Texas National Guard 4th Regiment
January 14, 2012

The Texas National Guard 4th Regiment came to Tarleton in January for a weekend of training, team building and a simulated disaster exercise with other emergency response organizations. The president was out of town that weekend, but Mrs. Dottavio and Dr. Richardson, VP for Institutional Advancement hosted the Guard leadership team for a reception at the Trogdon House. Those in attendance included State Representatives Sid Miller, Phil King, Daniel Flynn and Allen Fletcher.

Community Outreach Luncheon
January 18, 2012

First Baptist Stephenville sponsors the one of the largest faith based organization on the Tarleton Campus. Its members are actively involved in the university, participating in events such as freshman move in day, and relay for life. President Dottavio hosted a private luncheon to welcome the church’s new pastor, Ben Macklin, to the community. Those attending the private luncheon included Scott Allen, Tarleton Foundation Vice President and his wife Jenny.

Alumni Engagement Luncheon
February 2, 2012

Dr. Mike Jones is a Tarleton alumnus and veterinarian from Glen Rose, Texas. He was running in the primary for Texas House District 59 and came to Tarleton to learn about agricultural programs and to discuss critical legislative issues facing the university. The president hosted Mr. Jones for a luncheon. Attending the luncheon were the president’s senior staff and Dr. Don Cawthorn, Dean of the College of Agriculture.
Tarleton Piano Festival Dinner  
February 3, 2012

Each year the Tarleton Department of Music sponsors a piano festival in which piano majors are able to attend master classes and workshops with world renowned artists. This year the university was privileged to have Cecile Licad, the internationally acclaimed Filipina virtuoso classical pianist. Dr. Lisette Dottavio invited some of Stephenville’s leading ladies to dinner at the Trogdon House followed by Ms Licad’s concert at the Clyde Wells Fine Arts Center.

Congressman Mike Conaway Reception & Dinner  
February 10, 2012

Representative Conaway has been a member of the US Congress since 2005, serving on the House Agricultural Committee, General Farm Commodities Subcommittee and Livestock Subcommittee. He currently represents 36 counties in Texas. Because of redistricting, Stephenville is now part of his district. He came to Tarleton to learn about the university and its importance to the community. President Dottavio hosted a reception and dinner with system representatives, university leaders and community leaders to provide an opportunity for the Congressman to meet his newest constituents. Representative Sid Miller attended the event.
During February, President and Mrs. Dottavio hosted three private dinners and one luncheon to thank individuals who have contributed their talent, time and treasure to the university.

Mr & Mrs. Brad Allen  
February 13, 2012

Brad and Nancy Allen are both Tarleton graduates and long time supporters of the university. They established the J. Brad and Nancy Gage Allen Endowed Scholarship benefitting students who show strong academic excellence. Nancy has served as president of the Tarleton Foundation. They are members of the John Tarleton Society.

Dr. Nathan Cedars & Richard Denning  
February 20, 2012

Dr. Nathan Cedars is a founding member of Stephenville’s free medical clinic at Project Hope, Helping Other People Effectively. He is a strong advocate for providing medical care to the underprivileged and has been a long time supporter of Tarleton through the establishment of the Dr. Marie M. Cedars Memorial Holocaust Lecture Series, the Dr. Nathan Cedars Endowed Scholarship, and numerous donations to the Departments of Social Sciences and Fine Arts and Communications. He is a member of the John Tarleton Society.

Gary & Betty Kee, John & Georgie Greene  
February 21, 2012

Gary & Betty Kee, and John & Georgie Greene are residents of Morgan Mill. Neither couple attended Tarleton; however they have become very involved with the university through the Texan Club, Ultra Club and support of KTRL. They frequently attend fine arts programs and athletic events. John Green currently serves on the Tarleton Foundation Board of Directors. Both the Kees and Greens are members of the John Tarleton Society.
In November 2011, President Dottavio announced a $6 million gift from Mrs. W.K. Gordon Jr. and the W.K. Gordon Jr. Foundation, the largest single donation to the university in Tarleton’s 112-year history. The gift includes $1 million for general scholarships and $5 million for continued funding of the W.K. Gordon Center for the Industrial History of Texas, a Tarleton facility that combines historical research, a museum and special collections library. The center, on Interstate 20 in the ghost town of Thurber, is named after Mrs. Gordon’s father-in-law, William Knox Gordon, an engineer, businessman and central figure in Thurber’s history.

