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Best regards,

Gerard P. Clancy, M.D. President

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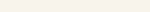
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Leadership by design

President Gerard Clancy leads new charge into a complex world



This fall, 100 TU freshmen will receive an especially rigorous introduction to college. Alongside picking up the rhythms of campus life, exploring student clubs and scoping out the best pizza, they will be tasked with solving the challenges of U.S. health care, Oklahoma's K-12 public education crisis and U.S./China trade.

And their ideas will be graded by the president.

There is a hint of benevolent mischief in the laugh that TU President Gerard P. "Gerry" Clancy, M.D., lets slip when a visitor is taken aback by the syllabus of his new class — The Presidential Leaders Fellowship Course. (Actually, that's only part of the course title. The rest is "An Introduction on How to Get Things Done in a Highly Complex World.")

"Today's leaders have to be comfortable with complexity," Clancy explained. "Our most pressing problems are multidimensional and high-stakes. They involve tough trade-offs and unexpected consequences. Solutions must be carefully and creatively designed. This is the sort

of problem-solving culture that we want TU to be known for. When better to start than the first semester?"

Clancy's vision goes well beyond his new course. The Presidential Leaders Fellowship program is one of a growing set of co-curricular options that will help students develop what he calls a "leadership portfolio." Other options are familiar, such as the Honors Program and the Global Scholars Program; and still others are new, such as the College Philanthropy Initiative and the Impact TU freshman leadership program.

To bring all these programs together, the university has established the TU Center for Leadership, which will coordinate the programs and serve as a clearinghouse for students seeking extra challenges.

"Students will need to take the initiative to take advantage of these opportunities, but we are giving them a clear pathway to add leadership development to their TU experience," Clancy said.



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DESIGNING ANSWERS

For Clancy, leadership is largely about practical problem solving.

"When I ask people to describe leadership, usually they mention attributes like 'vision' and 'the ability to inspire others,' "he said. "Those are important traits, but at its core, leadership is: one, thoroughly understanding a problem; two, designing a comprehensive solution; and, three, executing on the solution. And especially three — that's the difference between a leader and a non-leader."

Clancy's perspective on structured problem solving reflects his history as a physician (psychiatrist). Assessing symptoms, diagnosing a condition, designing a treatment plan and following through are the fundamentals of medicine.

More broadly, Clancy is a champion of an approach known as "design thinking." This approach emphasizes detailed observation and creative imagination channeled through a process of repeated prototyping, testing and refinement.

"Design thinking is pertinent to all of our majors," he said. "Employers in every industry are looking for people who can see both the human side and the technical side of every challenge. If we cultivate this perspective throughout our culture, it can become TU's calling card in the highered marketplace."

Students in Clancy's class will consider case studies that illustrate design thinking including a program that Clancy introduced as a faculty member at the University of Iowa in the 1990s.

PSYCHS ON BIKES

The U of I's inpatient psychiatric clinic was monopolized by a handful of high-need patients who were in continual crisis. These patients were caught in a cycle of dependency on the clinic, while others in the community were unable to get help with the clinic's beds always full.

After studying the problem, Clancy decided to flip the model. Instead of keeping the most acute patients in the clinic, doctors would visit them every day out in the community, providing medication and other support. Clancy and his colleagues soon found bicycles to be most convenient in the parking-challenged university town, and "Psychs on Bikes" was born.

"The results were dramatic," Clancy said. "Most of our patients adhered to their medication schedules, and because they were back in the community, they started rebuilding relationships. Many of them re-established strong family support and even held down jobs. Success hinged on shifting our thinking from clinic-based treatment to community-based treatment."

Clancy readily admits that not every project has been a home-run. He offers a counter example where a critical nuance escaped him. In his former role as president of OU-Tulsa, he had an opportunity to expand clinic facilities. Thinking in terms of efficient space utilization, he approved a modest design that would maximize the number of new exam rooms.

"But I missed the fact that Hispanic families often do things as a family unit," he said. "It's not unusual to bring mom and dad and the kids, and grandma, too. It's not just a patient experience; it's a family experience. So the new exam rooms turned out to be way too small."

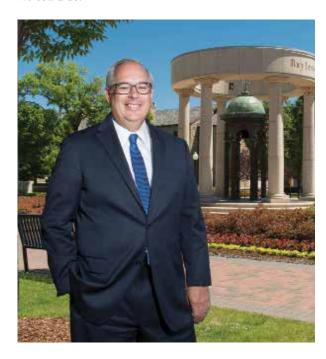
That nuanced but critical consideration is an example of what Clancy calls "small data" – the realities that are often missed by analysis that drives reductively toward a bottom line.

DESIGNING TO TEACH

It makes sense that the teaching of design thinking would employ a design of its own. The prevailing classroom model is an open lab design, with students seated in teams and the instructor in the center of the room. Whiteboards provide open canvases for ideas, charts and sketches, and multimedia systems stand ready for presentations and videos.

Following this model, the university is finalizing plans for the TU Learning Studio. The space will accommodate 100 students and will feature technology and flexible working spaces.

"These are exciting times for TU," Clancy said. "All of the elements are in place to position TU even more distinctly as a problem solver and an educator of leaders. We have a long tradition of excellence in our technical and professional programs, and a rich liberal arts tradition that remains essential to everything we do. We also are remarkably engaged with the community. We have a prime opportunity to tie these strengths together in new ways by emphasizing complexity and innovation in real-world contexts. This has always been an important part of our culture, but we've really only scratched the surface of what we could do."



LEADERSHIP OPTIONS FOR TU STUDENTS

From freshman year through graduation, TU students have myriad opportunities to shine as leaders. Listed below are a few of the university's stellar programs that allow students to build a foundation for future leadership roles.

- First Year: **Impact TU** a freshman leadership program that allows students to hit the ground running.
- Service Learning: **True Blue Neighbors** provides community outreach projects.
- Research: Tulsa Undergraduate Research
 Challenge (TURC) allows participants to conduct
 research as early as the summer before their freshman year.
- Neuroscience: LIBR Corps (Laureate Institute for Brain Research) students work with professionals on and off campus.
- Global Expertise: selected **Global Scholars** and **Global Fellows** apply coursework and language skills to find answers to global problems.
- Critical Thinking: **Honors Program** students analyze the great ideas of the past and how they influence the present.
- Solving Complex Problems: **Presidential Leaders Fellowship** allows select juniors and seniors to maximize their final two years of college at TU through opportunities such as research, global education internships, community service and more.
- Social Entrepreneurship: **College Philanthropy Initiative** invites students to learn about philanthropy and project management.
- Entrepreneurship: **NOVA** (short for in**nova**tion) inspires students to follow their passion and develop innovative projects that benefit others while still in school.
- Interns Across the World: **Internships** are available through the Center for Global Education and TU's global alumni network.
- Albert Schweitzer Fellowship: Each chapter develops leaders in health care to serve vulnerable populations in the fellows' home communities.

TU First Lady Paula Clancy



The couple has been married more than three decades, and many of those have been spent in Tulsa where Paula served three years as a counselor at Cascia Hall schools. She gains much of her inspiration from working with young people. "It is energizing to be around the students," she said.

"TU has amazing students, and I want to help tell their stories," she said. Since assuming the campus leadership role in November, President and Mrs. Clancy have visited China, Israel, Houston, St. Louis, Kansas City and Washington, D.C. All along the way, Paula is able to share news about TU's successes. She sees her role these days as less of an advisor and more of a broadcaster. "I want to help shine a light on our fabulous students."

Back in Tulsa, Paula attends student-sponsored

activities at TU such as international fairs and talent shows and hosts celebrations and advancement events at Skelly Mansion, where the couple lives with their youngest child. "We've invited donors to Skelly for a special tea where we raised funds for scholarships that support students studying arts and humanities. We also selected student artwork to hang in the dining room at Skelly Mansion to showcase the talented young people at TU."

In addition to being an advocate for all TU students, Paula has a special place in her heart for students who have served in the military. "Our student-veterans are heroes. They are selfless," she said. "The University of Tulsa has a wonderfully engaged Student Veterans Association and a great Yellow Ribbon Program that offers guidance and support to service members who are making the transition back into civilian life."

Dr. Clancy is one of only two military veterans who currently serves as president at major research universities. And whether it's the U.S. Air Force or medical school or moving across the country to take the helm at a college campus, Paula has proudly stood beside Gerry all along the way. "My husband is my best friend," she said. "I am lucky to walk through life with someone who sees things through the same lens as I do. We're a good team."

The team is growing, too. The couple's oldest son, Sam, a health law attorney in Tulsa, married Rogers High School teacher Hana last July. Meanwhile, the Clancys' daughter, Mary, is pursuing a graduate degree in speech pathology at TU and has been named a 2017-18 Albert Schweitzer Fellow; and son, Joey, who is interested in computers and technology, is preparing to begin college after graduating from Bishop Kelley.

Looking at the early résumés of TU President Gerard Clancy and his wife, Paula, no one would be surprised to learn that years later Mrs. Clancy is viewed as a campus leader at a top-rated national university. While Gerry was powering through medical school, Paula was carving out a career as a college advisor.

Born in Des Moines, she attended the University of Iowa and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and human relations. When they met, Paula was a junior and Gerry was a senior. He went on to pursue his goal of becoming a psychiatrist, and she received two master's degrees — one in student development and one in counseling.

"We lived in a one-bedroom apartment in married student housing for three years," she said. Paula worked at Kirkwood Community College for seven years until the couple's first two babies were born. When the children were older, Paula went back to work at the University of Iowa.

"I love working with college students," she said. "Students develop a sense of purpose in college. Students develop a sense of identity in college."

In addition to working as a career advisor, Paula worked in student disability services at Iowa and was thrilled when Gerry followed her lead in the education field and began his journey toward eventually becoming a university president.

The Clancys (l-r): Joey, Mary, Paula, Gerry, Hana and Sam.



HURRICANE HOT SHOTS

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

John Quincy Adams Sixth President of the United States of America

Young alumni, student and faculty leaders are perfect examples of John Quincy Adams' definition of true leadership.





PHILIP MCALLISTER

Grad Year: 2004
Major: Computer Science
Current employer: Instagram
Job title: Engineering
Manager
Location: New York,
New York

What's on your reading list right now?

Thinking Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind by Shunryu Suzuki

Who are your "mustfollows" on social media?

@dogsofinstagram can generally bring a smile to anyone's face.

Describe one of your best memories from your time at TU.

My favorite times at TU were the late night programming sessions in our research lab where everyone was furiously trying to complete their respective projects. It was a unique environment that mirrored many of my favorite professional experiences of collaboration, teamwork and fun.

Explain the leadership roles you hold in professional and/or community settings and why these responsibilities are important to you.

Professionally, I lead Instagram's Client group that is responsible for the performance and quality of the Instagram app, which is used by over 600 million people each month. Our group also is largely responsible for on-boarding and training every mobile engineer who works at Instagram. We are a team of a little over 20 right now and support the 100+ mobile engineers who work in the Instagram codebase. I am also helping to build out the Instagram office and presence in New York City.

What leadership qualities did you develop/gain as a TU student?

TU challenged me to think about participation in the world beyond Tulsa. I grew up in Tulsa and am still quite fond of it, but the experiences at TU encouraged me to move to D.C. to be a part of making an impact on a larger community while still retaining professional and personal values that were instilled in me from a uniquely Tulsa experience.

What advice would you give current students on applying their TU experience in professional and/or civic leadership opportunities?

Whatever it is, just go for it! TU provided you a world-class education, so put it to use and stretch yourself!

What are your short-term and long-term goals, professionally or personally?

Short term, I want to see Instagram's continued success both as a product and a newer technology company in New York. Long term, I am interested in helping to support more diversity in computer science and raising awareness that computer programming is a skill most everyone should develop as part of our changing economy.

Describe your leadership style.

Help people discover what they do best. Help people be able to do that thing every day.

What's the biggest risk you've ever taken, personally or professionally?

I quit my comfortable government job, drove across the country and started working for a company I found on Craigslist. It was another seven years of rollercoaster startup experiences, but eventually that gave me the experience and judgement I needed to land at a place like Instagram.

How do you stay motivated?

Curiosity! Life is super interesting, and if you tap into your curiosity, you naturally wake up every day wanting to do something new, ambitious and exciting.

What historical figure inspires you and why?

Both Warren Buffett and Bill Gates are pretty inspiring figures in recent history. They pursued their professional passions to the highest level of success, enjoyed life and yet have committed to giving almost all of their wealth back for the greater good of society.

Imagine you've been selected to give the TU commencement address. What's your closing line to graduates?

Steve Jobs gave an amazing interview in 1994 that has a quote that I think could be read to end any commencement address:

"When you grow up you tend to get told that the world is the way it is and your life is just to live your life inside the world. Try not to bash into the walls too much. Try to have a nice family life, have fun, save a little money. That's a very limited life. Life can be much broader once you discover one simple fact: Everything around you that you call life was made up by people that were no smarter than you. And you can change it, you can influence it ... Once you learn that, you'll never be the same again."

SPRING 2017



ERIC MARSHALL

Grad Year: 2004

Majors: International Business and German Language

Current place of employment: Marshall Brewing Company

Job title: Founder/Brewmaster/ CEO

Location: Tulsa, Oklahoma

What's on your reading list right now?

Pinkalicious, Llama I Love You, Little Blue Truck, and DADA. Good thing my kids have the same taste in books I do!

Who are your "mustfollows" on social media?

Marshall Brewing, Elgin Park Brewery, Horton Records, National Geographic and Tulsa Football.

Describe one of your best memories from your time at TU.

Studying in Siegen, Germany, the spring and summer of my junior year. The cultural experiences and relationships I developed are some of the most important in my life and led me down the path I am on today. I also gained a true appreciation for good, fresh, local beer and an even greater appreciation for the culture of beer and the sense of community it fosters.

