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What does the institute mean for TTUHSC and its students?

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The Institute for Anatomical Sciences has really become a center point for our university. Our students are gathering here in interdisciplinary teams they're learning together, we really think that this is one of the major areas that's kicking off this whole concept of innovation and collaboration and really changing how we practice healthcare in the healthcare model. We know that when our students can learn together, that they are set up for success to practice together. So we do think this is a key part of our university strategy moving forward.

How is this an innovative and collaborative program?

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So the team that was pulled together to really collaborate and build this facility is the team that's actually teaching our students within the facility. So for example, we've had experiences where we've had occupational therapists, physical therapist and physician assistant students all together, learning together, learning about each other's professions as they move forward in their practice. Another great innovative example is that we're able to teach not just here in Lubbock, but also across Texas and the United States, and also internationally. Recently, Dr. Kerry Gilbert, who's a world-renowned physical therapist, was able to teach a class in Belgium from some of our innovative space right here in the anatomical sciences Institute. So we think that this is just the beginning of us really establishing or establishing ourselves as the national leaders in anatomical science education.