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Greetings TTUHSC Students and Team Members,

I'm thrilled to share that Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) has received notification from the U.S. Department of Education of designation as a [Hispanic-Serving Institution](#) (HSI).

The HSI designation presents new opportunities for our great university to strengthen ongoing efforts to recruit and support underrepresented students and increase diversity among our faculty. Additionally, we can leverage resources on a national level to expand coursework, programs, and research opportunities and enhance cultural experiences for all students, faculty, staff, and patients. This will allow us to better serve our communities as a comprehensive health care institution.

TTUHSC is the fourth HSI in the Texas Tech University System, and we are the third health sciences center in Texas to also achieve HSI status. Our university is also an active member of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, representing more than 500 colleges and universities in the United States, Latin America, and Spain.

As part of the HSI designation, we'll continue developing innovative programs — seeking input from all campuses and our alumni community — across the enterprise that will foster more diverse and inclusive academic experiences.

The process to attain HSI status took much work, and I'm grateful to the team members who dedicated countless hours to preparing our application.

Guided by our values, our great university will continue to take innovative steps toward training health care professionals who can better serve a growing, diverse population.

Warmest regards,



Lori Rice-Spearman, Ph.D.

PRESIDENT

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