Explain the leadership roles you hold in professional and/ or community settings and why these responsibilities are important to you.

I serve on the boards of Tulsa Global Alliance, Kendall Whittier Main Street Association, Kitchen 66, the Oklahoma Restaurant Association and the Craft Brewer's Association of Oklahoma — all organizations I am passionate about. Being involved in two industry-focused organizations has given me the opportunity to educate legislators and advocate for responsible change that will positively affect our industry and the quality of life in Oklahoma.

What leadership qualities did you develop/gain as a TU student?

My study abroad experience gave me confidence in the unknown and the ability to approach new situations opportunistically. The learning and campus leadership experiences I had through Sigma Chi were also valuable.

What advice would you give current students on applying their TU experience in professional and/or civic leadership opportunities?

I would encourage students to take advantage of study abroad opportunities. It is a relatively inexpensive way to see the world that also takes you outside of your comfort zone.

What are your short-term and long-term goals, professionally or personally?

My short- and long-term professional goals have been the same since we started: I want to make high-quality beers, create an environment where my employees love what they do, be a good partner in the community, and I want people to be proud of what we do and to take ownership in our products. Personally, I want to be the best dad and husband I can be.

Describe your leadership style.

I have a relaxed style of leadership. It's important to allow people the freedom to use their temperaments and talents to better the whole, and to make mistakes and learn from them. I'm a fan of giving people the proper tools and knowledge to do their job without micromanaging. I also have an open door policy with my employees.

What's the biggest risk you've ever taken, personally or professionally?

Definitely starting a brewery in Oklahoma! At the time, there were only our friends at Choc Brewing in operation and a lot of hurdles and red tape. Tulsa had not had a production brewery since the early 1940s and never a "strong beer" brewery, so in a lot of ways, we had to blaze our own trail. I also started a business, bought a house, and got married all in the span of six months.

How do you stay motivated?

It is easy to stay motivated when you have great people on your team! Also, a good work/ife balance is key.

What historical figure inspires you and why?

Ken Grossman, who founded Sierra Nevada Brewing Company and is a pioneer of the American craft brewing movement. He started a small brewery with old wine and dairy equipment before it was cool to do so, and in the process, started a revolution. He and his team are constantly innovating and educating fellow craft brewers, making the craft community stronger and better.

Imagine you've been selected to give the TU commencement address. What's your closing line to graduates?

If there is something you are passionate about and want to pursue, take the opportunity in front of you. If that opportunity does not exist, go out and create it.



TINA TRAN NEVILLE

Grad Year: 2003

Double Major: Economics, Environmental Policy

Current place of employment: Office of the Lieutenant Governor, State of Washington

Job title: Director of Economic Development and International Affairs

Location: Olympia, Washington

What's on your reading list right now?

The Circle Maker by Mark Batterson

Who are your "mustfollows" on social media?

@cyrushabib, @waltgov,@nytimes,

@washingtonpost,

@TechCrunch.

@tulsaworld and @utulsa

Describe one of your best memories from your time at TU.

Professor Steve Steib's mentoring moments. Whether it was pushing me to pursue research interests with the Tulsa Undergraduate Research Challenge (TURC) program or providing additional reading materials in his economics or environmental policy classes, Steve made time to mentor his students. His support during such a pivotal time in my life is what inspires me as well to make time to support the development of the young women and men with whom I work.

Explain the leadership roles you hold in professional and/ or community settings and why these responsibilities are important to you.

I have always tried to expose myself and others to the wider world.

When I was at Washington Latin Public Charter School and my students were learning about ancient history, I organized a Greek festival at the school with the Greek Embassy in Washington, D.C. When I was at the National Cathedral School, I organized a service and study trip to an orphanage in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, so that my geography students could experience the real-world application of what they were studying in their textbooks. Even after I left the school, the service and study trip continues to impact the lives of more students.

What leadership qualities did you develop/gain as a TU student?

Diversity of perspectives from being in leadership positions in Student Government, the Women's Rowing Team, Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, Vietnamese Student Association and other organizations. This array of experiences set the foundation for a career in international relations, when engaging with foreign communities; and in education, when working to empower the lives of young people with diverse backgrounds.

What advice would you give current students on applying their TU experience in professional and/or civic leadership opportunities?

Carpe Diem.

What are your short-term and long-term goals, professionally or personally?

Personally, I hope to be a great mother, wife, sister and daughter. My family is so very important to me. I try to "stop and smell the roses" in the everyday moments of life. Currently, my two-year-old is learning to speak in full sentences. He is also developing his own sense of humor by already mimicking and mocking mommy and daddy! I do not want to miss those special moments. Professionally, I hope to continue to contribute to the world in my many areas of interest in international affairs, economics, environmental policy and education regardless of the professional form – whether as a U.S. foreign service officer, educator, entrepreneur or public servant.

Describe your leadership style.

I try to lead, empower and guide the pursuit of others gently. Individually, we can make small impacts. Collectively, we can make large-scale impacts that affect the lives of others and the world.

What's the biggest risk you've ever taken, personally or professionally?

Leaving the U.S. Foreign Service and starting my own education company. The professional leap from a coveted, stable professional career to a more risky entrepreneurial endeavor cultivated confidence, determination, management and operational skills. Now in my current work for the Lieutenant Governor's Office in Washington state, I am able to make use of large scale, long-term strategic thinking with immediate, detailed operational planning to manage people and programs to further economic development and international affairs goals.

How do you stay motivated?

Morning workouts. Starbucks cappuccinos. And a healthy dose of banter and laughter with friends and family. I also really like to-do lists.

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What historical figure inspires you and why?

Mother Teresa: She is an inspirational figure who exemplified a life of service.



DANIEL WILSON

Grad year: 2000 Major: Computer science Current place of employment: Self-employed

Location: Portland, Oregon

Job title: Writer

Explain the leadership roles you hold in professional and/or community settings and why these responsibilities are important to you.

I am a speaker at libraries, schools and STEM/FIRST events.

What leadership qualities did you develop/gain as a TU student?

During my time at The University of Tulsa, I had the opportunity to serve as a resident assistant in John Mabee Hall. At any given moment, I could be negotiating, de-escalating, or just joining in the fun with athletes, scientists, and business students from all around the world and all walks of life. The ability to bravely walk up and knock on a door and then reach a solution with whoever answers has served me well my whole life.

What advice would you give current students on applying their TU experience in professional and/or civic leadership opportunities?

My advice would be to let the people around you make you better than you are. In other words, identify the positive attributes you see in others and incorporate them into your own philosophy of life. In a great environment like TU — surrounded by great people — there are a lot of opportunities to learn and improve.

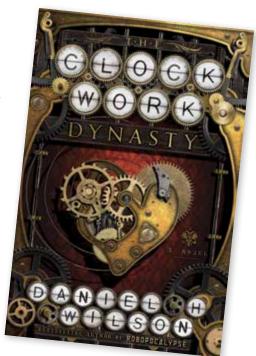
What are your short-term and long-term goals, professionally or personally?

My goal is to continue honing my skills as a writer right up until I kick the bucket or a robot takes over the job. I love telling stories in every medium, whether it be novels, screenplays, comic books, short stories, video games, or most recently, cinematic virtual reality. And as a native Oklahoman and a Cherokee citizen, it's an honor to publish work that represents a unique mindset and upbringing. My next book, *The Clockwork Dynasty*, will be released on August 1, 2017. Follow me on Twitter @danielwilsonPDX or visit danielhwilson.com.

What's the biggest risk you've ever taken, personally or professionally?

After finishing more than 10 years of school to earn degrees in computer science and robotics, I decided to write science fiction instead of getting a "real" job. It was a calculated risk in that I knew I could try to hit the job market if my books sputtered. But after a few years, I realized that I was really committed—there was no going back. Living project to project is a little bit terrifying, but it's exhilarating too. I never know what I'll be working on next week!

An ingenious new thriller that weaves a path through history, following a race of human-like machines that have been hiding among us for untold centuries, written by the New York Times bestselling author of Robopocalypse.





CHRIS O'HARE

Grad Year: 2013
Major: Exercise Science
Current place of
employment: Adidas
Job title: Professional Athlete
Location: Boston,
Massachusetts

What's on your reading list right now?

Tim Tebow's *Shaken* and Rick Warren's *The Purpose Driven Life*

Who are your "must-follows" on social media?

BBC News, Tulsa Hurricane, Celtic Football Club

Describe one of your best memories from your time at TU.

Becoming the 2012 NCAA Mile Champion is the memory that stands out the most from my time at Tulsa. It was only Coach Gulley and I who were in Boise, Idaho, for the championships, but my teammates and friends from TU had left me so many voicemails and text messages by the time I got back to my phone that it felt like the whole city of Tulsa was right there in Boise with me. Knowing that the whole Tulsa community was behind me made the achievement even more memorable. The TU family never ceases to amaze me.

What leadership qualities did you develop/gain as a TU student?

I learned that people deal with every day challenges differently. To ensure every athlete was performing at their best, I realized that we needed to help each other manage the daily challenges of being a student-athlete rather than only focusing on practice or the next race. We soon realized that we had to become more than just a team if our small school wanted to be one of the best teams in the nation. Most importantly, I learned that being a leader doesn't mean just telling people what to do but assuming responsibility for the whole team and absorbing the strains that we all have to deal with to make sure everyone is happy and ready to perform.

What advice would you give current students on applying their TU experience in professional and/or civic leadership opportunities?

The 'real world' isn't as scary as you may fear it to be. Your time at Tulsa has provided you with an incredible responsibility to lead the way for your family, community, nation and the world

What are your short-term and long-term goals, professionally or personally?

My professional goals both long and short are to win a medal at the World Championships and/or Olympics. My personal goals are to make sure that, no matter how close I am to achieving my professional goals, my wife, son, parents and siblings are positive that I have given everything I have to achieve my dreams. If my family can be positive of my determination and drive, they can use that as motivation to achieve their own dreams.

Describe your leadership style.

Leading from the front is the only way I really know how to lead. I think people need to believe that their leader has their best interest at heart.

What's the biggest risk you've ever taken, personally or professionally?

Moving from Scotland to Tulsa to attend TU was both the biggest personal and professional risk I have ever taken.

How do you stay motivated?

My family has always been my biggest motivation. My wife and I now have a son named Ronan. Having Ronan has made me even more motivated than ever.

Imagine you've been selected to give the TU commencement address. What's your closing line to graduates?

Winston Churchill said "Never give in. Never give in. Never, never, never, never—in nothing, great or small, large or petty—never give in, except to convictions of honor and good sense. Never yield to force. Never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy." I beg you as graduates to never give in. Whether your enemies are external or internal, whether your goals seem attainable or not, never give in. Even when the end isn't in sight, keep pushing, keep working because even if you think you are failing, somebody thinks you are succeeding, somebody is inspired by you, someone is proud of you, and they need you to help them get through their tough times, too.



NICK DOCTOR

Grad Year: 2008

Major: History and Political Science

Current Place of Employment: City of Tulsa, Office of the Mayor

Job Title: Chief of Community Development & Policy Location: Tulsa, Oklahoma

What's on your reading list right now?

A few recent reads: *The Ground Beneath Her Feet* by Salman Rushdie, for a second time; *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* as we look at Tulsa's need for affordable, safe housing; and the biography of Elon Musk.

Who are your "mustfollows" on social media?

Mayor G.T. Bynum, Tulsa Public Schools Superintendent Deborah Gist, Councilor Blake Ewing, Shagah Zakerion, Ed Sharrer, Amanda DeCort, Elliot Nelson, Aaron Miller and DeVon Douglass.

Describe one of your best memories from your time at TU.

TU brought me and my wife together. We had a political science course together and two weeks in, she brilliantly tore down an argument I was making and changed my opinion in the process. She's still an inspiration in her knowledge and passion to make Tulsa a more equitable community for all.

Explain the leadership roles you hold in professional and/ or community settings and why these responsibilities are important to you.

I serve as the board chair for Tulsa Global Alliance (TGA), a nonprofit dedicated to building and strengthening a global community in Tulsa. My wife and I interned for TGA while attending TU, and it gave me the courage to study abroad in my senior year.

What leadership qualities did you develop/gain as a TU student?

Being the president of my fraternity and the Interfraternity Council taught me how to build coalitions, how to manage crises and how to use a common purpose to make change happen.

What advice would you give current students on applying their TU experience in professional and/or civic leadership opportunities?

Don't be afraid to pursue leadership opportunities. You'll make connections that will be invaluable after you graduate. Your perspective is valuable and needs to be heard as the generation our city is working hard to attract.

What are your short-term and long-term goals, professionally or personally?

Long term, I hope to help build a Tulsa that provides all citizens a greater opportunity and harnesses the creativity of our community in tackling some of the systemic challenges we face. Short term, that involves integrating City Hall more effectively into education and health policy; implementing Vision Tulsa; and ensuring intentional outreach, inclusion and partnership with Tulsa's Hispanic and African American communities. Personally, I'm still looking for a 2017 hobby — I try to pick a new thing each year to try out.

Describe your leadership style.

I try to empower those working with me and ensure they have a meaningful place on the team where the work they're doing is valued. I also try to build teams with a variety of backgrounds, opinions and worldviews, and then work to ensure those ideas are included in the vetting process for any challenge we're up against.

What's the biggest risk you've ever taken, personally or professionally?

Traveling to Amman, Jordan, to study abroad was the biggest personal leap I've taken. Over six months, I learned Arabic; lived with an incredible family and made lifelong friends in Jordan, Egypt, Syria, Israel and Palestine. I was terrified in the weeks leading up to my departure, but it remains the greatest period of personal growth I've experienced.

How do you stay motivated?

Helping others while making a genuine impact in my local community is a strong motivator for me. Fortunately, Tulsa welcomes you with open arms when you have a passion to make a real difference, even if you're not sure how to do that yet.

What historical figure inspires you and why?