Mrs. Gordon was unable to attend the November ceremony recognizing the gift. However, the president was able to personally thank her for her generosity at a private luncheon at the Trogdon House.

The president hosted Cathy Smock and Dick Dinan from the TAMU System Office to a luncheon at the Trogdon House with members of the executive cabinet. The purpose of the luncheon was to continue discussions regarding financial management services and effective use of resources.

President and Mrs. Dottavio had students over for an informal dinner of pizza and ice cream sandwiches. The purpose of the dinner was to give students an opportunity to get acquainted with each other and members of Tarleton’s staff. Dr. Steve Simpson and his wife Ramona attended the dinner.

The president hosted Kurt Mogonye, Alyson Chapman, Kari Lewis and Justin Carrell, staff members from Marketing and Communications to thank them for their help with the President’s presentation at the Chancellor’s Century Council.
SGA Dinner  
March 7, 2012

Each semester the president hosts a dinner for the Student Government Association and members of his administration. It is an opportunity to learn what SGA accomplished over the semester, to hear their objectives for the future and to discuss relevant issues with the administration. There were over 24 in attendance.

Professional Development  
March 23, 2012

Mr. Cosper is the Director of Development at Scott and White Healthcare. Prior to accepting his position at Scott & White Memorial Hospital, Mr. Cosper was foundation manager for the Metroplex Health System Foundation in Killeen, Texas, and associate director and assistant vice president for university advancement for the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas. He was visiting with President Dottavio and Dr. Rick Richardson to discuss professional development opportunities for the Office of Institutional Advancement.

Community Engagement  
March 28, 2012

Mr. Charles Lohrmann, Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of the Texas Highways Magazine lunched with President Dottavio and Janice Horak, Assistant VP of Marketing and Communications at the Trogdon House to discuss partnership opportunities with the university. Mr. Lohrmann has family ties to Tarleton and the Stephenville community. His father was the library director at Tarleton and his mother served as mayor of Stephenville in the 1990s.
Sigma Delta Pi Induction
March 29, 2012

Five students were inducted into the Spanish Honor Society at the Trogdon House. The president welcomed the students and their guests to the Trogdon House and congratulated them on their academic achievement.

University Leadership Forum
April 2, 2012

The University Forum brings outstanding business professionals to campus to share real world experiences, practices and possibilities with Tarleton students through lecture, question & answer sessions and one-on-one time. In April, Dr. Nancy Grace Roman, Chief of NASA’s Astronomy and Relativity Programs (Retired), Consulting Astronomer to NASA and a senior scientist for the Astronomical Data Center at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center and Mr. Larry Dunham, Systems Engineering Manager for Hubble Space Telescope participated in the forum. President Dottavio hosted them for a dinner to thank them for their participation in the program.

University Leadership Forum
April 4, 2012

James F. Dicke II, chairman and CEO of Crown Equipment Corporation and former chairman of the Smithsonian Museum of Art’s board of commissioners rounded out the University Leadership Forum with a series of lectures and discussions on business and the arts. President Dottavio invited Jewel Kilcher and Charles & Dominique Inge to join Mr. Dicke for dinner at the Trogdon House that evening. The Plowboys happened to be walking past the Trogdon House and stopped in for a picture.
Faculty Senate Luncheon  
April 9, 2012

President Dottavio and officers of the Faculty Senate enjoyed a working lunch at the Trogdon House to discuss current legislative initiatives and their impact on the university.

Senator Craig Estes Campus Visit  
April 9, 2012

Senator Craig Estes from Wichita Falls visited the Tarleton State University campus because Stephenville became part of his district with the new redistricting. Senator Estes is the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs as well as Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources. He was very interested in learning about programs at the University and how to best represent his newest constituents. President Dottavio hosted a dinner with College Deans and Administrators to give them an opportunity to discuss important issues with the Senator.

College of Liberal Fine Arts Faculty Mixer  
April 11, 2012

The faculty from the College of Fine Arts enjoyed a late afternoon get-together at the Trogdon House with the president. The purpose of the event was to build camaraderie within the department and to recognize their outstanding contributions to the Tarleton student experience. Over seventy faculty and staff attended the event.

