

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.

### **Construction Updates**

Here are a few construction updates I thought you would appreciate. The expansion of parking on McIlhane Street is happening this week with the demolition of two additional houses. Expansion and reconditioning of the Potishman-Lard Tennis Complex is underway with resurfacing of the existing courts and addition of four additional courts. Also, construction of the Library Commons begins this week. Finally, the Tarleton Center One-Stop-Shop project will get underway next month. Look for more updates online!

### **Pass-The-Hat Campaign**

The Pass-The-Hat Campaign is in full swing. This philanthropic event provides each of us the opportunity to support our favorite state and local charitable organizations, as we work to make a difference in the Cross Timbers and beyond. For more information on the campaign or to learn more about how to give, contact Robin Wells at [wells@tarleton.edu](mailto:wells@tarleton.edu).

### **TAMUS Event On Campus Today**

The Texas A&M University System is sponsoring training on human subjects research today in the Thompson Student Center. Member research compliance officers, institutional compliance officers, human subjects protection compliance staff, IRB chairs and members from all eleven universities, three agencies and the System offices are in attendance. We are excited to play host to the event and I would like to say thank you to our Compliance Officer, Vickie Swam and her administrative assistant Rebecca Wood for making the gathering a success.

### **International Delegation Visits Tarleton**

On Monday I had the opportunity to greet a delegation of individuals representing twenty-three countries as a part of an international leadership program sponsored by the United States Department of State. The purposes of the program are to explore how food is produced in the United States and how to assure the world is fed using sustainable agricultural methods. Many thanks to Dr. Jason Sawyer of the College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences for serving as their Tarleton host while on campus.



### Getting Connected

In an effort to better communicate with the campus community I have jumped headlong into social media. Twitter is the platform that makes the most sense for me and I have enjoyed connecting with students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends. I just hit 1,000 followers and invite you to find me [@tarleton prez](https://twitter.com/tarleton prez) if you are ever on the Twitterverse!