Presidents Teddy Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln are reminders that leadership styles can differ wildly, but that a universal component is to stand by your principles while leaving room for and actively seeking out contrasting opinions. For local historical figures, the fortitude and leadership of people like Booker T. Washington and John Hope Franklin are powerful reminders of how critical it is to stand up and fight for what's right, even at your own risk.

Imagine you've been selected to give the TU commencement address. What's your closing line to graduates?

Pick something that scares the hell out of you — that you're not sure if you're prepared for, that challenges your beliefs, that tests you in every way imaginable — and do it anyway.



KATIE IRISH

Grad Year: 2001

Major: Theatre and Secondary Education with a minor in Spanish

Current place of

employment: The Americans

on FX

Job title: Costume Designer Location: New York City

What's on your reading list right now?

Gowanus: Brooklyn's Curious Canal by Joseph Alexiou about the history of my neighborhood and The Story of Alice by Robert Douglas-Fairhurst

Who are your "mustfollows" on social media?

I use Instagram and Twitter for work and definitely follow anyone I am currently working with or have worked with previously as well as anyone I would like to work with one day.

Describe one of your best memories from your time at TU.

I would say the Thanksgiving of 1999. Rarely did any of us go home because we always had rehearsal on the Friday and weekend afterwards, so a bunch of us decided to have an "orphans' Thanksgiving." I hosted it and volunteered to make the turkey — my first ever. Long story short, the turkey was great, just upside down. After laughter all around, it took three of us to right the bird.

Explain the leadership roles you hold in professional and/ or community settings and why these responsibilities are important to you.

As a department head, I hire a costume team that includes three entry-level production assistant positions. However, it's the best way to get a foot in the door, so I always want to know what my PAs' long-term goals are and if there is any way I can help make them happen. I've had wonderful mentors and want to continue that for another generation.

What leadership qualities did you develop/gain as a TU student?

Lots of the work we did in the theatre department was self-driven and provided the opportunity to lead. I also was a member of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, which allowed for many different leadership opportunities.

What advice would you give current students on applying their TU experience in professional and/or civic leadership opportunities?

The people you meet and work with at TU will stay with you for life. These are not only your friends, but also your colleagues so use them as resources.

What are your short-term and long-term goals, professionally or personally?

As a costume designer, I am freelance. Even though I know that I have one more season with *The Americans*, I'm already looking for the next project. Continuing to find the balance between a crazy shooting schedule and the needs of my family is an ongoing long-term goal for me!

Describe your leadership style.

I like to create a team of people who can learn from each other. I learned long ago that the best teams are made up of people who each excel in a different way.

What's the biggest risk you've ever taken, personally or professionally?

At age 22, I moved to New York City with Scott Chinn (BA '00). We only knew one other person in the city, Aaron Mooney (BA '99), but we were young and undaunted. Although it has been difficult at times, we've made a life for ourselves here.

How do you stay motivated?

There is so much inspiration all around you in New York. The people. The music that floats through the air in the subway. The beauty of an inlaid floor or a stained glass window. Relaxing with Scott and watching our son dance around the apartment to a record. These are all things that give me life and keep me going.

What historical figure inspires you and why?

From the time I was about 10, I've always admired Marie Curie. Even if you don't have a science background, you have to admire a woman who literally gave her life for her work.

Imagine you've been selected to give the TU commencement address. What's your closing line to graduates?

Take a good look at the people sitting around you: Each one of you has the power to change the course of history, but if you band together, you'll be unstoppable.

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CHRISTOPHER LASTRAPES

Grad Years: 2003, 2005 Majors: Political Science.

Economics, English

Current place of employment: Theorem Media

Job title: Vice President of Content Strategy & Business Affairs

Location: Los Angeles, California

What's on your reading list right now?

Three new books I'm reading are SPQR, a history book by Mary Beard about ancient Rome; The Schooldays of Jesus, the latest novel by Nobel Prize winner J.M. Coetzee; and A Long Way Home, the memoir by Saroo Brierly that was turned into the recent film Lion.

Describe one of your best memories from your time at TU.

My freshman year, the men's basketball team made it to the Sweet Sixteen in Austin. A bunch of my Sigma Chi Fraternity brothers and I loaded up in cars and road-tripped all night to Texas. We knocked out the Hurricanes of Miami in the first game to advance to the Elite Eight, the furthest TU had ever made it in the NCAA tournament. I think that experience really instilled school spirit and pride in me.

Explain the leadership roles you hold in professional and/or community settings and why these responsibilities are important to you.

I serve on the board of directors for a leadership development program that targets young college men called the Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit. The program is endowed by businessman Jon Huntsman, who made it his life's mission to find a way to eradicate cancer. I was fortunate to participate in this program as an undergraduate, and it changed my life forever. I also serve as president of the Los Angeles Chapter of the TU Alumni Association and on the Sigma Chi Fraternity Education and Leadership Board.

What advice would you give current students on applying their TU experience in professional and/or civic leadership opportunities?

Break out of your comfort zone and meet people from other walks of life. You'll have a better understanding of others. Recognizing what motivates other people will help you be successful in working and dealing with them in life.

What are your short-term and long-term goals, professionally or personally?

In the short-term, my wife and I are working on building up our own production company. We hope to be able to sell a marketable property in the next year or so. In the meantime, we're working hard to raise our son as he transitions from an infant to a toddler.

What's the biggest risk you've ever taken, personally or professionally?

The biggest leap I've ever taken in life is right now, and I'm in midair. After years of successfully climbing the ranks at major Hollywood studios, my wife and I decided to start our own production company. It has been the most terrifying and fulfilling experience in my professional career.

How do you stay motivated?

As a kid, my motivation was to make my parents proud. Now, my motivation is my 1-year-old son who amazes me more every day. I want to model the way for his future by being the best father, husband, citizen, leader and professional I can be.

What historical figure inspires you and why?

My birthday is the same as Abraham Lincoln, so it's hard not to be inspired by this great American's life. One quote of his that's always stood out to me is "Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." It's so profound and true.

Imagine you've been selected to give the TU commencement address. What's your closing line to graduates?

The key to success in life is both character and diligence. If you work hard without character, eventually life will catch up with you. On the other hand, you can have all the virtue in the world, but it is worthless unless you do something with it. Character and diligence together can make a difference in the world.



AMANDA R. ARAGON

Grad Year: 2009

Major: International Business & Spanish

Current Place of Employment: New Mexico Public Education Department

Job Title: Director of Strategic Outreach

Location: Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico

What's on your reading list right now?

Warriors Don't Cry, by Melba Pattillo Beals;
Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family & Culture in Crisis, by J.D. Vance; The Short & Tragic Life of Robert Peace: A Brilliant Young Man Who Left Newark for the Ivy League, by Jeff Hobbs; and Mindset: The New Psychology of Success, by Carol S. Dweck

Who are your "mustfollows" on social media? @utulsa,

@UtulsaAlumni, @FiftyCAN, @azizansari, @NewMexico, @Pontifex

Describe one of your best memories from your time at TU.

I was walking into Skelly Stadium with my friend Jeneva LiRosi [BA '09] for our first-ever TU football game. As we cleared the tunnel, the crowd was in the middle of singing TU's Alma Mater. Jeneva turned to me and said "What is this?" Two alumni overheard her and one said, with an incredibly serious face, "This is your Alma Mater! Learn it. Live it!"

Explain the leadership roles you hold in professional and/ or community settings and why these responsibilities are important to you.

Last year, I served as chair for the Albuquerque St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer. I found my love and commitment to St. Jude as a Tri Delta at TU, and I've continued my service to that organization and several others ever since.

What leadership qualities did you develop/gain as a TU student?

Serving as president of Tri Delta was my most transformational leadership experience. I learned to own my decisions, to lead with compassion and kindness but also with discipline and clear expectations. At every point in my career over the last seven years, these have been the most important skills in my tool box.

What advice would you give current students on applying their TU experience in professional and/or civic leadership opportunities?

Seize the opportunity to try as many things as you can. You'll learn a lot about yourself, and you'll make connections that will stay with you forever.

What are your short-term and long-term goals, professionally or personally?

Short term, I want to complete a new leadership opportunity as an education advocacy fellow with 50Can. This will aid in meeting my long-term goal which is to develop and grow a loud and meaningful voice for educational equity in New Mexico.

Describe your leadership style.

I strive to be a servant leader. As Robert K. Greenleaf wrote: "It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead. That person is sharply different from one who is a leader first."

What's the biggest risk you've ever taken, personally or professionally?

I left ConocoPhillips. I am extremely risk averse, so leaving a wonderful, well-paying job was a huge risk for me. However, I was ready for a challenge and leaving allowed me to explore other paths. Then, I was offered my current job at the New Mexico Public Education Department, where our department and our work are very controversial. This too was a huge risk because many of my friends, colleagues and even some family members did not agree with my decision. But I wanted to make a difference in New Mexico. Both decisions were risky and scary. The risk and fear almost kept me from taking the opportunities, but looking back I know that I am exactly where I am supposed to be.

How do you stay motivated?

I deeply believe in the work I am doing. When I am tired, frustrated and lacking hope, my belief (with a dash of optimism) keeps me motivated.

What historical figure inspires you and why?

Saint Pope John Paul II. He acted on his call to serve and provided hope and inspiration to many.

Imagine you've been selected to give the TU commencement address. What's your closing line to graduates?

"You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So... get on your way!" – Dr. Seuss

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SARAH HUMMEL BROWN

Grad Years: 2007, 2010
Majors: Sociology, Law
Employment/Positions:
Municipal Judge,
Commissioner, Oklahoma
Commission on the Status
of Women (an appointed
position)

Location: Depew, Oklahoma

What's on your reading list right now?

My Life, My Love, My Legacy, by Coretta Scott King; Hillbilly Elegy, by J.D. Vance; Difficult Women, by Roxane Gay.

Who are your "mustfollows" on social media?

International Space Station, National Geographic Travel and Ina Garten.

Describe one of your best memories from your time at TU.

Participating in sorority recruitment. It was a great way to meet new people and hone my conversational skills.

Explain the leadership roles you hold in professional and/or community settings and why these responsibilities are important to you.

I serve as a commissioner for the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women, which is an advisory entity on issues related to women and gender bias. We are a resource for the state legislature and the governor. The empowerment of women and the improvement of their health, economic and education status are essential for a state's well-being and growth. After years of reading about the dismal statistics regarding women in Oklahoma, I decided to stop complaining, roll up my sleeves and get to work.

What leadership qualities did you develop/gain as a TU student?

To be an effective leader, you have to be able to communicate your thoughts and listen to others. As a TU student, I learned how to do this. TU classes are small, so you can't hide. I learned how to present my arguments and how to listen and learn from others. This has served me well in my professional life.

What advice would you give current students on applying their TU experience in professional and/or civic leadership opportunities?

TU's academic standards are high, so students are familiar with hard work. This will serve you well in leadership roles. A good leader is a hard worker. When you get leadership opportunities, put in the hard work, just as you did as a TU student. Create a reputation of being reliable by consistently meeting deadlines and arriving at every meeting prepared.

What are your short-term and long-term goals, professionally or personally?

My goal is to always keep learning. A motto I like to live by is: "If you think you're the smartest person in the room, you're in the wrong room!"

Describe your leadership style.

Typically, I prefer being a coach. I provide a lot of guidance and positive encouragement. People respond well to compliments and constructive criticism, and happy people are productive people. And I never shy away from doing a task myself. The best piece of leadership advice I've ever received is never ask someone to do something that you would not do yourself.

What's the biggest risk you've ever taken, personally or professionally?

Last year, I started volunteering for Tulsa Lawyers for Children as a pro bono lawyer for children. I had never practiced in juvenile court before. I jumped into the training, and it has been very rewarding. It's important for me to leave my comfort zone, so I continue to learn and grow. New challenges always teach me something new about myself.

How do you stay motivated?

I find motivation in other people. I enjoy listening to motivational speeches and reading self-development articles. There are so many inspirational people and projects out there, and thanks to modern technology, it's easy to find something that inspires and motivates me. I also set deadlines for myself. This keeps me focused and ensures I finish what I start.

What historical figure inspires you and why?

Kate Barnard: She was a brave leader and used her platform to speak out against injustice, even when it threatened her career. When she passed away, she was laid to rest in an unmarked grave. Today, there is a statue of her in the Oklahoma State Capitol. Her story is a good reminder to stay the course; your work might not be appreciated right now, but you may be laying the foundation for future generations.

Imagine you've been selected to give the TU commencement address. What's your closing line to graduates?

Read at least one newspaper a day (preferably two). Stay up-to-date on current events; being well informed is always in style.



KATIE RAIN HILL

Grad Year: 2016 Majors: Anthropology, Sociology

Current place of employment: Department of Human Services & self-employed

Job Title: Social Service Specialist, transgender advocate and author of Rethinking Normal: A Memoir in Transition

Location: Tulsa, Oklahoma

What's on your reading list right now?

Without exaggerating, I have an entire bookcase that I plan on reading, but between work, studying and other projects, it's difficult to just sit down and read a good book. I'm currently chipping away at the Six of Crows, a fantasy book that was highly recommended to me. I've been an avid reader since I was in middle school, reading books ranging from classic mystery novels, horror, sci-fi and fantasy, and nonfiction in general.

Explain the leadership roles you hold in professional and/ or community settings and why these responsibilities are important to you.

My leadership history is a bit unconventional. There have been many situations where I've had to take a leadership position when I would have preferred to stay inconspicuous. I've written articles in magazines and newspapers commenting on important social issues, and I have written books and journals that have been published around the world. I am a board member for several large community assistance programs around the country, including Oklahoma - and these are just a few examples of what I've been able to do in my young life. I overcame insecurities growing up, not by choice but by circumstance. I felt a deep obligation to stand up for my beliefs and ideologies because I had no other choice. I became obsessed with the idea of leaving this world a better place; developing a dogma that was focused on helping others avoid the tragedies and mishaps that I had faced during my childhood. I cherish my leadership roles because they allowed me to help people, to develop as a person and understand how I view and interact with the world.