Administrative Staff Luncheon  
April 18, 2012

President and Mrs. Dottavio hosted the Susie Fagan and Tauna Bertsch for a private luncheon at the Trogdon House to thank them for their outstanding service to the president’s office. Also attending was the president’s chief of staff Dr Kyle McGregor and his wife Jennifer.
Alumni Engagement  
April 19, 2012

The president invited Mr. Ben Barnes back to campus to see the tremendous changes taking place at Tarleton and to encourage his involvement with the university. Mr. Barnes is a graduate of Tarleton, former Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives and Lieutenant Governor of Texas. He had a full day of activities including the opportunity to lecture and hold discussions with political science majors, meeting with faculty and staff, touring the campus and attending a community reception in his honor. The day's activities ended with a dinner at the Trogdon House. Attending the dinner were long time friends and Stephenville citizens, Bobby & Deanna Glasgow, Don & Nikki Beth Jones, and Perry & Meldeen Elliot.

Tour  
April 21, 2012

Ladies from the International Lions Club were in Stephenville to visit Texas historical sites. Mrs. Dottavio met with the ladies to give them a tour of the Trogdon House and talk with them about the history of the university as well as the president's home.

Texas Rangers Luncheon  
April 26

The Texas Ranger Law Enforcement Association provides scholarships to Tarleton students. The president invited the members of the Association’s Board of Director’s to the Trogdon House for a luncheon to express his personal thanks for their continued support.

Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society Induction  
April 26, 2012

Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society, held its 2011 induction at the Trogdon House. The purpose of the organization is to recognize “undergraduates, graduates and scholars in academia as well as professional writers who have recognized accomplishments in linguistic or literary realms of the English language.” Eight students and one faculty member were inducted.
Impromptu Student Visit  
April 29, 2012

Three freshman students asked the president for the opportunity to visit the Trogdon House. The president and Rusty Jergins, VP for Student Life met with the students for two hours to talk about their Tarleton experience.

Student Dinner  
April 30

President and Mrs. Dottavio again hosted a small group of 12 students in their home for a casual dinner.

Athletic Hall of Fame Reception  
May 5

The President held a reception for the 2012 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and their families. Mike A. Myers (football, track), Mike Myers (football), Sherman Perry (basketball), James Dearth (football), and Monica Garza (softball) were immortalized for their achievements while competing as a student-athlete at Tarleton State University. The 1600-meter relay team of Jeff Smith, Spivey Thomas, Pat Jones and Tom Green were also recognized for their accomplishments in track and field.
Honorary Doctorate Luncheon
May 12, 2012

Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long, longtime friends and supporters of Tarleton, received honorary doctor of humane letters degrees during the university’s commencement ceremonies May 12. Joe R. Long attended what was then John Tarleton Agricultural College from 1947-49, when it was a two-year school. Over the years, the Longs have given generously to Tarleton for scholarships and an endowed chair in the social sciences. About 75 Tarleton students a year receive scholarships as a result of their giving. President and Mrs. Dottavio hosted a luncheon for Mr. Long (Mrs. Long was unable to attend) following the commencement. Board of Regents President Dr. Richard Box and his wife Anne attended the graduation and luncheon.

CFO Candidate Luncheon
May 21, 2012

The president met privately with the VP of Finance & Administration candidate over lunch at the Trogdon House.

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Trogdon House Events 2012

Donor Stewardship and Cultivation Luncheon
June 5, 2012

The president hosted Paul Paine, President of Ft. Worth South, Inc., a non-profit development company dedicated to the revitalization of the near Southside of Fort Worth, Lonnie Goolsby, a Ft. Worth businessman and members of the Tarleton Foundation for a campus tour and update on the Ft. Worth Campus. The Ft. Worth Campus is the largest and fastest growing off-campus site with 43 undergraduate, graduate and certification programs.

Partnership Development
June 7, 2012

Jim Herbert CEO, Chairman of the Board of Neogen Corporation and members of his leadership team were on the Tarleton campus to visit the Southwest Dairy and to learn about AgriLife Research at Tarleton. The president hosted a luncheon with the Neogen visitors and members if the College of Agriculture to discuss how to develop a relationship between institutions and to explore research partnerships at Dairy.

