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Dr. Lori Rice-Spearman
9th President,
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Appointment of Dr. Lori Rice-Spearman as the 9th TTUHSC President

The Texas Tech University System Board of Regents and Chancellor Todd L. Mitchell, M.D., announced on Friday, June 5th the official appointment of Lori Rice-Spearman, Ph.D., as the ninth president of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Rice-Spearman, a native of Odessa, Texas, becomes not only the first female president in TTUHSC’s 51-year history, but also in the history of all four universities within the TTU System.

Rice-Spearman is an alumna of TTUHSC’s first class of the Clinical Laboratory Sciences program. She has also earned a Master of Science from the Texas Tech University Graduate School and received a Doctor of Philosophy from the College of Human Sciences also from Texas Tech University.
Interim Provost and Chief Academic Officer Named

Dr. Michael Evans will serve as Interim Provost and Chief Academic Officer, concurrently with his position as Dean of the School of Nursing. His appointment was effective June 5, 2020.

Under Dr. Evans' leadership, our School of Nursing has expanded in scope and size, becoming one of the largest nursing schools in the state of Texas. His accomplishments reflect a dedication to our university's excellence and an alignment with our values as he has concern for all students, all schools, and all aspects of scholarship, teaching, and patient care. Join us in thanking Dr. Evans for his willingness to serve in this interim capacity.

Be the Match Drive

You can save a life today by signing up to receive a free swab kit by mail for Be The Match bone marrow drive. Be The Match is a nonprofit organization that's dedicated to helping every patient get the life-saving transplant they need. Just text TexasTechSaves to 61474 to sign up. Be The Match will send you a free swab kit by mail with instructions on how to collect your samples. An envelope will be included for you to mail back your collected sample. You could be someone's life-saving CURE!

TTUHSC Libraries' Interlibrary Loan Service

If you need an article from a journal that the TTUHSC Libraries does not subscribe to, you can put in a request for it through our freeInterlibrary Loan (ILL) service. Students will need a TTUHSC Library account to use this service. If you do not have an account, please visit our webpage on how to create one: https://ttuhsc.libanswers.com/faq/265745. This process should take no more than 2-3 minutes.

3D Printing at the TTUHSC Libraries

Even though the TTUHSC Libraries are physically closed, we are still able to design and create 3D prints. If you are looking for an innovative way to study, conduct research, or enhance patient care, contact our 3D printing labs in Lubbock and Odessa. Our librarians can help you create and design your own 3D prints. https://ttuhsc.libguides.com/c.php?g=445439&p=3038234

Veteran to Veteran Mentorship Program

The HSC Veterans Resource Center is seeking veterans at TTUHSC who would like to fill a mentorship role for another veteran or service member. This developing mentorship program will provide an opportunity to serve as a trusted friend and leader in the development and support of a fellow veteran or service member; to help them navigate student life, identify challenges they may encounter, provide appropriate resources on and off campus, and offer ongoing support toward academic, personal, and professional successes. If interested, please email sara.henly@ttuhsc.edu.

In order to bring best practices to the program, each mentor must complete Green Zone Training (GZT), comprised of 6 modules (approximately 2 hours in length). Those who complete all module will also receive a GZT decal, indicating their support.
Resiliency in Interprofessional Teamwork

Change is a constant in healthcare. With today's global uncertainty, resiliency, grit, and an understanding of emotional wellness is critical for not only individual success, but team success as well. Join Dr. Michael Gomez, TTUHSC Center for Superheroes, as he shares insight on ways students can adapt in times of difficulty and build resiliency through creative approaches to self and team care.

Following the keynote address, students will participate in interprofessional team discussion identifying action plans that can be put into place that will support resiliency needs from both the individual professional perspective as well as the interprofessional team perspective.

**Keynote Title:** Well Beyond Self-Care: Developing Resilience and Emotional Wellness in Times of Difficulty.

Michael Gomez, PhD - is a Licensed Psychologist (in both the states of Texas and Oklahoma) and Assistant Professor in the Pediatrics Department of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Dr. Gomez's research interests are child maltreatment, foster children, autism spectrum disorders, and children/adolescents with sexual behavior problems. Dr. Gomez's has been certified as a trainer in numerous specialty areas and is one of a dozen people in the United States who makes up the Trauma and Autism Community of Practice for the NCTSN. He is also one of only a handful of people in the United States trained to assess and differentiate traumatic stress and autism spectrum disorders (ASD) in a formal psychological evaluation.

To register, visit our Eventbrite page at: https://ipe-june-zoom.eventbrite.com
Registration Deadline is 6-10-2020.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Events & Opportunities for Students**

**Office of People Development Webinar**

Join the Office of People Development for a webinar on Thursday, June 11th. Thursday's topic is "What if we do not agree? Understanding perspectives."

**Thursday, June 11 - Zoom link:** https://ttuhsc.zoom.us/j/95202277167

**Students Supporting Students: Virtual Hang Outs**

You're invited to hang out virtually with other TTUHSC students to give and receive support, as together we navigate this challenging time. The Counseling Center at TTUHSC is hosting these Zoom meetings through the end of June. Below are the days and times when you can attend. You will need to use the provided Zoom links each week.

**Mondays from 6:00-7:00 pm** - https://ttuhsc.zoom.us/j/93935902058
**Fridays from 4:00-5:00 pm** - https://ttuhsc.zoom.us/j/94781708374
Deposit Process

**Lubbock student organizations**: Please bring all cash/check deposits to the Student Life office on the 2nd floor of the ACB, Rm 2C400. In the Student Life office we have a deposit form for students to fill out. Once this form has been completed by the student, we will confirm the amount of money being deposited, sign the form, and give a copy back to the student as a receipt. Checks may be sent via mail to 3601 4th Street MS 8310 Lubbock, Texas 79430. Please be sure to make checks out to: TTUHSC –“student org name.” Indicate what the funds are for in the memo section on the check. **Cash cannot be sent through the mail.**

Deposits for student organizations on the branch campuses, should be handled by the specific contact for that campus and not mailed to Lubbock. Below is the contact information for the branch campuses:

- **Abilene**: Finance & Admin Department | Ruth Austin or Nancy Cook | Suite 2100 of the Public Health Building
- **Amarillo**: Cindy Veigel, Chief Business Operations Officer | cindy.veigel@ttuhsc.edu
- **Odessa/Midland**: Alma Gomez, Chief Business Operations Officer | alma.gomez@ttuhsc.edu
- **Pharmacy Organizations**: Dallas - Amanda Hines | Amarillo - Rebecca Perry | Abilene - Missy Canton

If you have any questions please contact us at Student.Life@ttuhsc.edu.

Finance System Update

The Finance system changes are being finalized. We hope to have the system back online very soon with current balances listed for all accounts. Files will be uploaded into your organization’s Documents tool with previous transactions listed for reference.

We thank you for your patience!