

## 150 Years of TCU

### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



**PAT MILLER**

In the not-too-distant future TCU will celebrate 150 years of educating young men and women. No doubt this is quite an accomplishment. During that time many institutions of higher education have come and gone. For fifteen decades TCU will have worked to educate and graduate students, support faculty and build a community of inquiry. These are not easy accomplishments, and the road has not always been smooth. Many many dedicated persons contributed to the success seen today on the Frog campus. When the day seemed dark, when the wheels seemed ready to fall off the bus, special individuals stepped up to save the University. And always, many people (students, staff, faculty, administration and board) have been inspired to build a great University.

We will celebrate 150 years! It is important to place the University's current successes in a historical context. Plans are being explored now to create a recognition of the 150 year milestone. Committees and task forces are being formed. Retirees are already included in these plans.

I suggest TCURA should contribute to these efforts. I suggest we devote a short time at our May luncheon to discussion of possibilities. Let us give thought to ways both the university as a whole and TCURA can celebrate 150 years of Texas Christian University. Agenda item for May 17.

### A NOTE FROM TCU HUMAN RESOURCES

The previously advertised, highly anticipated transition of dental and vision coverage from TCU plans to options with ViaBenefits has begun. You have plenty of time to review your options at [my.viabenefits.com/tcu](https://my.viabenefits.com/tcu). The transition continues to May 31. Do you prefer to talk to a Benefits Advisor? You can reach out to ViaBenefits at 1-888-429-8490. Robin Scruton is also available at TCU to answer questions you may have.

**SAVE THE DATE:  
TUESDAY, MARCH 15**

**HAYS BANQUET HALL  
NEELEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

#### 10:00 AM

Learn about options and strategies for long-term care with Karen Cone of Brookdale Senior Living.

#### 11:30 AM

Enjoy the TCURA luncheon with speaker Sonny Dykes, new TCU head football coach. Sack lunches are available for \$15. Please RSVP to Linda Moore, [l.moore@tcu.edu](mailto:l.moore@tcu.edu) or 817.924.5330.

#### PARKING

Parking is available in the Visitor Lot on Lubbock Avenue across from Hays Hall.

## FORT WORTH MEDICAL STUDENT ELECTED TO AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION STUDENT BOARD

BY PRESCOTTE STOKES III



*Anand Singh, first-year medical student at TCU School of Medicine will serve as Co-Advocacy Chair of AMA-MSS Region 3, which includes Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas.*

The American Medical Association-Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS) Region 3 executive board recently elected Anand Singh, a first-year medical student at TCU

School of Medicine to serve as the Co-Advocacy Chair.

The AMA-MSS Region 3 includes medical schools in Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas.

“My job is to learn about what different health care policies are being passed in these different states,” Singh said. “And spread that news and raise awareness among medical students because as we all know these policies impact everyone from students to physicians and patients.”

Singh will oversee the Region 3 advocacy committee and lead advocacy initiatives to engage region chapters.

He will also work with the Advocacy Subcommittee of the Committee on Legislation and Advocacy (COLA) to help our region engage with events like National Advocacy Week (NAW) and the Medical Student Advocacy Conference

(MAC). He will also support the Membership Chair and Secretary in reaching out to local chapters to highlight advocacy endeavors and provide advocacy updates in AMA-MSS Region 3 monthly newsletters.

“Policy writing is very niche and not every physician has to do that but the way this connects with the medical school is how they teach us to be an advocate for your patients,” Singh said. “And growing that idea on a larger scale its advocating for your population. Not only talking to physicians you’re talking to legislative members, congress members and kind of impact a larger audience that’s a really great opportunity as future physicians.”

The Medical Student Section (MSS) aims to be a voice for medical students’ across the AMA to help improve medical education and advocating for the future of medicine.

## *In Memoriam*

**Dr. Gilbert Davis**  
Director of Church Relations  
January 17

**Samuel Bogart**  
TCU Extended Education  
January 31





## PHOTOS FROM JANUARY LUNCHEON



1. Library specialist Kerri Menchaca presented the February luncheon program on TCU's permanent art collection.



2. TCU's 1500-piece permanent art collection includes works by these artists.
3. The TCU art collection includes textiles as well as prints, paintings and portraits, among others.

### TCURA MISSION STATEMENT

The TCU Retirees Association exists to provide opportunities for fellowship, to promote lifelong learning, to advocate for fair benefits, to recognize the accomplishments of its members, and to strengthen the relationship between the retirees and the University.

## 'DEAR TCU' LETTERS SHOW PURPLE LOVE

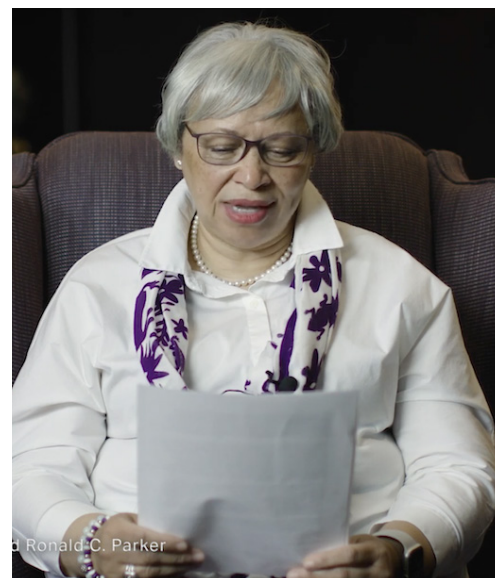
BY TCU NEWS

Since the community launch of Lead On: A Campaign for TCU over two years ago, students, alumni, faculty, staff and other admirers have been writing love letters detailing the powerful impact the university has had on their lives, some of which are shared in this **Love Letters to TCU video - [CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)**.