Midlothian Economic Development Luncheon
June 25, 2012

Members of the MEDC were on campus for a tour and luncheon at the Trogdon House. They came because Tarleton is a strategic partner in the new Midlothian Higher Education Center. The center will serve as a multi-institutional teaching center consisting of Tarleton, Navarro College, Texas A&M University-Commerce and the University of North Texas—Dallas. The four institutions have collaborated to provide upper-level and graduate courses on Navarro College’s Midlothian campus.
Appreciation Lunch for Finance & Administration
July 11, 2012

During the year, the president makes a point of recognizing staff for their dedication to Tarleton. This summer the Department of Finance and Administration went through a major transition with the retirement of Vice President Jerry Graham. Dr. Cynthia Carter is serving as interim Vice President for 3 months. President Dottavio hosted Dr. Carter and her staff at two luncheons to thank them not only for their past performance but also for their continued service and remarkable efforts making a seamless transition to new leadership.

Appreciation Lunch for Finance & Administration
July 12, 2012

The second luncheon for Finance & Administration fell on “Purple Thursday”

Foundation Board Dinner
July 18, 2012

President and Mrs. Dottavio hosted the Tarleton Foundation Board for a barbecue dinner at the Trogdon House. The Tarleton State University Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization established to provide financial assistance to Tarleton State University primarily from earnings on endowed funds, gifts, or property. The Foundation acts independently of the University and the Texas A&M University System solely for the benefit of Tarleton State University.
Community Outreach  
**July 19, 2012**

FMC Technologies, Inc. (NYSE:FTI) is a leading global provider of technology solutions for the energy industry. Named by FORTUNE Magazine as the World's Most Admired Oil and Gas Equipment, Service Company in 2012, the Company has approximately 16,100 employees and operates 27 production facilities in 16 countries. The Stephenville facility is a major employer for our community and many of their employees are Tarleton graduates. The president hosted Fernando Camuzzi, Operations Manager for FMC Technologies, Inc, for dinner at the Trogdon House. Attending the dinner were Dr. Adolfo Benevides, Dean of the College of Business and Dr. George Mollick, faculty member from the Department of Engineering Technology.

Community Outreach  
**July 20, 2012**

John B and Metta Collier are long-time, active members of the Stephenville Community. Metta is a founding member of Keep Stephenville Beautiful, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving our community through charitable, educational, and programming initiatives that address beautification, litter prevention and community improvement. Recently Tarleton’s landscape crew was recognized by Keep Stephenville Beautiful for their exemplary care of the university’s grounds. The President and Mrs. Dottavio hosted John and Metta for a private dinner at the Trogdon House to talk about community relationships and to thank them for their commitment to improving the quality of life in Stephenville.

Bailey Family Luncheon  
**July 27, 2012**

Brandon Bailey was a junior at Tarleton State University majoring in finance. He was tragically killed in a fireworks accident at his home in Newcastle on July 4th. The Tarleton family held a memorial service for Brandon on the campus followed by a private luncheon for his family with the President.
Community Engagement Luncheon  
August 6, 2012

The president hosted a luncheon for several area ranchers who were concerned about environmental issues related to dairies located in Erath County. The president used this as an opportunity to continue a dialog on the importance of implementing best practices that will minimize pollution and maintain the environmental quality of area lakes and streams. Those in attendance included Dr. Rick Richardson, Dwain Mayfield, Perry Elliott, and Ernest Cannon.

Institutional Advancement Appreciation  
August 8, 2012

Events at the Trogdon House would not be possible without the assistance of Institutional Advancement. Personnel in the Department of Marketing and Communications put in many hours coordinating every aspect of each event including logistics, menu planning, and photography. The president invited this remarkably dedicated group to an informal pizza party at the Trogdon House to thank them for their efforts and to recognize their wonderful talent.

Breakfast with Mr. & Mrs. Ty Minckler  
August 11, 2012

Tye V. Minckler assumed his duties as Tarleton’s new vice president for finance and administration/chief financial officer on Aug. 6. President Dottavio welcomed Mr. Minckler, his wife Catherine and his parents to the campus with a breakfast before the Summer Commencement Ceremonies. Also attending were vice president for student life, Rusty Jergins and his wife Deslys.