What advice would you give current students on applying their TU experience in professional and/or civic leadership opportunities?

Fundamentally, the entire purpose of a college education is to help develop an individual. The entire experience isn't about specializing in your preferred industry, at least that's not how I see it. I believe college is a fantastic way for people to become more well-rounded by developing those abilities that will assist us in almost every avenue of our future – critical thinking, articulating opinions and ideas, understanding others and managing the many stresses and stimuli that affect us daily.

What are your short-term and long-term goals, professionally or personally?

I plan to work at my current job until I figure out what I want to eventually study for my master's degree. Currently, I want to focus on my career and personal development before focusing on other aspects of my life. I would like to earn a Ph.D. or M.D., depending on what I decide to do.

Describe your leadership style.

I've never actively thought or advertised myself as a leader, however many others have considered me such. My philosophy of interacting with others focuses on being transparent, candid, respectful and logical with clear focus of intention and a baseline of understanding and empathy.

How do you stay motivated?

Professional or personal issue, it does not matter, motivation is hard sometimes. We all get down and feel like we've reached our end, and we find ourselves overwhelmed by the idea of continuing. I believe it is fundamentally essential for someone to constantly be mindful of the rewards and outcomes of their actions and decisions. Learn something from your shortcomings, adjust your goals, plan a little and then do everything in your power to reach your maximum potential.



STUDENT LEADERS



Communication graduating senior Haley Anderson (BA '17) of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, is president of the Student Association, an organization that drives her passion for life and one that has significantly contributed to her leadership development.

"SA is the heart and soul of student life on TU's campus," she said.

In addition to participating in SA events the past four vears, Anderson is a member of Mortar Board, Orientation Leaders, University Ambassadors and Greek Life. In the summer of 2016, she conducted an independent study abroad project that involved collecting books at Tulsa-area schools and delivering them to two rural schools in Ghana. However, when she arrived in Ghana, she discovered the children were in need of more basic items.

"My trip abroad drastically changed my worldview," Anderson said. "The schools had no walls, a dirt floor and no proper ceiling. I learned that in order to really help a community, you need to understand its culture."

She gathered interviews, photos and video footage from her Ghana trip to create a public relations campaign. A year later, TU's Department of Communication plans to send another student in Anderson's footsteps to continue the book campaign and collect funds that can help build a permanent school.

"The realization that so much more needed to be done before we could truly make a difference in the lives of those students really shook me," she said.

Anderson's eye-opening experience taught her not all lessons are learned in the classroom, and that's where she finds her desire to lead.

"I have never felt more prepared to go out into the real world," she said. "Ninety percent of that has nothing to do with my coursework and everything to do with practical knowledge gained through my leadership roles."

Anderson plans to attend Central Michigan University this fall and earn a graduate degree in adult and higher education administration. Professionally, she hopes to work in student affairs, focusing on new student programs and leadership development.

"Leadership doesn't mean you have to be the president of the Student Association," she said. "That may have been my path, but there are so many different avenues of leadership at TU. You just have to pick one and get started."



Biochemistry senior Aiken Sujana is president of the university's Association of International Students. A native of Jakarta, Indonesia, he applied to TU to pursue interests in medicine and chemistry. Four years later, he is preparing to graduate and reflecting on how the campus community has influenced his life.

"TU is a place where you are welcome and encouraged to express yourself, share your ideas and be whoever you want to be," Sujana said. "I've had the chance to make positive changes in student life, organize unifying multicultural events and advocate for things I believe in like sustainability and equality."

Sujana's leadership journey began his freshman year in the Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity. As a junior, he was elected president of the Indonesian Student Association and vice president of AIS.

"I was an ambassador of the Indonesian culture and people to the rest of the university," he said. "Instead of growing inward, we grew outward. Our effort in bringing the best of Indonesia to TU was a success."

Sujana often helps with marketing and graphics in AIS and the TU Student Association. His latest role as AIS

president presents opportunities to connect with people from many cultural backgrounds, collaborate with TU's best and brightest students and support the community through initiatives in sustainability and philanthropy.

"In AIS, we constantly try to be different, to be the best and most creative at everything we do," Sujana said. "This leadership experience is a platform for me and my team to address international issues such as global climate change, politics, diversity and marriage equality."

His effective leadership style involves focusing on the organizations' top goals for the year and ensuring that all members feel like they belong. TU's hospitable environment, academic programs and dynamic student organizations encouraged him to become a campus leader. The community gave him the confidence to inspire others and step out of his comfort zone.

"I've been blessed to work with amazing and talented people in AIS," Sujana said. "My biggest accomplishment as a leader is to see people on my team using AIS — as I do — as a platform to express their talent and advocate for things they are passionate about."



FACULTY LEADERS



Some faculty wonder whether they should invest time and energy into improving the culture of a university. For Bradley Brummel, an associate professor in industrial/organizational psychology, there was no question.

Brummel earned his undergraduate degree from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he benefited from the small classes and engaged faculty. He went on to the University of Illinois for graduate work and was "dropped into teaching." From that experience, he chose a professorial track.

He appreciates interdisciplinary work and leadership development and found that he could explore those opportunities at The University of Tulsa. "TU made it clear that service was expected," Brummel said. "At TU, individuals' opinions matter more. The faculty have access to the president and provost."

Brummel says he was lucky to come to TU in 2008 with a large cohort of young, energized faculty. He organized an all-faculty basketball team for intramurals and hosted a junior faculty happy hour at his home to get to know his colleagues.

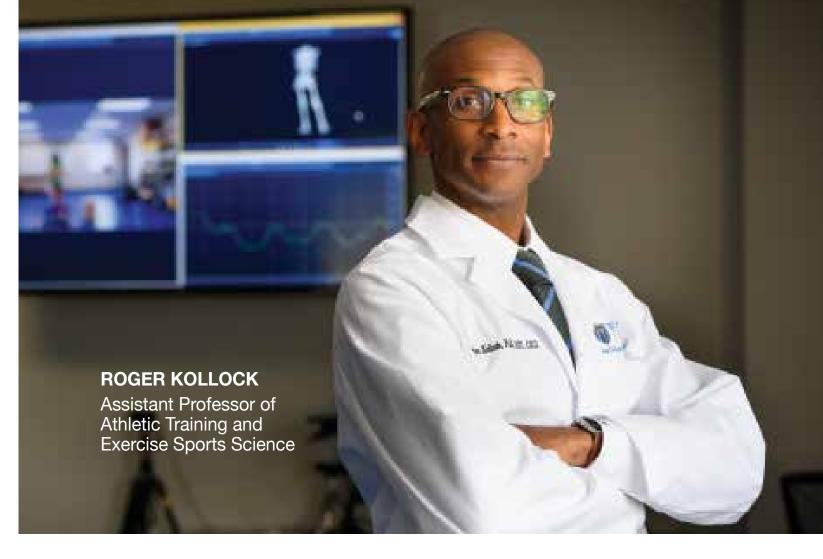
Those connections have paid dividends. Since then, he's been involved in several interdisciplinary research projects across campus. Currently, he's working with faculty in law and engineering as well as with established professors in his own department.

Brummel became involved in the Faculty Senate and volunteered for a leadership post when it was time for the College of Arts & Sciences to put forth leaders for the vice president and then president rotation. He has served as the organization's president since July 2016.

Since then, TU has seen many changes, including budget cuts, a new president and the rollout of a strategic plan to increase enrollment and revenue. Brummel has helped university administrators avoid potential pitfalls that could have resulted in the loss of valued faculty.

Brummel walks a tightrope between being a strong voice for the faculty and holding administrators accountable while encouraging professors to support the university and participate in the process to set a new vision for TU. Giving interested faculty members the tools to be effective leaders is important to advancing TU's mission, he said.

Whether it's sitting down to lunch at the Faculty Club in the Student Union or collaborating on interdisciplinary research or attending a reception for future professors, Brummel said forging faculty bonds ultimately benefits the students and The University of Tulsa.



Though he's fairly new to The University of Tulsa, Roger Kollock has already established himself as a leader, whether mentoring students in the classroom, spearheading research efforts in the lab or helping to guide meaningful campus initiatives.

Soon after he arrived in 2016, Kollock joined a group of university leaders tasked with putting together a fiveyear diversity plan for the university, an effort headed by Vice President of Diversity and Engagement Jackie Caldwell. He also chairs a subcommittee that proposed innovative ways to incentivize new programming and initiatives to enhance diversity and inclusion as the plan is implemented. "Diversity and inclusion are important to me," he says. "I want to be at the table for those discussions."

Kollock has also taken advantage of opportunities to lead in his research efforts. As an athletic training student at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, North Carolina, where he played football, Kollock took an interest in sports medicine. During his doctoral studies at Old Dominion University, he discovered a new passion: Working with tactical athletes, including military personnel, firefighters and police officers.

"These professions call for workers to be in top physical condition to perform their jobs and minimize the risk of injury," Kollock explains. He says his research efforts, which focus on understanding work environments and corresponding injury risk factors for tactical athletes, present the opportunity to lead through innovation. "Sometimes it's a matter of looking at the data in another way, or showing a novel approach to reducing injuries."

"Another piece to establishing yourself as a leader is how well you translate your research into clinical practice or practical application in the workplace," he continues. "How does it change policy or training standards?"

Kollock didn't waste time in seeking such an opportunity in Tulsa. He's been working with the Tulsa Fire Department to develop a screening program that will help identify firefighters most at risk for musculoskeletal injury. Practitioners can use the information from the screening program to employ corrective exercises or other intervention strategies to reduce risk for injury.

"It's great when groups in the community can collaborate with universities, and I'm excited about TU working hand-in-hand with the Tulsa Fire Department to develop this program," said Kollock. "TFD is one of a small group of fire departments across the country leading the way in using research to reduce the rate of musculoskeletal injuries."



TU applauded for outstanding workplace culture

The Tulsa Regional Chamber's diversity business council, Mosaic, recognizes TU as one of the region's 2016 Top Inclusive Workplace Cultures. The honor is reserved for Tulsa-area employers with robust diversity and inclusion strategies. To earn the title of a Top Inclusive Workplace, an organization must meet certain criteria based on five key metrics: CEO commitment, diverse suppliers, people, internal policies and community outreach. TU is one of 55 organizations to receive a tiered ranking of three, four or five stars based on responses to Mosaic's annual Inclusive Workplace Cultures survey.

"TU strives to provide an equitable and inclusive workplace environment that encourages all employees to embrace and value diversity," said Jacqueline Caldwell, TU vice president for diversity and engagement. "Our welcoming community is one of the many reasons why TU is such a great place to work."

University rankings show TU on top

TU is ranked among the top universities in the world by several prestigious higher education organizations: For a second year in a row, TU is named among the top 20 best small universities in the world by London-based *Times Higher Education*; listed as No. 86 (and the highest ranking university in Oklahoma) among national universities in the 2017 U.S. News & World Report; and featured in the Princeton Review's The Best 381 Colleges and in the Fiske Guide to Colleges. Kiplinger's Personal Finance named TU among the Top

300 Best College Values of 2017, and the website PayScale.com reports TU graduates are the highest earning at midcareer based on the 2016 College Salary Report. The Princeton Review's release of Colleges That Pay You Back: The 200 Schools That Give You the Best Bang for Your Tuition Buck applauds TU as one of the nation's best colleges for career preparation. The university's low student-loan default rate is ranked No. 2 in Oklahoma by the website Student Loan Report and TU is designated as a 2017 Military Friendly School by Victory Media.



Singer-songwriter Angélique Kidjo slated for Presidential Lecture Series

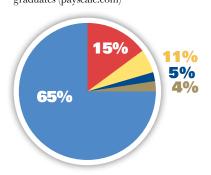
The University of Tulsa
Presidential Lecture Series will host
Grammy Award-winning singersongwriter and activist Angélique
Kidjo on Oct. 5, 2017, 7:30 p.m. at
the Reynolds Center. Kidjo's global
sound draws on African traditions
that mix with elements of American
soul, funk, rap, jazz, Brazilian samba,
Jamaican reggae and Cuban and
Puerto Rican salsa.

The speaker series, sponsored by the Darcy O'Brien Endowed Chair at TU, hosted investigative journalist and China specialist Evan Osnos on April 4. Novelist Dennis Lehane was the fall 2016 speaker on Sept. 29.

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PayScale.com reports TU graduates are the highest earning at midcareer based on the 2016 College Salary Report.

\$94,300
average mid-career salary for TU
graduates (payscale.com)



\$62,689

average early career salary for TU graduates

2016 TU GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR

- For Profit 65%
 Education 15%
- Non Profit 11%
- Government 5%
- \blacksquare Self-Employed 4%

Kirk Smith named Rhodes Scholar

Mechanical engineering senior Kirk P. Smith was awarded a 2017 Rhodes Scholarship — one of only 32 recipients in the nation.

Rhodes finalists are selected for their outstanding scholarly achievements, character, commitment to others and potential career leadership. Scholars receive two years of full financial support to pursue a degree at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom.

Smith is a St. Louis, Mo., native and captain of the Golden Hurricane cross-country team. He is a Presidential Scholar, an inaugural member of TU's Global Scholars program and a National Merit Scholar. He plans to pursue a doctorate in engineering science at Oxford.

As a scholarship recipient of the German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst – DAAD), he was invited to participate in the Research Internships in Science and Engineering (RISE Germany) program in the summer of 2016. He interned at Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt and assisted doctoral students with thesis research on polymeric solar thermal collectors.

During the past four years, Smith has pursued his interests in climate change and clean energy research



while collaborating with faculty members and participating in the TU organization Sustaining Engineering for Needy & Emerging Areas (SENEA).

"Kirk's research in Tulsa, Colorado and Germany is evidence of his creativity, collaborative skills and persistence," said TU Provost Roger Blais. "His mentors testify to the depth and scope of his work and his readiness to take on graduate studies in any competitive setting."