Lead On is the most ambitious fundraising effort in the university's history, designed to further strengthen TCU's academic profile and reputation, endowment, campus culture and workforce, with the ultimate goal of \$1 billion in philanthropic investment. Reaching

a campaign milestone, the total now stands at \$770 million from more than 50,000 donors. To date, almost \$525 million of the \$750 million goal for people and programs has been raised and \$245 million of the \$250 million goal for facilities. The TCU community looks forward to celebrating the successful completion of this transformative campaign along with the university's sesquicentennial in 2023.

Intertwined with campaign gifts is an outpouring of Horned Frog love. **[CLICK HERE TO READ the sweet sentiments and share your own love letter to TCU](#)**.



*Paula Parker '77*

## THE ETHOS OF RICH ENOS

BY NANCY MADSEN



**RICH ENOS**

When Rich Enos delivered his "Last Lecture" upon the occasion of his retirement from TCU in 2019, he quoted former football coach Leo Holtz, who said the two best days of a person's life are the day they are born and the day they learn why they were born. Rich said he learned he was born to be a

husband, father and professor and was fortunate to realize all three.

Rich and his late wife, Jane Helppie, were married 40 years and their six children are the result of their wish to have both birth and adopted children. Rich said he and Jane were very active in promoting adoption in general as well as Black Adoption Services when they lived in

Pittsburgh. Their three youngest children accompanied them when they came to TCU; two graduated from TCU and one from Rice.

Rich began his 46-year career as a professor at The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, then at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. He came to TCU in 1995 as the fourth Lillian Radford Chair in Rhetoric and Composition, the oldest chair of its kind in the country. He received the Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Achievement as a Creative Teacher and Scholar in 2008 and was named a Piper Professor for the State of Texas in 2009. He received the Rhetoric Society of America Cheryl Geisler Mentorship Award in 2018.

Born and raised in Oakland, California, Rich grew up in an Italian neighborhood where his grandparents immigrated from northern Italy in the early 20th century.

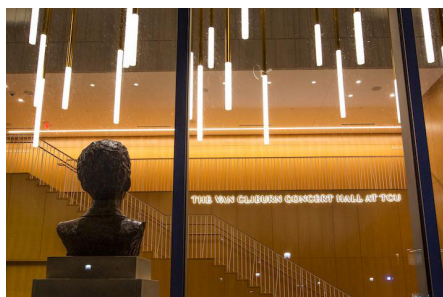
"My father was Portuguese," he said, "and his family came to America from the Azores. He was a welder

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## HEADLINES OF INTEREST

KEY TCU NEWS TO KEEP YOU INFORMED



### CAMPUS PREPARES TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF VAN CLIBURN CONCERT HALL AT TCU

TCU's School of Music will officially open its state-of-the-art Van Cliburn Concert Hall at TCU in April. The concert hall is part of the new \$53 million TCU Music Center that provides more than 7,500 square feet of rehearsal space and learning resources for TCU's band, orchestra and percussion programs and will further open TCU's doors to fine arts audiences.

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### NURSING STUDENTS CREATING MASS IMMUNIZATION TOOLKIT TO SHARE TCU'S VACCINATION EXPERTISE

When TCU successfully mobilized COVID-19 vaccination clinics last year, organizers drew from over a decade of mass immunization experience in the Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences. For their Doctor of Nursing Practice project, Chau Andersen and Minakshi Bansal, both graduate students in the DNP program and Family Nurse Practitioner program, are taking the initiative a step further by developing an evidence-based mass immunization toolkit to share TCU's expertise with other universities.

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### JASON SAFRAN TALKS TCU INVESTMENT STRATEGY WITH CIO MAGAZINE

Jason Safran '01, chief investment officer, recently described his new appointment at TCU his "dream opportunity." Safran was recently featured by CIO Magazine, a publication that informs and networks the world's largest asset owners and the people who advise them. "Especially when it's your alma mater, there's just that satisfaction of investing for the students," he said. "A strong, healthy endowment helps us better support our students, people and programs and helps make TCU more accessible to the next generation of Horned Frogs."

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### SPRING 2022 TCU MAGAZINE IS NOW LIVE

The national College Advising Corps is the gold standard for making strides toward equity in access to higher education. Launched in 2011, TCU's chapter now serves over 40,000 high school students across Tarrant County, helping first-generation and underrepresented students create a path to college or another promising postsecondary plan. The cover story in the latest issue of TCU Magazine turns the spotlight on Horned Frog advisers past and present, illuminating the profound impact they have. "These people are changing student lives, family trajectories, communities and thus the world," said Caroline Collier, editor. "All the advisers are recent TCU graduates. I'm excited we are able to shine a spotlight on how they are providing possibility and that little bit of encouragement people sometimes need to completely transform their lives and reach unbelievable levels of success."

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## THE ETHOS OF RICH ENOS

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and my mother, although an honors student in high school, had to work to help support the family during the Depression. I was the first of my family to graduate from college.”

Raised in a “strict Roman Catholic family,” Rich attended Catholic schools through high school and considered entering the

priesthood. His wish, however, was to marry and have a family.

Rich said that TCU holds a special place in his heart because “TCU truly cares about the well-being of each student and strongly believes in the teacher-scholar model for its professors.”

In his “Last Lecture,” Rich expressed his philosophy of teaching and what he had learned from his years of being a professor: “Never

give up on a student. Teaching is no dog and pony show; it’s a relationship of trust and mutual respect built over time.”

“TCU is one of the outstanding universities in America,” he said, “but we have never forgotten how we got here. We have made our roots the core of our identity because we put our students first. We should always appreciate the past that has given us this present.”



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