CABINET HIGHLIGHTS
Tarleton’s Executive Cabinet consists of the President, Vice Presidents and Chief of Staff. The group meets weekly to discuss business of the University.

Reflections on the Season
The holiday season is such a wonderful time of year for so many, especially for members of the Tarleton Family. It is a time for celebration of the university’s prosperous growth, commitment to excellence and exciting new vision. It is also a time for thankfulness to those who work so hard to make Tarleton a university home for all of our students. Know that your contributions to Tarleton are what make us truly unique – a university with uncommon spirit and pride.

As the holiday approaches, I wish you the very best and hope you enjoy a much deserved rest, the warmth of family and fulfillment in knowing the work we do for generations of Texans is truly a noble undertaking. May each of you; faculty, staff, alumni, partners and friends find the joy of the holidays in your hearts.

Thank You for Your Commitment to Our Core Values
“The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.”
— Nelson Mandela

I happened across this quote last week and it made me think of the resilient nature of “Team Tarleton” during what many are referring to as the “Iceapocalypse.” While the world continues to mourn the loss of Prime Minister Mandela, his wise words are no more true than here at Tarleton State University. Much effort has been placed on the development of the university’s Core Values in our students and it excites me to see direct examples of these same values in our employees. Expressions of Leadership by our faculty to create innovative solutions to the issues surrounding final exams, while maintaining the Integrity of the academic process were outstanding. The exemplary Service provided by our SSC partners to keep facilities safe; Sodexo to keep students fed; and vital services in the Library, Thompson Student Center and Rec Sports Center were humbling. On the heals of a crippling weather event, the Tradition and Excellence surrounding yet another successful commencement went unfettered. This was the first time in our history we hosted four commencement ceremonies in one day and many worked early to late hosting the family and friends of nearly 900 graduates. Through all of the challenges; our students, faculty and staff maintained a tone of decorum and Civility. While not perfect, we performed well. We have learned from mistakes and set plans in motion to make improvements. Regardless, what is most important is that we continue to be guided by a set of shared values central to what is Tarleton State University. Thanks to each of you for continuing to make us better each day.

A Briefing from the President – Dr. F. Dominic Dottavio,
Tarleton State University

“…may there be exceeding great joy among you, and may your joyous songs truly herald a new world of peace on Earth and good will to all men.”
-E.J. Howell,
11th President – Tarleton State University