President Gerard Clancy said Smith's honor is a momentous occasion for TU and the College of Engineering and Sciences. "He exemplifies the best of what TU seeks to inspire in each of its students: intellectual curiosity, integrity and service in a changing world."

Smith is TU's first Rhodes Scholar since 1988 and one of the shining reasons why TU is home to more nationally competitive award winners than all other Oklahoma colleges combined.

"Moving forward, I hope to enable increased usage of clean energy by developing cheap, large-scale energy storage systems," Smith said. "By harvesting the power of the sun and the wind during off-peak times, utilities can buy low and sell high with stored energy and enable a clean energy economy."

Student Veteran of the Year Kate Tillotson calls TU home



Speech-pathology major Kate Tillotson has been named the Student Veteran of the Year by the Student Veterans of America. She was recognized at the organization's 2017 conference in Anaheim, California.

Tillotson served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps. She was a field radio operator at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina and completed a nine-month deployment in Iraq. Since arriving at TU's Oxley College of Health Sciences in the fall of 2014, she has rejuvenated TU's Student Veteran Association, serving as chapter president and inspiring fellow veterans to get involved.

With support from other TU student organizations and grants, her leadership has contributed to the SVA's significant progress to connect fellow veterans and develop a closer relationship with civilian students.

KENDALL COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES



Kim Johnson

Alumna Kim Johnson named CEO of Tulsa City-County Library

Kim Johnson (BA '96) was named chief executive officer of the Tulsa City-County Library in November 2016 after 18 years of dedicated service in the 24-site system. She is the first African American to become the library's top administrator.



Wesam Keesh

Theatre alumnus picked for Shondaland TV pilot

Wesam Keesh (BA '09) joins the cast of a legal drama television pilot produced by Shondaland and ABC Studios. Keesh will play a law school graduate launching his career as a public defender.

Keesh's résumé of television, films and other independent projects includes a recurring role on MTV's five seasons of the teenage comedy *Awkward*. He appeared in an episode of *Chicago Justice* and has hosted more than 100 episodes of his podcast, *Actors Anonymous*.

Remembering Yevgeny Yevtushenko

University of Tulsa Distinguished Professor of Literature Yevgeny Yevtushenko died on April 1, 2017. He was 84.

The internationally renowned Russian poet had been a faculty member at TU since 1992. He spent time outside of class teaching and conducting readings of Babi Yar and other works in New York City, the former Soviet Union and around the globe.

"None of us who knew him – and any of the many students he taught over the years – will ever forget the force of nature he was," said Provost Roger Blais. "Zhenya first visited TU for a poetry reading at the request of then-TU President Robert Donaldson, who also was the university's expert on Russia. Soon after, Zhenya accepted an offer to join our English faculty."



Yevgeny Yevtushenko

Despite recent health setbacks, Yevtushenko continued to teach at TU, which recognized him with a Doctor of Fine Arts Honoris Causa in 1993 and as an honorary member of TU's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in 2000.

Communication Hall of Fame welcomes Hinkle

Longtime University of Tulsa adjunct instructor and cofounder of the university's Ad Program William "Bill" Hinkle (BS '69) was inducted into the TU Communication Hall of Fame on Jan. 26.

A 47-year veteran of the advertising business, Hinkle is founder of Hinkle Creative Services and sponsored the Hinkle Creative Center in TU's Oliphant Hall.



Pictured left to right: Steve Turnbo, Dean Kalpana Misra, Bill Hinkle and Mark Brewin

COLLINS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

TU launches master's degree in business analytics

Technology has enabled corporations to adopt sophisticated data collection methods, netting powerful information that can help build a competitive advantage or improve the customer experience. These advancements have created a growing need for professionals who can analyze and interpret large sets of data, commonly referred to as "Big Data," to help guide corporate initiatives. In response to this need, the business college will offer a Master of Science in Business Analytics beginning in the fall of 2017.

The 30-hour program allows full-time students to be completed in as few as 16 months, with evening courses that accommodate the schedules of working professionals. Participants can select elective courses to tailor a discipline-specific emphasis in health care, energy, marketing and consumer behavior, accounting forensics, information systems, finance or operations management.

In addition to courses specifically focused on data science and modeling tools, students complete three weekend-long seminars to develop the computational and software framework they need to manage, analyze and process a variety of data.

"Based on input from the college's
Executive Advisory Board, our faculty
has designed a program that equips
professionals with a skillset currently in
high demand by employers across the
U.S.," said Gale Sullenberger, dean of the
college. "The ability to customize the degree
based on career interests gives students
the opportunity to compete for jobs in a
number of industries."

Applicants should have a four-year degree in business, engineering or science from a regionally accredited university. Those holding baccalaureate degrees outside these areas but possessing significant professional experience in technical or data-analytic job functions will also be considered.

Applications are now being accepted for the fall 2017 semester. More information is available at utulsa.edu/msbana.

Tuition reduced for graduate business students

The college announced a new tuition structure for all business graduate students beginning August 21, 2017. In an effort to curb rising tuition costs across the U.S. and the increased debt load carried by many students, the new tuition rate for graduate business courses at TU will be \$900 per credit hour, which represents a 27 percent decrease. The new rate applies to all current and incoming graduate business students.

"With the recent economic downturn, many companies reduced or eliminated tuition assistance programs that helped make it possible for students to pursue advanced degrees," said Dean Gale Sullenberger. "TU's graduate business programs offer excellent value for professionals who seek to expand their career prospects. We hope this tuition reduction will give more students the opportunity to enhance their skills and experience to meet critical needs in the business landscape without the burden of excess debt."

In addition to the tuition reduction, the college also offers generous scholarships to eligible graduate business students.

Collins College of Business honors outstanding alumni and students

The college honored three alumni and four graduating seniors during its annual Honors and Awards Banquet April 7 at Allen Chapman Student Union. Kala Sharp (BSBA '99), vice president, controller, natural gas at ONEOK Partners, was named the 2017 Outstanding Alumna; and Don P. Quint, Jr. (BA '78), principal and founder of Don P. Quint & Associates, as the 2017 Outstanding Alumnus. Ashley Lewis Jackson (BSBA '08), customer success integration manager at GE Digital, was named the 2017 Fast Track Alumna.

Four graduating seniors received the 2017 David R. Lawson Outstanding Senior award in recognition of their leadership and accomplishments while students at TU: Amanda Calhoun, energy management; Paul Moses, accounting and finance; Claire Thompson, accounting, economics and finance; and Francisco Yanez, finance and management.

Faculty and staff award recipients, Beta Gamma Sigma initiates, honors graduates, certificate of merit recipients and college and department award recipients also were honored.



COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND NATURAL SCIENCES





Don Green

Douglas Yo

Green, York join Hall of Fame

Don W. Green (BS '55) and Douglas W. York (BS '83) were inducted into the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences Hall of Fame on April 20 at Gilcrease Museum.

Green is the Emeritus Distinguished Professor of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering at the University of Kansas. He earned a petroleum engineering undergraduate degree from TU and began his career at Continental Oil Co. before joining the KU faculty in 1964. Green has received many teaching awards and is a past Society of Petroleum Engineers Distinguished Lecturer, an American Institute of Chemical Engineers Fellow and a member of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers.

York is a founder and managing director of Sequel Energy Group LLC and has served in many managerial and executive roles during his tenure in the exploration and production sector. He spent 10 years at St. Mary Land and Exploration Co. York is a past regional engineer for Meridian Oil Co. and began his career at ARCO Oil and Gas Co. He holds a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from TU and previously served on the TU Petroleum Engineering Advisory Board. York currently serves on the board of KLR Energy Acquisition Corp. and the development board of Colorado UpLift.

ENS hosts regional spring student competitions, conferences

Several departments hosted competitions and conferences this spring, welcoming to campus regional university and high school students.

Oklahoma High-Performance Supercomputing Competition: TU hosted more than 40 students from local high schools, community colleges, technical schools and universities as they learned about high-performance computing.

AIChE Mid-America Student Regional Conference: More than 200 students attended the 2017 American Institute of Chemical Engineers Regional Conference hosted by the Russell School of Chemical Engineering. The event included a Chem-E Car competition, campus tours, panels featuring industry professionals, recruitment fair and research contest.

Southwest Regional CCDC: The Tandy School of Computer Science hosted the Southwest Regional Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition. Student teams visited Tulsa to protect computer networks against the same type of real-world cyber threats that infiltrate major retailers, corporations, social networks and financial institutions.

Mustafa Onur returns to TU as petroleum engineering chairman

The McDougall School of Petroleum Engineering welcomed a new chairman. Mustafa Onur (MS '85, PhD '89) is a native of Turkey who attended The University of Tulsa under sponsorship from the Minister of Turkish Higher Education. Following his doctorate from TU, Onur taught at Istanbul Technical University where he served as



Mustafa Onur

department chairman of petroleum and natural gas engineering and vice department chairman of petroleum and natural gas engineering.

"I like the academic environment, teaching and conducting research," Onur said. "I want to maintain TU's position as one of the best petroleum engineering schools in the world and help it reach an even higher ranking."



Sarah and John Graves invest in cybersecurity

Sarah and John (BS '74) Graves are long-time supporters of TU. In 2015, they made a generous commitment to support several multidisciplinary initiatives that develop cybersecurity professionals, drive innovation and inspire research. Two years later, their donation is generating substantial growth and momentum in TU's Tandy School of Computer Science. The couple's personal mission to advance TU's cybersecurity opportunities has created the following endowments and initiatives: the CyberSecurity Fellowship, the TU Cyber Defense Center (TU CDC), the Multidisciplinary Security Initiative, the Cybersecurity Research Project Enhancement Fund, the Cyber Network/Technology Lab Support and Infrastructure Enhancement Fund, the Cybersecurity Research Travel Award and the Cybersecurity Distinguished Lecture Series.

OXLEY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES



Robin Ploeger named Dean

Robin Ploeger has been named dean of TU's Oxley College of Health Sciences. She has been a strong advocate for TU's health initiatives and has served as the college's interim dean since November.

Ploeger was appointed to TU's Athletic Training faculty in 1995 and was named director of the program in 2002. She served in that capacity until 2015, when she was named associate dean of the new college.

She has served the athletic training professional association in various committees associated with athletic training students and accreditation. Ploeger has served as chair of the National Athletic Training Student Committee and mentor to the NATA Athletic Training Students' Committee. She is a site visitor for the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) and served as the chair of the Site Visit Committee from 2014 to 2016. She is currently a member of the Quality Assurance Committee.

Ploeger has been an outstanding supporter of TU's health-related programs and interdisciplinary collaborations across campus.

TU launches nurse practitioner program

The School of Nursing launched a doctor of nursing practice (DNP) degree program and accepted its first class in January. The program is designed to equip nurses with education and clinical experiences to manage care and lead change within a dynamic healthcare environment. TU is one of only three universities in the state to offer a DNP program.

Students can choose from two concentrations: adult-gerontology

acute care (AG-ACNP), which prepares nurses for advanced practice in acute and critical care for patients from adolescence to end of life; and family nurse practitioner (FNP), which focuses on advanced practice in primary care for acute illness and chronic disease. TU is the first university to offer the AG-ACNP and BSN to DNP nurse practitioner programs in Tulsa.

To find out more about the program, visit utulsa.edu/dnp.

Kibler, Clancy named Schweitzer Fellows

Two students from The University of Tulsa Oxley College of Health Sciences have been named Albert Schweitzer Fellows for 2017-18. Mary Clancy and Emily Kibler, both majoring in Speech-Language Pathology, will join 12 other Tulsaarea graduate students to implement service projects that address the root causes of health disparities in underresourced communities while fulfilling their academic responsibilities.

Clancy's project will enable homeless women living in transitional housing at the Lindsey House to gain the skills and confidence to be active in their children's learning and education. Kibler will work with The Parent Child Center of Tulsa to provide both foster parents and parents with children in the foster care system with education and resources that support early prevention and intervention of speech, language and literacy development issues.

The Tulsa Schweitzer program is based at TU and is supported by the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University. The Tulsa chapter is one of 15 U.S.-based sites.



Professors visit Jordan for Qusai Initiative

TU Professors Greg Gardner and Ron Walker spent two weeks in Amman, Jordan, in December 2016 on behalf of the World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy (WFATT). The project was funded by the Office of the Crown Prince of Jordan as part of the Qusai Initiative,

a targeted effort aimed at improving care to Jordanian athletes and at preventing catastrophic injury and/ or death.

During the two-week visit, Gardner and Walker provided a 40hour introductory training course for recent physiotherapy graduates.

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Briggs named Schweitzer Fellow

Leslie Briggs is TU's first law student to be named an Albert Schweitzer Fellow. The program provides a \$2,000 stipend to implement a yearlong project with a community-based organization with a mission of empowering vulnerable people to live healthier lives and create healthier communities. Briggs' project will introduce restorative justice practices for public high school students in Tulsa who have been involved in school-based conflicts. The goal of her project is to lower rates of school suspension, dropouts and incarceration. Briggs, a first-year law student, chose to pursue the field of law to "help people with pressing



Leslie Briggs

problems that seem insurmountable without assistance." Prior to choosing law, Briggs worked for a nonprofit in Tulsa, the Peace Corps in Ethiopia and taught English in Mexico.

100% Bar passage

The University of Tulsa College of Law is pleased to announce that 100 percent of TU Law graduates taking the test for the first time in the Spring of 2017 passed the exam. TU Law is rated as one of the country's best colleges for bar exam preparation by *The National Jurist*. TU Law's bar exam preparation program is conducted in the final semester and addresses the mechanics of taking the bar exam including endurance, discipline and training. This dynamic program prepares students to excel on the test. The college has earned a place in *U.S. News & World Report's Top 100 Law Schools* and is ranked the nation's No. 1 best value private law school by *PreLaw Magazine*.

