines. Each year, we are grateful to add to that number from our 5,000-member student body. We get the best of the best in every program, and throughout their academic careers our students consistently earn accolades and strengthen our reputation.

Finally, we have thousands of the most generous donors—many of whom have a longstanding commitment to this university's success. Your generosity has provided more study time and lessened debt burdens for our students. Your support has enabled junior faculty to develop baseline research that then translated into federal funding. Your care and concern for your neighbors has allowed us to establish outreach programs to serve critical health care needs.

For 50 years, TTUHSC has been quietly transforming into a leader in health-related higher education – in our clinics, classrooms and labs. When I came to Lubbock nine years ago, it was this quiet determination and selfless integrity I witnessed both within the university and throughout West Texas that I found so endearing. Thank you for allowing me to add to this incredible history.

TTUHSC has accomplished so much, but in reality, we're just getting started.

Tedd L. Mitchell, MD  
 Texas Tech University System Chancellor  
 Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center President



### Help us celebrate 50 years of our university.

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## A DESIRE TO SERVE

One of the most rewarding things about being a part of TTUHSC El Paso has been watching our health sciences center community bond through shared values of compassion and service to others.

We're a young institution, established as a TTU System component in 2013. But as our campus grows each year, I am pleased to see all these individuals—newcomers and “old-timers” from our days as a regional TTUHSC campus—naturally embrace the true purpose of our existence: we are here to help others.

I've been proud to witness, on and off campus, countless examples of TTUHSC El Paso giving back to the community. These include our Medical Student Run Clinic, where students and faculty volunteer to provide free health care for the Sparks community in far east El Paso County; the Rotary Club of El Paso's Lower Valley RotaCare Clinic, where our students and faculty have volunteered for the past five years; the El Paso Baptist Clinic, where we care for residents of the Segundo Barrio, one of the city's oldest neighborhoods; and the *Salud Sin Fronteras* (Health Without Borders) clinic, where our students gain hands-on experience providing free care to migrant farm workers.

In addition to the year-round clinic activities, our students set aside time for special outreach projects such as the Student Government Association's annual *Corazón de Oro* (Heart of Gold) event. For *Corazón de Oro*, our students spend a Saturday volunteering at a variety of sites, from domestic violence shelters to food banks. A similar effort happens each year around the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday in January, when students honor King's legacy by spending a weekend lending a helping hand to various organizations. Projects include providing health screenings at homeless shelters, organizing donations for a veterans' support group and reading stories to children at a library in an underserved community.

Lessons learned from these events are shared each year in our Annual Service Learning Symposium, a component of the Society, Community and the Individual (SCI) course required of all first-year medical students.

It's wonderful to see the immediate benefits generated by this spirit of philanthropy. But there are other positive outcomes that resonate for years. Our students come to better understand where help is needed in the community; they hone medical-Spanish skills that will help throughout their careers; and they build lasting relationships with leaders from a wide range of community-service organizations.

We all know the daunting workload students in health care fields face as they pursue their higher education dreams. I commend them, as well as our hard-working faculty and staff, for finding the time to care for others in need. As we enter our health science center's sixth year of existence, I look forward to seeing many more exemplars of community engagement.

Richard Lange, MD, MBA  
TTUHSC El Paso President



TOMMIE MORELOS

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We will soon launch our own publication for alumni and supporters of our health sciences center, fittingly named “TTUHSC El Paso Alumni & Friends” magazine. Our first issue will reach mailboxes in April.

I want to thank TTUHSC's *PULSE* magazine for the great partnership and support they have given us in sharing news about TTUHSC El Paso these past few years. We truly appreciate everything you have done for us.

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