Alumni Engagement  
August 11, 2012

Glenn and Christy West are 1975 graduates of Tarleton. Glen recently wrote to the president’s office to ask how he might get involved with the university. He is a partner in a major New York law firm and holds bar licenses from several states, as well as from England and Wales. The president hosted the Wests for a dinner at the Trogdon House to talk about Glenn’s recent speaking engagements at Texas Tech and how he might reconnect with his alma mater. Attending the dinner was Kelli Styron acting dean of the College of Liberal and Fine Arts and Dr. Jill Burk, dean of the College of Education.
Dwain & Carolyn Bruner Luncheon  
August 15, 2012

Local businessman, Dwain Bruner, celebrated 50 continuous years of partnership with Chevrolet on August 2, 2012. He and his wife, Carolyn, were honored at a community event that day for their character, generosity and Christian example as well as their business successes and long history in the auto business. The Bruners are members of the John Tarleton Society, and recipients of the 2006 Tarleton Alumni Distinguished Friends Award. They established the Dwain and Carolyn Bruner Endowed Scholarship Fund and support the university’s fine arts, athletic and rodeo programs. Since 1969, the Bruners have also employed many Tarleton students in their business. President and Mrs. Dottavio hosted a luncheon for the Bruners to recognize their outstanding service to the University and the Stephenville community.

General Assembly Reception  
August 30, 2012

At the beginning of each academic year, Tarleton faculty and staff are invited to attend the General Assembly where the president provides comments on the state of the university and plans for the year ahead. This year the entire faculty and staff were invited to the Trogdon House for a reception prior to the General Assembly. After the reception they were led into the Clyde Wells Fine Arts Center by Tarleton’s drum line to hear the president’s comments.
Student Publication Reception  
September 6, 2012

The J-Tac publication has been and continues to be a source of information that is relevant to the student population and the campus community. Over its 93 year history the publication has adapted to changing times as is evident to its move toward digital content last year. The president hosted the J-TAC staff and Tarleton administrators to a reception at the Trogdon House to encourage open communication with university administrators and the student journalists. During the reception, Mrs. Dottavio gave the students a tour of the Trogdon House and emphasized the historic significance of the home to Tarleton.

New Faculty Staff Reception  
September 13, 2012

New faculty and staff were treated to a little Cajun cuisine and atmosphere at this year’s reception to welcome new members of the Tarleton administration, staff and faculty. Students from the Department of Fine Arts – Theater transformed the entrance to the Trogdon House into a whimsical Louisiana Marsh. Over 130 people attended including 70 new members of the Tarleton family, Department Heads, Deans and University Administration.
Luncheon with Val Wilkie  
September 14, 2012

Val Wilkie is the former Executive Director of the Sid Richardson Foundation. He visited the Tarleton campus to get an update on various Tarleton programs that are supported by the Foundation. The president hosted a luncheon for Mr. Wilkie at the Trogdon House.

Tarrant County College Luncheon  
September 17, 2012

On June 12, 2012 Tarleton signed an agreement with Tarrant County College. This agreement eases the transition for students from the community college to Tarleton and helps to facilitate the transfer of coursework for the completion of a bachelor’s degree. In September, the five TCC Presidents visited the Tarleton campus to discuss faculty innovation and student support initiatives, and to describe programs that represent current partnerships with TCC. President Dottavio hosted the TCC delegation to a luncheon at the Trogdon House.

Student Dinner  
September 17, 2012

President & Mrs. Dottavio hosted 14 students for an informal dinner at the Trogdon House. The purpose of the dinner was to connect new students with upper classmen and community organizations.

Sodexo Luncheon  
September 21, 2012

The president hosted a luncheon for Mr. Jim Fjilstul, Regional Vice President of Sodexo Campus Services to discuss the partnership with Sodexo. The president’s executive staff, assistant vice presidents and directors from Student Affairs and Sodexo managers were also in attendance. This was a working lunch designed to address ways to align Sodexo’s resources and capabilities with the strategic goals and critical business needs of Tarleton.
George MeHaffy Visit  
October 4, 2012

George Mehaffy serves as the Vice President for Academic Leadership and Change at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). His division is responsible for a number of special programs and projects for AASCU presidents and chief academic officers in the areas of leadership and organizational change in higher education, focusing on issues such as technology, teacher education, international education, and civic engagement. The president invited Mr. Mehaffy to Tarleton to meet with faculty and staff to discuss trends in higher education. After a full day of meetings and group discussions, the president hosted a dinner for Mr. Mehaffy and selected members of Tarleton’s faculty and staff.

