

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.

Thank You!

I want to thank Joe Standridge and the entire SSC team for the exceptional amount of work accomplished over the holiday break. From parking lots and power lines to carpet, paint and tennis courts; the volume of tasks completed was truly exceptional. Thank you all for the diligence and the determination you applied while so many were away from campus. Tarleton’s Stephenville campus has never looked better thanks to your efforts.

A New Semester – Historical Highs Projected

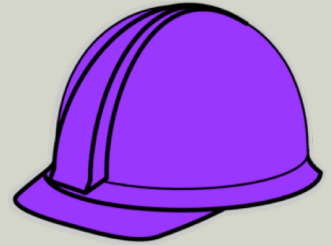
The spring 2014 semester promises to bring many highlights for Tarleton, and growth at each of our campuses is one such highlight that is truly impressive. On Monday, Provost Karen Murray reported projections of a total enrollment increase of 6.06% for all campuses. Sophomore and Junior numbers are up 45.1% and 40.6% respectively in Fort Worth, helping to establish a total enrollment growth of 18.7% for the Southwest Metroplex. Midlothian’s total spring enrollment increased 75.2% over last spring, which puts the campus on track to achieve FY15 goals much earlier than anticipated.

Support “Welcome Back Week”

One of the very creative strategic enrollment initiatives undertaken by the Division of Student Life’s Transitions and Family Relations team is *Welcome Back Week*. Unique photo booths will be stationed around campus next week so students can take “selfies” to tweet while hash tagging their photos to #TarletonWelcomeBackWeek. We have even sponsored a booth in the President’s Office. Other events include an 8pm aerial photo of students taken on the field at Memorial Stadium on Wednesday, January 15th, a t-shirt giveaway and a purple out event at Wisdom Gym on Saturday, January 18th as the Texans and Texanns take on Cameron University.

New Locations, Same Great Service

Many offices across campus have relocated or are in the process of preparing for relocation. Here is an update on just a few. Employee Services is still in Administrative Annex I, but has moved to space formerly occupied by the Academic Support Programs, which is now in the Thompson Student Center 212. Risk Management is moving to Administrative Annex I into the space formerly occupied by Employee Services and the College of Graduate Studies will soon move into Risk Management’s former space in order to maintain proximity to the Tarleton Center One-Stop-Shop. Finally, Institutional Research has moved upstairs in the Tarleton Center in a newly remodeled space. Thanks to everyone impacted by the moves for your flexibility and willingness to sacrifice in order to provide exemplary service to our students and one another.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

You may have noticed new construction fencing between the Howell Education and the Mathematics Buildings. We are kicking-off a multiphase renovation of Doc Blanchard Drive, Military Drive and the Alumni Island. More information can be accessed at:

<http://www.tarleton.edu/renovations/2013-12-18-update.html>