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What is your relationship with Dr. Cooper and the Cooper Clinic?

0:06 - Tedd

Well, Dr Cooper was actually my first medical mentor coming out of training, so I started working at the Cooper clinic in 1991 Janet joined in 1995 but he was the first physician mentor, and actually my first real boss after training.

How does it make you feel to see the Cooper name next to the TTUHSC name?

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So what Ken Cooper was in the medical community originally was an underdog. What Texas Tech Health Sciences Center has always been is an underdog. They both have always operated on doing the right thing in spite of sometimes kind of overwhelming odds against you. And in the end, having the grit of the underdog, having the energy of the underdog, having the energy of someone that you know the right thing to do, but sometimes you're not getting the support that you need to get it done. That develops an individual. It developed Ken Cooper. It developed the Cooper Institute. It developed the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. And I think that the marriage of those two is a one plus one equals three scenario for everybody, for the patients we'll see at the Health Sciences Center, for the scientists that we're bringing on board from the Cooper Institute, and for, most importantly, the students and the communities that we will both be serving moving forward,

How will this collaboration continue the Cooper Center Longitudinal Database?

1:38 - Janet

To be able to see now the Cooper Institute database be part of the Health Sciences Center is so exciting. To me it's perfect. It's the perfect marriage. And just very, very fulfilling, because you worry about the database. You wanted that database to be kept up. You want people to be able to continue the research. And what better place than the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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The largest database in the world on health and fitness, joining the largest Health Sciences Center in the state of Texas. Instead of getting better than that.