President’s Circle Reception & Piano Festival  
October 5, 2012

The President’s Circle was created in 2010 to provide a source of unrestricted funds to support a wide variety of programs at Tarleton. Since its inception President Circle contributions have provided funding for scholarships and internships, as well as selected programs for individual colleges. Each semester the president invites members of President’s Circle (individuals who have donated a minimum $1,000) and scholarship recipients to a reception at the Trogdon House and a special campus event. This October members of the President’s Circle join the President and Mrs. Dottavio at a performance by Lauren and Mark Puckett. The Pucketts have performed two-piano and four-hand programs together for more than a decade, and currently serve on the faculty of Hardin-Simmons University's music department.
Purple Poo Luncheon
October 8, 2012

It is a long standing tradition for a member of the Purple Poo to present a purple pig to the president at graduation when the Poo receives his or her diploma. In August, one creative Poo handed the president a ham instead of the traditional decorated ceramic pig. The president invited members of the Poo and their advisor to a ham sandwich luncheon at the Trogdon House. To insure Poo anonymity, the sliced ham and sandwich fixings were delivered to the Trogdon House before the Poo arrived. No pictures were taken and the president was the only outsider who attended the luncheon.

Roger Williams Visit
October 9, 2012

Roger Williams was recently elected to represent the newly created U.S. Representative District 25 which includes Stephenville. In October, Mr. Williams was in Stephenville to meet with business leaders, educators and others to learn about the community. He spent over two hours on campus meeting with the president, touring the campus, and visiting with the college deans and selected faculty. Before leaving the campus, the president hosted a reception for campus and community leaders to meet with Mr. Williams and learn of his vision for the newly formed district.

Campus Celebration
October 10, 2012

Tarleton celebrated its record, 10,000 students enrollment with speeches, T-shirts, music and dancing as hundreds of faculty, staff and students gathered on the lawn of the Trogdon House. The event featured the Sound and the Fury Marching Band, the Texan Stars dance team and, of course, an appearance by the Purple Poo.
Trogdon House Events 2012

Silver Bugle Hunt
October 15, 2012

Homecoming begins on Monday evening with the Silver Bugle Hunt. Students from a wide variety of campus organizations form teams to compete in a traditions contest that takes them all over the campus to search out clues which will lead them to the coveted Silver Bugle. The hunt begins and ends at the Trogdon House. This year team P.A.N.K.U.S broke Kappa Delta Rho’s 14 year history of winning the Silver Bugle.

Tarleton Distinguished Alumni Chapter Luncheon
October 20, 2012

Each year the Tarleton Alumni Association honors alumni who have received significant recognition through career, community service and leadership positions. This exceptional group of individuals meets each year during Homecoming to reminisce about their time at the university, to connect with faculty and staff, and often to look for ways they can contribute to the university and its mission. The president hosted the Distinguished Alumni Chapter for a luncheon at the Trogdon House.

Pre-Game Reception with TAA and TSU Foundation Board
October 20, 2012

Several hundred alumni were on campus this year to celebrate Homecoming. This included not only alumni, but also members of the Tarleton Foundation. The president took advantage of this unique opportunity to bring the Alumni Association and Foundation members together for a pre-game reception at the Trogdon House and later in the President’s Box at the football game.
Ben Hogan Foundation Luncheon
October 25, 2012

Robert Stennett is Executive Director of the Ben Hogan Foundation. He was on Tarleton’s Campus to explore the possibility of providing a scholarship to Tarleton students who have either served in the military or whose parents have served in the military. Before joining President Dottavio and Vice President Rick Richardson for lunch at the Trodgon House, Mr. Stennett spent time visiting the Military Veteran’s Service Center, speaking with the Service Center Director James Vardalis, as well as meeting with Coach Doyle and the ladies golf team.

Senator Craig Estes/SGA Dinner
October 26, 2012

Senator Estes was on campus to meet with the president and his staff to discuss Legislative Appropriations. He also attended a reception at the Tarleton Welcome Center with the Executive Cabinet, selected Assistant Vice Presidents and Academic Deans. When the senator was on campus in the summer he asked for the opportunity to meet with students. The president hosted a dinner for the senator, Student Government Executives and the Office of Student Affairs at the Trogdon House to give the students and the senator an opportunity to discuss issues of common concern.

