



# From the CHANCELLOR

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Dear Faculty and Staff,

It is an exciting summer at Texas Christian University, with anticipation for the 2025-2026 academic year already in the air. Across every corner of our campus, Horned Frogs are filled with the promise of new opportunities and growth that comes with the beginning of a new season. Thank you for all you are doing to prepare and plan for incoming students and a successful fall semester, and for working diligently to [advance our strategic initiatives](#).

Signs of our vision for the future are all around. Campus expansion projects in support of student-centered growth are underway in [Worth Hills and East Campus](#). The \$50 million, donor-funded [Athletics Human Performance Center Renovation and Expansion Projects](#) are now open and providing world-class services for our student-athletes. Faculty and staff are implementing several notable initiatives, including the new Artificial Intelligence (AI) framework to support academic and research programs; an Innovation Hub in Rees-Jones Hall that will become the innovation epicenter of TCU; new commercials and content to inspire our community and prospective students; and engaging community events to keep our connected culture thriving. I'm inspired about all the work underway and look forward to seeing what we achieve together in the academic year ahead.



*New Student and Family Programs have welcomed new Horned Frogs and families across eleven orientation sessions this summer.*

## Faculty/Staff Welcome & Opening Luncheon

Please save the date for our annual faculty and staff academic year kickoff, [Welcome & Opening Luncheon, on Friday, August 15, 2025](#). We will announce and celebrate our [university awards](#) finalists and winners, welcome new faculty and staff to campus, and share strategic plan updates. We also will celebrate and enjoy lunch together before the first day of classes begin on August 18.

## Welcome new Chief of Staff, Jeremy Vickers, Ph.D.

This week, we welcome a key leader to our Horned Frog community. Dr. Jeremy Vickers is our new Chief of Staff and will provide executive-level planning and guidance in support of TCU's mission and [LEAD ON: Values in Action](#) strategic plan, as well as serve as Secretary of the Board of Trustees. The full [announcement and additional details are available online](#). Please join me in welcoming Dr. Vickers to TCU.

Even as we prepare for our Horned Frog students to return to campus and engage in their academic journey, many members of our community are affected by recent disasters. We continue to reach out and offer support to TCU community members directly and indirectly impacted by the devastating flooding in Central Texas, and we are proud of the many Horned Frogs involved in relief efforts. Our prayers continue to be with all who have been touched by this tragedy.

We are also in touch with and supporting Horned Frogs who lost their housing and belongings in a fire at an off-campus apartment complex, The Cooper, in June. Thank you to all those across our community who have stepped up to offer support.

The hard work and commitment of our faculty and staff are instrumental to our success. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to our students, our values and our mission. I am confident that we will achieve even greater heights in the new academic year.

Go Frogs!

Daniel W. Pullin