NBLSA provides for Murdock Village

Student members of TU's National Black Law Students Association chapter dedicated park benches to Tulsa's Murdock Villa as part of a service project to commemorate the organization's 100th monthly birthday party. The monthly party was founded in January 2009 by TU College of Law students and has continued for eight years.

Faculty and staff contributed to the purchase of the commemorative benches that will be used by residents of the affordable rental housing community.

Graduate serves immigrant community

Law alumna Rebekah L. Guthrie-Frisby is serving Tulsa's immigrant community by filing for legal documentation of citizenship. In a Tulsa Business & Legal News article, Guthrie-Frisby said, "Part of my role as an attorney is to control rumors and fears that cause people to panic." She went on to say that many immigrants who postponed legal work because of costs are now petitioning for qualified family members. They are anxious to file documents, and Guthrie-Frisby has hired additional staff to help with the workload.

Law, psychology students help Tulsa County District Court

TU law and psychology students and faculty are collaborating in a community-based research project at Tulsa County District Court.

The research will help a local court understand how victims of domestic violence experience the legal process.

This work is possible through a partnership between law students and faculty at the Community Advocacy Clinic (CAC) and students and faculty from The University of Tulsa Institute for Trauma, Adversity and Injustice and TU Department of Psychology.

Students find link between housing and health

As a part of their work with the Lobeck Taylor Community Advocacy Clinic through The University of Tulsa College of Law, three students have uncovered the link between poor housing and health outcomes in Tulsa. The study, authored by Preston Brasch, Courtney Nelbach and Mike Shouse for Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, has been presented to the Tulsa Mayor's administration.

"The clinic was an opportunity to explore policy work at a very substantial and in-depth level while learning how to represent a client," said Brasch, TU law student and study coauthor. The study estimates that 52 percent of Tulsa renters are currently living in substandard or overcrowded housing. and points out that "substandard homes can expose families to natural gas leaks, lead paint poisoning, pest infestation, poor water, unsanitary conditions, extreme weather and high levels of moisture and mold." The report makes policy recommendations including enforcement of housing ordinances, managing vacant and abandoned homes, conducting home inspections and possible funding options.

GILCREASE MUSEUM

TU and Gilcrease partner to showcase McFarlin Collection war posters

In conjunction with Gilcrease Museum's newest exhibition, *Black Bodies in Propaganda: The Art of the War Poster*, the museum will draw on the extensive collection of

World War I material in McFarlin Library's Special Collections at The University of Tulsa to present *The Power of Posters: Mobilizing the Home Front to Win The Great War.*

This exhibition commemorates the centenary of American entry into the First World War. As tools of mass communication intended to mobilize Americans, the use of posters has never been equaled.

When graphically vibrant images by well-known illustrators were combined with the latest theories on human psychology, these posters had the power to inspire, inform and motivate Americans at home to support the war effort in a multitude of ways.

Many of the fragile posters from McFarlin's Special Collections needed conservation work before they could be displayed. Joanna Didik, Gilcrease's chief conservator, proved invaluable for conserving and extending the life of the posters

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from McFarlin.

Didik's international experience includes work at the National Archives of Ireland in Dublin and the State Archive of Poland in Katowice. In both capacities, she worked with a variety of documents, many on parchment, dating back to the 10th century. However, she also worked with 19th century education records and photographs.

Didik's work to preserve these posters is another example of the success of the TU and Gilcrease partnership. Typically, conservation work like this would be costly, but because of the partnership of the university and the museum, there was no cost associated with the conservation efforts.

See *Black Bodies in Propaganda* and *The Power of Posters* through July 9, 2017 at Gilcrease Museum.

Helmerich Center for American Research scholars present work

This past February marked a turning point for Gilcrease Museum and the Helmerich Center for American Research (HCAR). The first exhibition generated by scholars who conducted research on the museum's collection is now on view at the museum, *Plains Indian Art: Created in Community*.

The exhibition explores the unparalleled talent of certain individuals and the special role of Plains artists in their communities. *Plains Indian Art: Created in Community* highlights Plains art as an expression of cultural tradition and community vibrancy, focusing specifically on generational change in style and function and the innovative techniques used by various artists.

Some of the finest Plains Indians art of the 19th and early 20th centuries can be found in Tulsa. Gilcrease has about 25,000 ethnographic items, many of which reflect the height of Plains cultural and artistic achievement of the 19th century.

The Visiting Scholars Program at the Helmerich Center for American Research hosted a symposium on November 13, 2015, that focused on the study of the Plains Indian ethnographic collection at Gilcrease Museum and the private collection of Jon Stuart. Six scholars made presentations on a variety of topics related to the theme of "Art and Artistry of Plains Indian Communities," focusing on recently conducted research.

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Cocurators of this exhibition were four presenters at the Plains symposium: Gaylord Torrence, MFA, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; Emma Hansen, M.A., Buffalo Bill Historical Center; David Penney, Ph.D., Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian; and Duane King, Ph.D., executive director of HCAR.

The activity at the Helmerich Center demonstrates that Gilcrease Museum in conjunction with TU is building on the museum's legacy of outstanding scholarship.





Tulsa runners get All-America honors

Long distance runners Luke Traynor and Marc Scott captured All-America honors this year in two of the three NCAA sponsored running sports — cross-country, indoor track and outdoor track.

Traynor earned All-America honors in cross-country, while Scott took away All-America honors in two events at the NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships. Traynor led Tulsa to the program's secondbest national finish in school history with an 11th place performance at the 2016 NCAA Cross-Country Championships. He finished in 13th place individually with a 10K time of

Scott scored all of Tulsa's 14 points at the Indoor Track & Field Championships for an overall 13thplace national team finish. Scott placed second in the 5,000-meter with a time of 13:43.83 and finished in third-place for the 3,000-meter run in a time of 7:55.91.

Three times a charm for Tulsa soccer and cross-country teams

In only three years as a member of the American Athletic Conference, both the Tulsa men's cross-country and men's soccer teams have claimed league titles in each of those three seasons.

For cross-country, Tulsa captured its seventh straight conference championship as they blew past the competition with 22 points, outdistancing second-place Tulane, which registered 101 points. Tulsa runners took four of the first five places, as senior Luke Traynor won the individual title by finishing the 8K race in a time of 23:39.9.

The No-2-seeded men's soccer team defeated the No. 1 seed USF with a 4-2 penalty kick shootout, after the first 90 minutes ended in a 1-1 tie. The win gave the Hurricane the American Athletic Conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, Tulsa's 11th NCAA appearance in school history.

Softball Wins AAC Championship

The 2017 season was the 25th year for the Tulsa softball program, and it was only fitting that the Golden Hurricane claimed its sixth regular season conference championship and 11th overall, including five league tournament crowns.

When Tulsa scored a 2-0 shutout on April 30 for a season sweep against East Carolina, it clinched the outright league title for the Hurricane.

Heading into the American Athletic Conference Tournament, Tulsa posted a 37-15 record behind a team that had a .283 batting average and a pitching staff that saw junior Emily Watson post an overall 26-4 record in the regular season. Watson had 307 strikeouts and claimed Conference Pitcher of the Week honors eight times.

Tulsa football team to face nine bowl teams in 2017

Nine bowl participants from 2016, including all six home opponents, fill the Tulsa Golden Hurricane football schedule in 2017, while eight of those teams posted 8+ wins a season ago.

The nine 2016 bowl teams on Tulsa's 2017 slate combined to post a .681 winning percentage with 81 victories between them, while eight of the nine teams finished in the top-3 places of their respective leagues.

"It's obvious with the number of teams that are coming off successful seasons, nine that played in bowls last year, we have an extremely challenging schedule in 2017," said Tulsa Head Coach Philip Montgomery. "Our nonleague schedule will definitely prepare us for another tough conference season."

Call 918-631-GoTU (4688) or go online at TulsaHurricane.com for season tickets. You don't want to miss TU's record-setting offense and opportunistic defense in 2017.

HOME FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 9 LOUISIANA

Sept. 23 NEW MEXICO

Sept. 30 NAVY (Hall of Fame Weekend)

Oct. 14 HOUSTON (Homecoming)

Nov. 3 MEMPHIS

Nov. 25 TEMPLE

AWAY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 OSU (Stillwater)

Sept. 16 Toledo (Toledo)

Oct. 7 Tulane (New Orleans)

Oct. 21 UConn (Storrs, Conn.)

Oct. 27 SMU (Dallas)

Nov. 18 USF (Tampa)



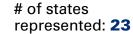
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STUDENT-ATHLETES (2015-16 Academic Year)











of countries represented: 28



of ethnicities represented: 7



of majors represented: 48



Student-Athletes on full scholarship: 169

Student-Athletes on partial scholarship: 163

Student-Athletes on academic scholarships: 171 Student-Athletes not on scholarship or academic

scholarship: 18

of degrees earned: 74

Men's Basketball: 5 Women's Basketball: 4

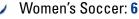


Women's Cross-Country/ Track & Field: 2

Football: 28



Women's Rowing: 13



Softball: 4

Men's Tennis: 2

Nolleyball: 5



of community service hours: 5,822



of days/nights spent traveling: 10-14 days per semester



of academic awards: 269



Conference championships since joining the American Athletic Conference: 11

Year	UCF	Cincinnati	UConn	East Carolina	Houston	Memphis	USF	SMU	Temple	Tulane	Tulsa
2014-15	5	1	4	2	1	1	2	3	0	0	4
2015-16	1	2	4	1	4	0	2	2	0	0	5
2016-17*	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	3	1	0	3
TOTAL	8	3	10	4	7	1	7	8	1	0	12

^{*}Championships awarded as of May 1, 2017

TU Uncorked 2017 set for June 9

The Tulsa Chapter of the TU Alumni Association invites alumni and friends to TU Uncorked on Friday, June 9, 2017 at the Donald W. Reynolds Center. The wine festival will raise funds for the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, which supports need-based students in the Tulsa area. Over the past 12 years, the event has raised more than \$800,000.

This year's Honorary Chairs are Julie and Sanjay (BS '92) Meshri. The event is chaired by Anna (BSBA '02) and Michael (BSBA '00, MBA '03) Krupka. The Event Chairs-elect are Jennifer (BS '01) and John (BCE '01) Laeger.

For tickets or more information, please visit www.TUAlumni. com/uncorked. For sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, contact Leslie Blanchet at leslie-blanchet@utulsa.edu or 918-631-2092.





Pictured left to right: Jennifer and John Laeger, Anna and Michael Krupka and Sanjay and Julie Meshri.

Houston once again named Alumni Chapter of the Year

Houston Alumni Chapter President Thomas Porter (BSBA '14) accepted the TU Alumni Association's 2015-16 Chapter of the Year Award from Alumni Association President Katie Ahrens (BS '01, MSF '02) during Homecoming 2016 for the second consecutive year. The chapter, led by a board of 20 alumni, earned the award by cultivating relationships with alumni in the Houston area through programming that supports the mission of the TU Alumni Association. The chapter hosted events to support athletics, TU admission efforts and to provide community service outreach. Other chapters that qualified for "gold status" included Dallas, Denver, Kansas City, Oklahoma City and Washington, D.C.



Thomas Porter and Katie Ahrens with Alumni Chapter of the Year Award.

TU Day held in April

TU Day is a nationwide effort of Alumni Association chapters and clubs partnering with philanthropic organizations in their communities for a day of service. In April 2017, 11 chapters and clubs gathered to volunteer at local nonprofit organizations.



The Houston Chapter volunteered at Star of Hope, Women and Family Emergency Shelter to package and serve meals.



The Washington, D.C. Chapter joined the Potomac Riverkeeper Network at Jones Point Park to clean up the Potomac River.



The Oklahoma City Chapter gathered to stain benches at the Myriad Botanical Gardens.

Homecoming 2017 dates announced

Join fellow alumni, students, faculty and staff October 12-15, 2017 for a celebration of TU's rich history and reconnect with your alma mater during Homecoming 2017. The Golden Hurricane Football team will take on the University of Houston at H.A. Chapman Stadium on Saturday, October 14.

The festivities will kick off on Thursday with the Distinguished Alumni Celebration, culminating Saturday with the big game versus Houston at a time to be announced. Other TU traditions include the Bonfire and Pep Rally, TU on Tap, the Homecoming Tent Party and numerous reunions. We look forward to welcoming you home!

Emily Reh (BSBA '09, MEB '14) will serve as the Homecoming chair. If you are interested in volunteering on the Homecoming Committee, or if you would like to plan or organize a reunion for your group, contact Amy Dodson in the Office of Alumni Relations at amy-dodson@utulsa.edu.

If you have questions about Homecoming or are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at tualumni@utulsa.edu or call 918-631-2555.

For more information, visit www.TUAlumni.com/Homecoming.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **June 8** Denver Chapter Happy Hour
- **June 9** TU Uncorked Wine Festival
- **June 16** Fort Worth Chapter Happy Hour & Rangers Game
- **June 17** Washington, D.C. Chapter Welcome
- **June 17** Houston Chapter Astros Night
- June 22 Tulsa Chapter Drillers Night
- **June 29** Kansas City Chapter Wine Tasting
- **July 6** Midland Club Welcome Event
- **July 9** Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter Reception
- **July 16** Los Angeles Chapter Welcome Event

For more information and additional events, visit TUAlumni.com.

How to Submit Class Notes

Please share your news with the Alumni Association. To submit your Class Notes or view Class Notes that have been submitted online, visit TUAlumni.com/class-notes. You may also send an email to tualumni@utulsa. edu. Submitted Class Notes may be edited for length, style or content before publication in the *TU Magazine*.

1950s

Charlotte Wilson Heth (BM '59, MS '60) and Dick Risk (BA '63, JD '01) were inducted into the Will Rogers High School Hall of Fame on April 1, 2016.