SGA Presidential Dinner
November 6, 2012

The fall semester Student Government Association once again proved to be an excellent opportunity for students and university administrators to exchange ideas and share their different perspectives on relevant issues. On this occasion the students asked that the discussions focus on the increased enrollment at Tarleton and what would be the optimum size for the university to still maintain its unique character, traditions and focus on quality education and student experience.
Military Appreciation Pre-Game Reception
November 10, 2012

Tarleton State University has been named a “Military Friendly School” by *G.I. Jobs* magazine for several years. The annual list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America’s service members and veterans as students. In November the university honored our country’s veterans with a special halftime show at the home football game honoring local divisions and our ROTC cadets. The president hosted a pregame reception for local veterans. Joining him were Mike Scott, CEO of the Granbury Chamber of Commerce and his wife, Sally.

Lamar & Marilyn Johanson Dinner
November 12, 2012

Former Tarleton professor Dr. Lamar Johanson and his wife, Marilynn Timberlake Johanson, have made a life estate gift, estimated to be in excess of $5 million, for the benefit of Tarleton State University. The gift includes nearly 1,700 acres of farm and ranch land, with mineral rights, in San Saba and Mills counties. Terms of the agreement allow a portion of the property to be used as an academic laboratory to support Tarleton research, academic programs, and other university functions, while another portion will provide much needed scholarships and create a maintenance endowment. The president hosted the Johansons and some of their closest friends at a dinner to celebrate the announcement of this remarkable gift.

Beverly Gifford Luncheon
November 15, 2012

Morris and Beverly Gifford, owners of Gifford TV and Electronics, have created an endowed scholarship to benefit student-athletes who graduated from a high school in Erath, Comanche, Eastland or Hamilton Counties. Over the years, the Giffords have been loyal Tarleton supporters through the President's Circle and Texan Club. Their five children, spouses and grandchildren, have been active in the family business and community as well. The president hosted a private luncheon with the Mr. & Mrs. Gifford to thank them for their generosity.
Dean’s Circle Reception  
November 16, 2012

For three years members of the Dean’s Circle have been a valuable resource to Tarleton’s five College Deans – providing a unique perspective on the educational needs of various professions. Each year the members are invited to campus to spend an entire day meeting with students, faculty and staff to learn about and discuss programs and research opportunities at the university. The president hosted the Dean’s Circle for a reception at the Trogdon House to thank them for their generous donation of time, talent and treasure to the university. The president asked Dr. Benavides to talk about recent activities in the College of Business.

Student Dinner  
November 19, 2012

The president and Mrs. Dottavio hosted fifteen students for a home cooked meal at the Trogdon House.

Student Regent Visit  
November 26, 2012

Governor Rick Perry appointed John “Quinten” D. Womack of Mission, TX to serve as the Texas A&M System Student Regent in May 2012. Mr Womack is a junior at Texas A&M University-Kingsville pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting. He was visiting the Tarleton Campus to learn about its programs and meet with students, faculty and staff. The president hosted a luncheon for the Student Regent and the president’s executive cabinet at the Trogdon House.
Trogdon House Events 2012

Tarleton Ambassador Dinner
November 27, 2012

The Tarleton Ambassadors Organization was established in 1992 as a vital link between Alumni and current students at Tarleton. Their role has changed considerably over the past several years. These students now serve at a variety of university functions welcoming guests, providing logistical support, sponsoring the Silver Bugle Hunt, giving personalized campus tours etc. They often assist at Trogdon House events. President & Mrs. Dottavio hosted the ambassadors at a dinner to recognize them for capably representing the university.

Pre Concert Reception for Paluxy Children’s Advocacy Center
December 3, 2102

The Symphonic Band and Choir dedicated their holiday concert to CAC and raised over a $500 to support the CAC. A pre-concert reception for CAC Board of Directors and area law enforcement personnel was relocated to the Clyde Wells Fine Art Center because of maintenance issues at the Trogdon House.

Faculty Senate Luncheon
December 6, 2012

Event was relocated to the Executive Dining Hall.

Donor Recognition
December 8, 2012

Steve and Nina Walker recently made a substantial donation to the Texan Stars. For over 25 years the Texan Stars Dance Team has been an integral part of Tarleton State University and one of the most recognized student organizations on campus. The Stars were formed in the spring of 1974, and the precision dance team has had a tradition of excellence and perfection. The president hosted a reception for the Walkers and the dance team to thank them for their support of one of Tarleton’s outstanding student organizations.

Executive Council Dinner
December 16, 2012

The president and Mrs. Dottavio completed the 2012 Trogdon House calendar with a holiday dinner for the Executive Cabinet.