Student Affairs

- Opened Founders Hall in the fall of 2013.
- Career Services secured a contract with the Texas Workforce Commission to obtain employment and salary data on WTAMU graduates.
- Career Services facilitated 291 mock interviews conducted by local business professionals.
- The tutor assistance program experienced an average increase of 19.5 percent in the number of students utilizing tutoring and SMARTTHINKING.
- A $1 million gift endowed the LEAD WT program as the Dyke and Terry Rogers Leadership Education and Development Program. LEAD WT graduated its inaugural class of LEAD Scholars on May 8, and a new class of 25 Scholars has been selected for the 2014-2016 Rogers LEAD WT cohort.
- Student Counseling Services and Student Medical Services are partnering with Texas Panhandle Centers to provide comprehensive, integrated health care through a grant-funded initiative worth more than $100,000 each year.
- The New Student Orientation handbook was translated into Spanish and given to all students’ guests at orientation.
- Kids Kollege has been designated as a Rising Star Vendor, the highest rating by Work Force Solutions Child Care Management Services for the 13th consecutive year.
- More than $200,000 worth of new fitness equipment has been installed in the Virgil Henson Activities Center.
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Please join us for a reception immediately following in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center, Legacy Hall Foyer

Academic Affairs

• Online MBA program received ranking recognition of number two in the West and 27th overall by U.S. News & World Report. The Simple Dollar ranked the online MBA program number one in 2014 for affordability combined with national ranking.
• The CIS program officially achieved ABET accreditation in August of 2013.
• WTAMU’s nursing graduates achieved a first-time pass rate of 94.5 percent on the NCLEX licensing examination. WT’s performance in this assessment exceeds the first-time pass rate of Texas Tech, Texas Christian University, Baylor and the University of Texas at Austin.
• WTAMU’s online graduate nursing program is number 41 overall in the 2014 rankings by U.S. News and World Report.
• SES graduate student Jorge Granados was awarded a Texas A&M University Pathways to the Doctorate Fellowship in the Department of Health and Kinesiology at Texas A&M University.
• Faculty in the College of Agriculture, Science and Engineering received two major research grants from the National Science Foundation.
• The Math Lab has been expanded to accommodate increased usage.
• The horse judging and equestrian teams completed another highly successful year.
• The Department of Communication received reaffirmation of its accreditation from the American Communication Association through March 2020.
• The One Sessions production of Zach Wilkerson’s studio concert received 13 Telly Awards.
• The theatre program received accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST).
• Dr. Jean Stuntz has been elected president of H-NET: Humanities and Social Sciences online.
• Graduate students in criminal justice collaborated with the Texas Department of Public Safety to create a social media policy now used statewide by the DPS and are currently developing a social media policy for district judges in the State of Texas and for the newly formed area human trafficking agency.
• The WTAMU Teacher Preparation Program and Graduate Education Programs were admitted to Pre-Candidacy by The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).
• The WTAMU Center for Learning Disabilities—a Center of Excellence—was established.
• Eighty-three percent of College of Education and Social Sciences faculty and staff participated in the I Am WT campaign.
• Alex Montoya won the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to intern in Shanghai, China, in summer 2014.
• Two students won nationally competitive experiences in summer 2014—Sarah Morgeson conducted research at Princeton University and Gabriel Miranda conducted mentored research at the University of Cincinnati.

President’s Office

• In the latest ranking of U.S. News and World Report Master Level Universities and Colleges in the West, WTAMU was ranked 80th which places WTAMU in the first tier. In addition, WTAMU was ranked as one of the top 30 Public Master Level Universities and Colleges in the West and the fifth highest among the Public Masters Level Universities and Colleges in Texas.
• Increase in Enrollment of Veterans
  Fall 2008 enrollment of military service members (active duty/reservists) and veterans numbered 87.
  Spring 2014 enrollment of military service members (active duty/reservists) and veterans numbered 459.
• Undergraduate enrollment at WT has grown 28.2 percent since fall 2003, while the population of the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle—principal service area of WTAMU—grew only 8.1 percent over the same time period.
• For the fifth consecutive year, WTAMU was named one of the 2014 top military-friendly universities by G.I. Jobs magazine, and for the second consecutive year Military Advanced Education Top Military Friendly University.