1960s

Kenneth R. Hall (BS '62) retired from Texas A&M University in 2016 after a 49-year career as a researcher and educator.

Kenneth worked as associate dean for research and graduate studies at the Qatar campus and was instrumental in establishing and growing the branch campus' research program and master's degree program.

Casey Cooper (BSBA '65, JD '67), Sidney Dunagan (BA '65, JD '68), Terry Ragsdale (BPE '84), Richard Carson (BS '88), and Alicia Edwards (BS



Dio Daily (BS '66), **Glen Hatcher** (BS '66) and **Bob Marshak** (BS '66) attended their 50-year reunion at TU Homecoming

'93, JD '07) were named to the 2017 Best Lawyers list. All of these honorees practice at the law firm GableGotwals.

Sidney Dunagan (BA '65, JD '68) was named by Chambers USA to its list of Leaders in their Field. Sidney practices general commercial litigation at GableGotwals in Tulsa.

John Woodard III (BA '65, JD '67) was honored by the Oklahoma Bar Association Class of 2016. John and his son are the second and third lawyers in the Woodard family.

William Dunstan (MA '66) discussed the domestic architecture and fine arts of late eighteenth-century Virginia as he guided visitors through a historic house during Heritage Day 2016, September 10, in Southampton County, Va. William, a visiting scholar at the University of North Carolina, resides in Chapel Hill. He has published the romantic novel The Portrait, a series on ancient history and several books describing his boyhood adventures.

Randy Hoffner (BA '67) is mostly retired and lives in Ashland, Ore. with Ann, his wife of more than 40 years. Randy had a career in broadcasting that began in Los Angeles radio and evolved into advanced television technology at NBC New York. Randy was twice awarded the NBC Engineering/Technical Award; was made a Fellow of the Society of Motion Picture and Television

Engineers; and was awarded the *SMPTE Journal* Certificate of Merit. Randy is a long-time amateur photographer. His photographs are available at www.randy-hoffner.com.

Ed King (BA '68, JD '72), the president of SpectraDigital, just published a patent for a portable and inexpensive scattering light platform to develop a rapid test for HPV 16. These platforms will be installed at the Kimmel Cancer Research Center, Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Judge David Levy (JD '68) retired from teaching at the St. Thomas School of Law in 2016. He started at the law school as an adjunct professor in 1984 with the charter class, and taught there almost continuously until the summer of 2006. He became a full-time member of the administration as director of professionalism in the summer of 2006 and continued teaching two courses each term. Judge Levy will continue to hear cases in the Appellate Courts of the State of Florida as a senior judge.

Sally Bright (BED '69, MA '74) edited and published her mother's memoir, *The Oilman's Daughter*, about her life in early Tulsa.

1970s

Layn Phillips (BS '74, JD '77) led two months of mediation between NFL and its players in an effort to avoid a lengthy and costly series of trials. Layn is a retired federal judge.

Debra Harden Rue (BME '74) retired from teaching high school music education at Western Hills High School in Fort Worth. Debra is the president of the Fort Worth Chapter of the TU Alumni

Janet Shaffer (BED '75) started working at the Asbury Union Learning Center in Tulsa teaching classes to help students pass their GED/HiSet tests.

Association.

Kevin Patrick (JD '78) published his second novel, *Unholy Alliances*, which follows his first novel published last year, *Threatened Waters*. Both novels are in the thriller/suspense genre and available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and select bookstores.

1980s

Rilla Askew (BFA '80) was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa as an alumna member. Rilla is an award-winning novelist of Oklahoma historical fiction.

Angharad Ann Bransford-Young (EdD '82) retired from Oral Roberts University and was awarded the honorary rank of professor emeritus.

Todd Berry (BSBA '83) was named executive director of the American Football Coaches Association. Todd had previously served as head coach of Illinois State, Army and Louisiana-Monroe and was named the Sun Belt Coach of the Year in 2012.

Roberta Preston (BSBA '83, MBA '88) was selected as Oklahoma's 30 Most Admired CEOs by *Journal Record*. Roberta is CEO



Five alumnae were named Tulsa Area Alumnae Panhellenic Women of the Year on April 8, 2016. Honorees included Marcia Young (BED '69) representing Kappa Kappa Gamma, Amy Gerald (BA '99) representing Kappa Alpha Theta, Eleanor Davy Carmack (BA '57) representing Chi Omega, Judy Whitehead Vogle (BS '69) representing Delta Delta Delta and Melissa Hamby (MA '05) representing Alpha Delta Pi.

of Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma.

Terry Ragsdale (BPE '84) was named vice president of firm growth at GableGotwals in Tulsa. He was also named by Chambers USA to its list of Leaders in their Field. Terry practices energy and natural resources law.

Cynthia Bast (BA '87, MBA '88) has been selected by the Travis County
Women Lawyers' Association and Foundation as the 2016 recipient of the Corporate/Transactional Attorney
Award. Cynthia is nationally recognized as a preeminent lawyer in the area of affordable housing and community development finance. She is a partner for Locke Lord LLP in Austin.

Wade Williams (BFA '87) stars as Silas Bullen, a scheming, conniving, morally bankrupt man, on PBS's Civil War production, *Mercy Street*.

Brian Reese (MS '89) was named athletic director at Lander University. Brian previously served as executive director of athletics at Presbyterian College.

1990s

Kristi Nelson (BA '92) became a partner at the Gair Law Group, which will now be known as Gair Eberhard Nelson Dedinas Ltd.

Howie Magner (BA '93) is now editor and publications manager for the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. Howie previously spent nine years as an editor and writer at *Milwaukee Magazine*.



Mary Jo McCleary Speaker (BS '83) and John Speaker (BS '83) celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary in 2016 with a bike trip to the Dalmatian Islands in Croatia.

Chris Thrutchley (JD '93) was named as Oklahoma's AAA Employment Arbitrator by the American Arbitration Association (AAA). Chris is also a shareholder with Tulsa law firm GableGotwals.

Rita George-Tvrtković (BA '94) and Azam
Nizamuddin (JD '96)
gave presentations at a local
Chicago mosque which was
attended by the Archbishop
of Chicago, Blasé Cupich.
The presentations were on
the topic, "What can ordinary Christians and Muslims
do to fight Islamophobia?"

Daniel Munley (JD '94) achieved recertification as a civil trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. Daniel is a trial lawyer with focused experience in personal injury litigation.



Skip Kreymborg (BHP '90) represented Team USA at the ITU World Aquathlon Championships in Chicago in September 2015. The world championship race consisted of a 750-meter swim and a 5k run. Following the USA Triathlon Aquathlon National Championships in October 2015, Skip qualified to return to the World Championships in Cozumel, Mexico. This is his 30th year of racing triathlons.

Christine Cassell
Parillon (BSBA '94) published her first book titled
Miracles Multiplied Divine
Deliverance. Christine was
born in the Commonwealth
of Dominica and now resides
in the United Kingdom.

Matthew Ryan Bishop (BA '95) and Wendy Howerton were married on February 26, 2016.

John Richer (BA '95) was promoted to full partner at Hall Estill Attorneys at Law.

Jeff Gaffen (BA '97) is now an ACT Test Prep Camp instructor for Continuing Education at Northeastern State University – Broken Arrow. Jeff also teaches developmental math classes at Tulsa Community College as he enters his 20th year of math education.

Chris Leftwich (BS '97) and his wife, Alex, welcomed twins in 2014. Chris was also named chief operating officer of Copperhead Environmental Consulting.

Chris Siegle (JD '97) returned from a one-year deployment as deputy director of operations for Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa. In that role, he coordinated increased capacity for African partners and efforts to neutralize violent extremist organizations in East Africa. Chris is a Navy Reserve Captain and is an executive director of JPMorgan Private Bank in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Mark Eichelman (JD '98) retired from active duty in the Army JAG Corps after

a final assignment serving as the chief of the Tort Claims Division of the Army Claims Service at Fort Meade, Maryland. He and his wife, Paige Nickols Eichelman (BSPE '92), have settled in Portland, Ore., where Mark

(BSPE '92), have settled in Portland, Ore., where Mark is now the deputy district counsel for the Portland District of the Army Corps of Engineers.

Matthew Sandgren (BA '98, JD '02) was promoted to the position of chief of staff to Sen. Orrin G. Hatch (R-Utah). Prior to this appointment, Matt served as senior counsel to Senator Hatch on the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

Jeremy Dorsett (BA '99), executive vice president of Parkway Properties in Orlando, started an employee match program to benefit victims of the 2016 Pulse Nightclub shooting. Jeremy is a member of the University of Texas School of Law Alumni Association Executive Committee.

Michael Frazier (BA '99) became the only institutional book conservator in Nevada. Michael works in the UNLV Special Collections office preserving and conserving books and collections in the library.

Kala Sharp (BSBA '99) became the Go Red for Women chair for the American Heart Association and a board member for TU Friends of Finance. Kala is a CPA and works as vice president, controller for the natural gas division of ONEOK.

2000s

Michael McMillin (BSBA '00) was named partner of Munson & McMillin in Edmond, Okla. Michael is the father of five children, including five-year-old triplets.

Da'mond Robinson- Gadson (BA '00) became a member of the Arizona Board of Contractors and the Arizona Board of Realtors.

Da'mond is also a motivational speaker for high schools and churches.

Amy Stutzman (BSBA '01, MIA '02) was named Professional of the Year by the Tulsa Chapter of Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance. Amy is a director of complex financial reporting at Opportune, an international energy consulting firm.

Andrew Habiger (BSBA '02) became the director of finance for the NORDAM repair division. Andrew assists the Community Action Project with free tax return preparation for low-income families.

Miranda Ruleford (BS '02) celebrated her second year after opening her own dentistry practice in Okmulgee, Okla.

Laura Hyde (BFA '03) won the design award at the 2016 Oklahoma Book Awards for her involvement in *Making Friends Was My Business*, a story of premium beers of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma beer industry.

Jason Parker (BSBA '03, JD '12) became the athletic director for Sapulpa Public Schools. Jason was a professional basketball player in Italy, Russia, Greece and Austin.



Antwane Owens (BSBA '96) and Katrina Rock were married in Cancun, Mexico, on April 15, 2016.



Justin Hathaway (BA '94) booked TU football player Dane Evans (BEX '16) on the New England Sports Network's Radio Row during the Super Bowl LI where Dane talked about the upcoming draft. Justin and his family reside in the Boston area where he is a senior manager, digital and editor in chief at NESN.



Kendra Marrs Emmich (BA '05) and Kenneth Emmich, Jr. welcomed their first child, Gretchen Lucille, on February 18, 2016. The Emmichs live in Jersey City, N.J.



Monte Hawkins (BA '99) rejoined the National Security Council at the White House where he is the senior director for transborder security. This is Monte's second tour at the White House having previously served under Presidents Bush and Obama from 2008 to 2011.



Dave Perry (BCE '90) and Georgi Maule Finch were married in San Francisco in January 2016. The couple celebrated their wedding in Costa Rica with 15 TU alumni including Pete Avery (BSBA '92), Patrick Miller (BSBA '91), Craig Munson (BSBA '90, MTX '95), Ritchie Deffenbaugh (BSBA '90), Robert Knapp (BSBA '90, MBA '95), Matt Powell (BSBA '90), Tim Donnelly (BSBA '89), Greg Magness (BSBA '86), Liz Fowler Miller (BS '91), Katherine Squires Munson (BA '90), Diane Dykhouse Knapp (BSN '90), Stacey Smith Powell (BSN '90), Bryan Jaynes (BSBA '90), Jeananne McKenzie Magness (BSBA '90), David Ledbetter (BSBA '90) and former student Melanie Avery.



Alex Pezold (BSBA '00, MS '03), Jerald Dawkins (MS '03, PHD '05) and Jeffrey Rudd (BSBA '01) of TokenEx received the top honor of the 2016 Metro 50 Awards as the fastest-growing company in Oklahoma. TokenEx provides tokenization and data vaulting solutions.

Carrie Richardson Fry

(BCE '03) partnered with Pottery Barn and Pottery Barn Kids in Durham, N.C. to serve as their first local pop-up vendor. Carrie is the owner and artist of cr2f where she creates and sells personalized art prints.

Jason Scott (BCE '03) was promoted to process engineering supervisor at Holly Frontier in Tulsa. Jason is a Sergeant First Class in the Army and will compete for Drill Sergeant of the Year.

Jamie Bell (BA '04) was featured in *US Weekly* for her involvement with Weight Watchers and how she lost over 100 pounds. Jamie is a Zumba instructor and mother of three children.

Sean Foster (BFA '04, BA '04) became the principal and president of Central Catholic High School in Bloomington, Ill. Sean and his wife, Lauren, have three children.

James Kelley (BBA '04) became the executive vice president and partner at

The Rowland Group. James also serves on the board of OK Ethics and Rebuilding Together Tulsa.

Janet Rehberg (BEE '04) competed in the Mrs. Ohio and Mrs. Captivating pageants. Janet works as marketing director at Ohio's Electric Cooperatives in Columbus.

Stephen Cluck (BFA '05) began working for Spexton Jewelers designing rings and assisting customers in selecting or designing customized jewelry. Steve, owner of Louis & Cluck, is known for creating the "I Heart Tulsa" and "Don't Hate the 918" product lines.

Christina Bishop
Jackson (BCE '05, PhD
'10) was named an Emerging
Leader for the Society of
Women Engineers. Christina
is an adjunct faculty member at the TU College of
Engineering and Natural
Sciences.

Joshua Childs (BA '06) earned his PhD degree in Learning Sciences and

Policy from the University of Pittsburgh in August 2015. He is now an assistant professor of Education Policy and Planning at the University of Texas at Austin.

Lacey Leifeste (BEX '06) received a master of theology degree from Dallas Theological Seminary in May 2015. She was also published in the *DTS* magazine with an article titled "Hungry Appetites and Holy Affections" in October 2015. Lacey works as a groups minister at The Village Church in Dallas.

