

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

Legislative Update

Austin is more active than usual this spring as the 83rd Legislative session gathers momentum. I have had the opportunity to testify, on Tarleton's behalf, to the Senate Finance Committee and will testify next week in front of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education. Tarleton priorities this session include funding for growth in the general revenue formula, financial aid for students, student success initiatives, Tuition Revenue Bonds and support for outreach and academic programs. Higher education will vie for attention from legislators among other top issues such as the Medicaid deferral, public education funding and water resource issues. More to come...

Student Housing

The first phase of the Housing Master Plan is complete and the second phase will be completed by the end of the spring semester. Phase I validated the need for 500-700 beds for fall 2014. Tarleton has partnered with Balfour Beatty Campus Solutions, one of the five privatized developers selected by The Texas A&M University System, to plan, design, finance and construct approximately 500 beds by August 2014.

Tarleton Connection to Super Bowl Commercial

COAES faculty member and livestock judging team coach Jared Jackson shared some very interesting information about the popular Dodge Super Bowl commercial featuring Paul Harvey's prose "God Made a Farmer". It seems that some individuals pictured in the video are the grandfather, uncles, and cousins of Tarleton Livestock Judging Team Kate Murphy from Spring Branch, Texas. Kate's family members featured in the video reside in Hondo, Texas. If you have not had a chance to see the commercial, here is the YouTube link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMpZOTGjbWE>



Enrollment Update

Dr. Karen Murray, Provost, reported on Monday that Tarleton's enrollment is up between 6% and 6.4% for the spring. Final 20th class day enrollment numbers will be in soon.