



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY



From Your Director of Alumni Relations

TTUHSC now boasts more than 20,000 alum since the inception of the medical school in 1969. To reflect our growing alumni base, the Office of Alumni Relations is now formalizing the TTUHSC Alumni Association.

“We’re now doing something different here at TTUHSC than we’ve done previously,” said TTUHSC President Tedd L. Mitchell, MD. “From the standpoint of alumni, there has always been an overlap with the Texas Tech alumni base. There have been times where each school had its own alumni group as well, and because our academic health center was small in numbers, that worked. Now, we have roughly 22,000 alum and only 18 percent of them got their undergraduate degree at Texas Tech. So now, we need to serve our alumni here at TTUHSC in a different capacity.”

TTUHSC realized decades ago how important its alumni would be to the institution’s mission — this being the whole reason for the sustainment of an alumni relations office. It’s important for those in health care to work together; otherwise, the profession as a whole would be very unforgiving. That’s why TTUHSC promotes an interdisciplinary teaching model. Likewise, we want to continue that approach with our alumni.



“I am **very proud** to be an alumnus of TTUHSC. As one of many graduate students who were part of the **inaugural PhD program** that began in the late 1970s, I take a great deal of pride in knowing that many of my classmates went on to **very successful careers** as department chairs, division directors, research program directors and academic administrators. These types of success stories have also created a **strong sense of gratitude** toward our institution.

My membership and active participation in the TTUHSC Alumni Association has **allowed me to give back** to an institution that had such an important **impact on my professional career.**”

-Matthew Grisham, PhD (GSBS '82)

KEEPING ONE ANOTHER INSPIRED AND CONNECTED

“It’s important early on to stay connected with the alumni association and with each other,” Mitchell said. “The Pulse magazine is a great way to keep up with each other and the alumni relations office uses social media and a blog platform to keep alumni updated on their institution and each other.

The Office of Alumni Relations has reunited classmates, provided TTUHSC tours to returning alumni and, most importantly as of late, have worked to provide even more benefits and services that haven’t been available in the past. Among those are access to select services through the academic health center libraries and continuing education resources with membership in the TTUHSC Alumni Association.

The Office of Alumni Relations has been hard at work to create a beneficial structure for the TTUHSC Alumni Association. The end result of those efforts? A membership in the TTUHSC Alumni Association university-wide with and additional school chapter membership.

We realize that our alum affiliate with their respective schools and it’s important that school pride be recognized and celebrated. However, alumni are part of a much bigger picture than just their particular school and/or program. Alumni represent the entire TTUHSC institution and the alumni relations office wants to support you as you make TTUHSC known throughout the world.



“I’d heard that universities don’t care about you, but that was not the experience I had at TTUHSC. My education stint at TTUHSC was one of the **most rewarding** and **positive experiences** I’ve ever had in my life.”

- Vicente Martinez, BSN, RN, EMT-P (SON '01)

“TTUHSC provided me the foundation to be able to make a difference in the lives of the people in the Lubbock/West Texas community for which I am loyal and thankful.”

- Cynthia Jumper, MD, MPH (Resident '91; SOM '88)



JOIN THE FAMILY

By earning a diploma or completing a residency or certification, you became a TTUHSC alum and that will never change. Now you have the opportunity to formally join the TTUHSC Alumni Association. And while you're out there taking care of the world, we'll take care of you.

“What a cool way to spend your life, as part of a team that's dedicated toward making the lives of its fellow citizens better,” Mitchell said. 