Jesse Lotay (JD '06) was elected a partner in the firm of Jackson Walker LLP in San Antonio. Jesse is a transactional lawyer with focused experience in energy transactions and energy financing.

Calvin Moniz (BSBA '06, MBA '08, JD '15) was elected chairman of the City of Tulsa HUD Community Development Committee. Calvin represents Tulsa City Council District 4.

Anthony Barber (BEE '07, MSE '11) started working for Flight Safety in Broken Arrow designing and building flight simulators.



Kendal Rader (MS '14) and Michael McMahon were married on July 30, 2016 at First Baptist Church in Tulsa. Kendal is the daughter of former head football coach, **Dave Rader** (BMG '80). The couple will reside in Tulsa where Kendal works as a speech-language pathologist at the Little Light House, and Michael is an associate minister to students at First Baptist Church.



Stephanie Lipscomb Madsen (BSBA '06) and Michael Madsen welcomed Henry James Madsen on May 5, 2016. Henry joined the world weighing in at 8 pounds 1 ounce, 21 inches long Henry joins big brother Benjamin in their family of four.



John Pettifer (BSBA '06) and Abby Alberts Pettifer (BA '06) welcomed their first child, Henry Quinton, on October 2, 2015. John is president of the Oklahoma City Chapter of the TU Alumni Association.



Ashley Lewis Jackson (BSBA '08) and her husband, DaMon, welcomed daughter, Riley Faith, on May 5, 2016. The Jackson family resides in Houston.



Maria Cervantes Tipton (BS '01, JD '06) and her husband, Jerade Tipton, welcomed their second son, Gabriel, in the fall of 2015, making Samuel a big brother. Jerade is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, and Maria is taking time off from practicing law to stay home with Samuel and Gabriel until Jerade retires from the military. They currently live in Colorado Springs.



Doriean Stevenson (BA '07) and Mike O'Heney were married on November 12, 2016 in California. TU alumni in attendance were **Chris Aragon** (BA '08), **Jenna Thompson Parsons** (BA '07), **Mike Thomas** (BS '07, BA '07) and **Monica Rhodes** (BA '06).



Derek Speck (JMB '10) and **Jennifer Collins** (JD '12) were married in New Orleans on October 31, 2015. After the wedding, they celebrated with a second line parade through the streets of New Orleans. TU alumni in the wedding party were **Sabah Khalaf** (JD '10), **Paul Meyers** (JD '11), **Ashlyn Dow** (JD '12) and **Elaine Dunlap** (JD '13).

the Tulsa Association of

Gregory Oliphant (MEM

'07) became chairman of the

board for Ceja Corporation.

Gregory is also the vice

Petroleum Landmen.

Kieran Barrows (BEE '07, MSE '11) became a board member at The Center for Individuals with Physical Challenges and was the 2016 chair of The Center's annual Polo Match fundraiser. Kieran is a certified professional diving instructor.

Lauren Abbott Daming

(BA '07) was selected as a FOCUS St. Louis Emerging Leader and joined the Little Bit Foundation Young Professionals Board.

Michael DeShazer (BCE '07, MEB '15) is the manager of the Exploration Technology Group at Cimarex Energy. Michael is an at-large member of the Board of Directors of the TU Alumni Association.

Andy Matson (BSBA '07) was named one of Tulsa's New Leaders by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Andy is an elder at First Presbyterian Church and serves on the board of directors for

president and treasurer of the Cuesta Foundation.

Monica Rodriguez (BA '08, BEP '08) became an operations supervisor at Chevron in Salt Lake City, Utah. Monica serves on the leadership committee of the Society of Women Engineers.

Joshua Solberg (JD '08) has been elected a share-holder of Oklahoma's largest law firm, McAfee & Taft. As a TU student, Joshua was named to the Order of the Curule Chair and now is a practicing trial lawyer specializing in labor and employment law.

Christina Clayton
Frederick (BA '09) became
an at-large member of the
Houston Chapter of the
TU Alumni Association.
Christina is the owner of a
luxury wedding and event
planning company, Christina

Leigh Events in Houston.

Angela Martindale (BSN '09) became a doctoral candidate in dissertation specializing in nursing education at Oklahoma City University. Angela is the Region 3 president of Oklahoma Nurses Association and past-president of the TU Student Nursing Association.

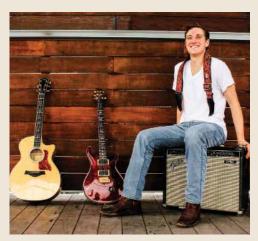
Sarah Van Zandt (BA '09) was awarded Owasso Seventh Grade Center's Teacher of the Year award. Sarah is in her eighth year of teaching art and received Summa Cum Laude honors from TU.

2010s

Amy Brown (BA '10) was named to the *Tulsa World* '2017 People to Watch' list. Amy is a current TU Law student and was named Mayor Bynum's deputy chief of staff.



Amber Kirchman (BA '13) and Josh Jefferies (BA '12) were married in Tulsa on September 17, 2016. Alumni present were Jocelyn Pipkin (BA '13), Boone Reynolds (BSBA '14), Tom Carrington (BPE '12), Georgia Brooks (BFA '12), Ben Augsburger (BIL '11), Leslie Newell (BA '11), Ricky Greer (BA '11), Shawn Oleson (BA '13, BIL '13), Adrian Frasca (former student), Rianne Capparella (BA '12), Hannah Johnson (BS '14), Bradford Johnson (BMG '11) and Jacob Spraggins (BMG '12).



Ryan Torregrossa (BSBA '12) released his first solo album in 2016. More information can be found at ryantorregrossa.com.



Lindsey Crane (BSB '11) and Philip Looper were married on March 5, 2016 at Sharp Chapel on TU's campus. Alumni in the wedding party included Rosie Frihart (BA '11), BethAnn Harper (BA '11), Jennifer Eng (BPE '11) and Kristen Weidner (BMG '11).



Joseph Richard (BSBA '12) and Christa Sanders (BSBA '12) were married on June 27, 2015 in Tulsa at Philbrook Museum. Alumni in the wedding party included Danielle Adamson (BSBA '12), Nnenne Agbai (BA '11), Tim Peete (BSBA '14), Colter Morgan (BPE '12) and Kodi Maduka (BPE '13).



Anna Roberts (BSBA '14) and Michael Fitzgerald (BSBA '13) were married on September 3, 2016 in Little Rock, Ark., at Christ the King Catholic Church. Alumni in the wedding party were Erin Wilson (BSBA '14), Maggie Turek (BA '14), Bryan Horton (BPE '14), Matt Kniowski (BSBA '13) and Tommy Richardson (BSBA '11). The couple resides in Houston where Anna works for Phillips 66 and Michael works for ConocoPhillips.



Caroline Kohlhagen (BA '14, BS '14) married Nicholas Wood (BSBA '12, MBA '13) on December 5, 2015 in St. Louis, Mo., at the Jewel Box in Forest Park. The wedding party included Olivia Coye (BA '14), Keston Cook (BEX '16), Mary Behm (BSN '15), Alex McDonald (BMG '14), Amanda Neph (BS '14), Ashley Bavuso (BSBA '16), Justin Moore (BA '16), Rebekah Hall (BEX '12), Jack Wood (current student) and Hunter Allen (BEX '15).



Laura Grosz (BSAT '15) married Timothy Ramseyer on May 30, 2015 in Enid, Okla. The couple attended the Christian Immersion Spanish Academy in Costa Rica for their honeymoon. Alumni in the wedding party were **Erin Alexander** (BSP '15), **Janey Dunn** (BSN '15) and **Emily Dunn** (BEX '15). Laura is attending the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center to receive her physical therapy doctorate, and Timothy is attending medical school at the same location.

John is currently working toward his doc-

University of Oklahoma.

torate in Educational Leadership from the

Stephen Place (BA '14) became an orga-

nizational liaison to the INCOG Bicycle

Advisory Committee and works as pro-

Chase McBride (BSBA '10) returned to Tulsa after accepting an associate attorney position at Riggs, Abney, Neal, Turpen, Orbison, and Lewis. Chase is a founding member of the Eastern Oklahoma County Rotaract.

Rebecca Pollet (BS '11) received her PhD degree in Biochemistry in July 2016 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Rebecca currently works as a postdoctoral fellow in the Chemistry Department at UNC.

Russell Arnold (MBA '13) became a member of the TU Energy Management Advisory Council and sits as a member of the Finance Committee at Asbury United Methodist Church. Russell is a manager of distribution for ONEOK and is also a TU recruiter for ONEOK.

Sara Lewis (BS '13) completed the DaVita Leadership program and received the DaVita Shining Star Award. Sara is the president of the Denver Chapter of the TU Alumni Association.

DeVon Douglass (JD '14) was named to the *Tulsa World* '2017 People to Watch' list. DeVon was also named Tulsa's first chief resilience officer by Mayor Bynum.

Katie McGouran Lepine (BSBA '14) and **John Lepine** (BA '13) celebrated the birth of their first child, John Jr.

grams coordinator at Tulsa Hub. Stephen serves on the Steering Committee for the TU Rider Network.

Thomas Porter (BSBA '14) advises TU's Energy Management program and helps recruit TU graduates to ConocoPhillips, where he is an associate landsman. He is the president of the Houston Chapter of the TU Alumni Association.

Layton Charum (BSBA '14) joined UBS Financial Services as a financial advisor. Layton is a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity Gamma Upsilon chapter.

Cody Deweese (BCE '16) completed the Ironman Boulder 140.6-mile triathlon. Cody is pursuing a Masters of Legal Studies in Oil, Gas, and Energy Law at the University of Oklahoma.

Austin Evans (BSC '16, BSB '16) joined Heilen Heavy Metal Treatment as chief technology officer. Heilen Heavy Metal Treatment was created around a patented technology that Austin developed as a TU student.

Sage Martin (BA '16) received the Helen Farabee Memorial Endowed Presidential Scholarship to attend the Masters of Social Work program at the University of Texas at Austin. Sage also received an internship with ATCIC Integral Care Unit at Dove Springs in Austin.



TU alumni gathered in Tulsa for a mini-reunion and to celebrate recent graduates. Alumni attending included Karissa Ziegler (BA '15), Pat Fox (BA '15), Taylor McMaster (BEX '15), Erin Hansen (BS '15), J.J. Cody (BA '15), Maggie Cunningham (BME '16), Emily Smith (BSBA '16), Mackenzie Smith (BPE '16), Alex Bissmeyer (BCS '15), Tommy McKone (BMG '15), Matt Neyer (BCE '16), Patrick Harle (BCE '16), Stephen Kleinheider (BCS '15, MS '16), Mason Morgan (BSBA '16), Ethan Rex (BA '16), Matt Wideman (BCS '15, MS '16), Dexter Ellexson (BPE '16), Jon Henke (BS '14), Carl Meziere (BSBA '14), Cale Rohwer (BMG '16), Chris Bissmeyer (BMG '15) and Ashley Bradley (BSP '15).

In Memoriam

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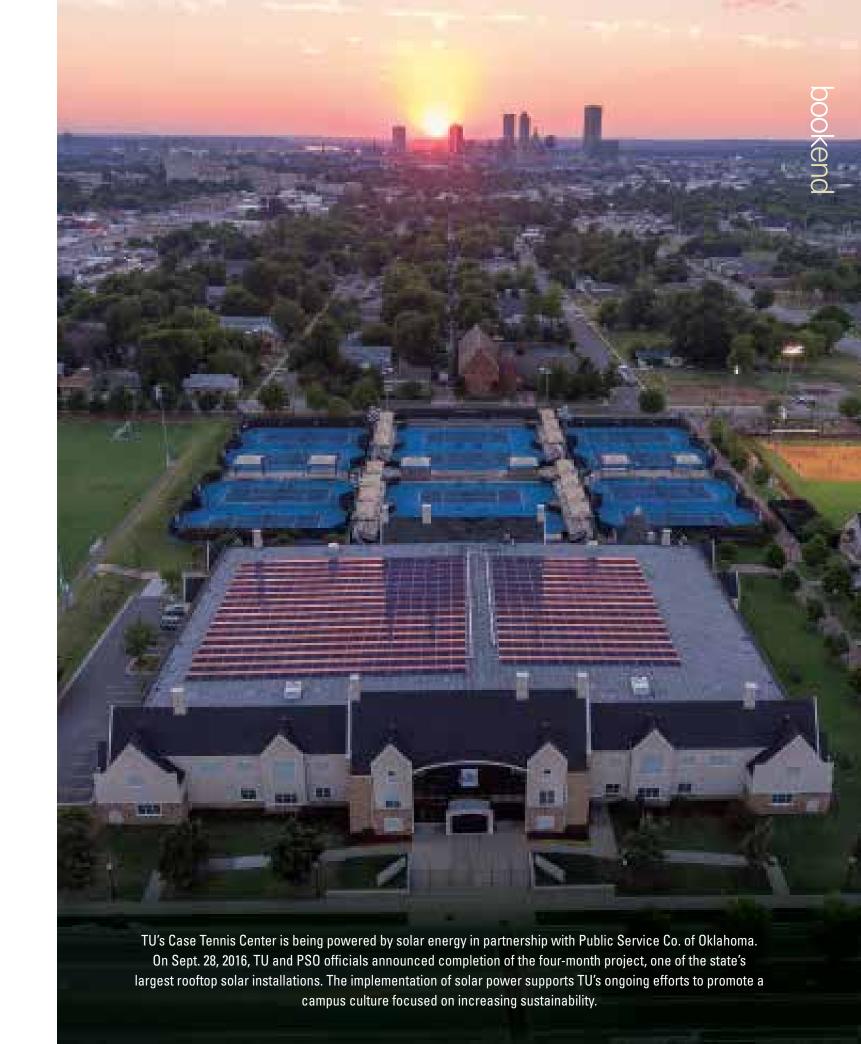
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