



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER  
Senate Resolution 24.06

(Stating the sentiments of the TTUHSC Student Senate regarding a desire to create and implement programs to support first-generation healthcare students)

WHEREAS, recognizing the considerable barriers faced by first-generation students aspiring to pursue careers in healthcare, including but not limited to academic challenges, financial constraints, and a lack of familial precedent;

WHEREAS, understanding that tailored support programs, such as additional academic support, mentorship initiatives, career development services, and financial aid offerings, can significantly alleviate these barriers and foster the success of first-generation students; and,

WHEREAS, first-generation programs provide a platform to share experiences, overcome challenges, and celebrate achievements together, acknowledging the pivotal role of community and support networks in enhancing the educational experience; and,

WHEREAS, first-generation programs would help exemplify the TTUHSC core value of Beyond Service by investing in the inclusion, well-being, empowerment, and success of these students; and,

WHEREAS, the TTUHSC has a core value of One Team, which diversifies perspectives to achieve our mission and provides equitable support to all student populations; we should provide increased support to first-generation students across all TTUHSC schools and celebrate their identities and experiences; and,

WHEREAS, the TTUHSC has a core value of being a Visionary in which the main goal is to promote a level field for the promotion of student success, providing the elements necessary to inspire curiosity, particularly in the student population subset of first-generation students who navigate unique adversities on their academic journey; and,

WHEREAS, the TTUHSC has a core value of being Kindhearted and extending helping hands with a positive attitude to acknowledge all with courtesy and appreciate different perspectives, including our first-generation students who bring new light and ideas to our programs; and,

WHEREAS, the TTUHSC has a core value of Integrity, in which we build trust among students, faculty, and staff, and also model behaviors essential for the advancement and empowerment of first-generation students;

WHEREAS, the goal of creating programs to drive first-generation success effectively across all Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center campuses is a reflection of the institution's core values; and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center calls for the development and implementation of comprehensive programs tailored to support first-generation healthcare students, reaffirming our commitment to cultivating a culture of excellence for all students; and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the Journal and that copies be sent to **Lori-Rice Spearman Ph.D.**, *President of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center*; **Darrin D'Agostino, D.O., MPH, MBA.**, *Provost and Chief Academic Officer*; **Jody C. Randall Ed.D.**, *Vice President & Chief Experience Officer*; **Brandt Schneider Ph.D.**, *Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Science*; **Gerard E. Carrino, Ph.D., MPH**, *Dean of the Julia Jones Matthews School of Population and Public Health*; **Dawndra Sechrist, OTR, Ph.D.**, *Dean of the School of Health Professions*; **John C. DeToledo M.D.**, *Dean of the School of Medicine*; **Holly Wei, PhD, RN, CPN, NEA-BC, FAAN**, *Dean of the School of Nursing*; **Grace Kuo, Ph.D., Pharm.D.**, *Dean of the Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy*; **Keri Shiplet M.S.**, *Director of Student Life*, **Marianna Souriall**, *Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Toreador*, and to the students of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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