



"Celebrating 127 Years"

## Office of the President

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October 1, 2021

Dear Students, Faculty, Staff, Alumni and Friends of Texas College:

I pray that each of you are well and remaining safe during this continued period of the pandemic. I also pray that you are having a productive year in spite of the many challenges that remain before us.

As we approached this year, we have done so with great precautions inclusive of closing the campus to the public, wearing mask, social distancing, regular handwashing, COVID testing and encouraging students and employees to get vaccinated. With these precautions in place, we have managed to keep incidences of COVID-19 infections extremely low and we want to continue to do that.

Additionally, as we began planning for this year's Homecoming, we continue to do so with precautions. We understand that in the life of a college, Homecoming is generally a "highly spirited" time with the presence of alumni and friends returning to the college for fellowship. And, as we began this year we planned for this to be a part of the Texas College experience and looked for your return. However, because of an increase of the pandemic in our immediate areas, we have found the need to plan Homecoming activities with great precautions.

It is with regret that I share that we are having to modify the 2021 Homecoming because of the pandemic and must move to virtual offerings of many of the Homecoming activities with only the football game being offered as planned. The football game will be held on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium, located at 609 Fair Park Drive in Tyler. Kindly note that all Homecoming activities will be calendared with virtual links and a Homecoming calendar will be posted on the Texas College website for the public's use. I trust that you will understand the need for this change. I also look for your participation and attendance with us at the planned events. You may go to [www.texascollege.edu](http://www.texascollege.edu) for calendared activities.

I wish you well and encourage your safety with getting a vaccination, wearing a mask, social distancing and regularly washing your hands. We appreciate your understanding and continued support of Texas College. Moreover, we look to your celebrating with us in person, when this public health emergency is over. Best wishes and may God bless each of you and your family richly.

Sincerely,

Dwight J. Fennell  
President