Research and Compliance

• New research instrumentation in the PDRF Core Lab to support and increase faculty and student research, to include:
  Vario Micro Cube CNS Analyzer—used to quantify total carbon, nitrogen and sulfur concentrations in a variety of organic and inorganic media and both solid and liquid forms; and
  ICP-MS machine (Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometer)—used to quantify trace concentrations (parts per trillion) of metals such as lead, mercury, zinc, chromium, etc. in a variety of solid and liquid media.
• Awarded continuation of the U.S. Department of Education McNair Scholars Program which supports high-achieving and underrepresented undergraduate students in pursuing graduate study and research—$231,448 each year for the next five years for a total of $1,157,240.
• Licensing of the PIVOT Community of Science (COS) external funding opportunities database for university researchers. Pivot combines the most comprehensive, editorially maintained database of funding opportunities worth an estimated $33 billion with our unique database of three million pre-populated scholar profiles, drawing from Community of Scholars and Community of Science profiles.
• Awarded a National Science Foundation Major Research Instrumentation (NSF-MRI) Grant totaling $371,700 for the purchase of a state-of-the-art, 400 MHz solid-state NMR spectrometer. Using technology similar to that used in medical MRIs, this NMR system will allow WTAMU to enhance research programs and teaching in physics, agriculture, chemistry, biology, environmental science and engineering. PIs include Drs. Catherine Clewett, Nick Flynn, Gary Barbee and Erick Butler.
• Commercialization option agreement via the Aggie Venture Fund of Dr. Emily Hunt’s research on antibacterial metallic coatings
• Increased graduate enrollment by 33.94 percent; student credit hours by 37.29 percent; graduate applications up 68.28 percent for fall 2014 as of June 30, 2014.
• Implemented a new Faculty Laboratory Safety Advisory Committee.
• Creation and implementation of the WTAMU Compliance Plan, approved by the TAMUS Board of Regents.
• Awarded National Science Foundation (NSF) Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professorate (AGEP) grant to support WTAMU STEM graduate students in energy and sustainability disciplines. PIs include Drs. Angela Spaulding and Pam Lockwood. $146,700.00.

• The museum, in partnership with High Plains Food Bank, brought in the most food of the holiday season during the annual Christmas Open House.
• Plans are underway for the Petroleum Wing renovation, and $1.2 million has been raised to date.
• Museum memberships have increased by $4,483.85 over the past year.
• Museum admissions have increased by $11,582.72 over the past year.

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Information Technology

- IT launches Microsoft Academy program to help equip students with 21st century skills for success.
- Blackboard Learn pilot launches this fall with 20 courses and more than 700 students.
- Lecture capture is now available in 36 locations across campus.
- The Elucian Student Planning Module, an online program designed to improve four-year graduation rates, will be available to students in the fall.
- Buffprint.wtamu.edu provides students with the ability to print in locations across campus.
- Telecommunications completed the deployment of Cisco Unified Communications and will be launching Cisco Presence, a new way to communicate over web and mobile devices.
- Campus Internet bandwidth has tripled in the past five years and is now more than 500Mbps.
- Web services launches online application system for the graduate school.

Institutional Advancement

- Share Your Pride Campaign
  Total Raised—$48,195,104
  47,522 gifts have been processed since the start of the Share Your Pride campaign.
- Campaign Breakout
  Faculty and Program Support - $18,512,979
  Scholarships - $11,882,700
  Capital Projects - $17,832,011
- Increased Use of Social Media
  More than 15,000 followers on main WT Facebook page
  More than 2,700 on Alumni FB page.
  Almost 1,400 Instagram followers.
  Twitter account has 5,600 followers.
  WT Alumni Association is now a participant of LinkedIn University.
- WT Alumni Association
  Since January 2013, the WT Alumni Association has added 2,152 general members; in 2010, the Alumni Association only had 1,300 members.
  Online distribution of the Alumni Association monthly email newsletter has increased to more than 6,228 individuals.
- Faculty Development Grants
  The WTAMU Foundation awarded more than $20,000 to WT faculty members through the Faculty Grant Program.

PPHM

- The museum served 2,364 WTAMU students through curriculum support.
- The museum served 2,822 WTAMU students through student services.
- The museum’s distance learning program served 4,215 K-12 students.
- 2,700 CISD students visited the museum.
- 16,718 K-12 students were served by the museum during 2013-2014.
- Approximately 35 percent of the museum’s visitors are from outside the Panhandle.

Athletics

- Ranked second out of 283 NCAA Division II athletics programs based on athletic success of 12 teams
- Twelve teams were ranked in the national Top 20 at year end, with six ranked in the Top 10. Five teams made the “Elite Eight” in their respective sports:
  - Softball—claimed first National Championship
  - Women’s Basketball—finished as the National Runner-Up
  - Volleyball—finished as a National Semi-finalist
  - Football—finished as a National Quarterfinalist
  - Equestrian—finished fifth nationally
- Student-athletes achieved the highest cumulative GPA since we have tracked it: 2.96, a 38 percent improvement over the last eight years.
- 57 percent of all student-athletes achieved a 3.0 GPA or better, and 12 teams had a team GPA of 3.0 or better.
- WT student-athletes contributed more than 7,500 hours of service to local charities, schools and campus organizations.
- Three teams finished in the Top 10 in attendance, with softball number two, volleyball number four and football number eight.
- Renee Erwin, Buff softball, and Dustin Vaughan, Buff football, were named LSC Female and Male Athletes of the Year.

Business and Finance

Business area

- Developed a new Guaranteed Tuition and Fee structure resulting in 33 separate tuition and fee schedules based on students’ residency, classification, major program and completed semester credit hours.
- Received a favorable audit rating for the Title IX audit which was the first and only such audit conducted by the Texas A&M University System.
- Developed and implemented an Electronic Personnel Action system which replaced thousands of paper Employment Information and Payroll Change forms.
- WTAMU’s Buffalo Express implemented DoubleMap, an app that allows bus riders to track the progress and location of all operating buses.
- Part I crime (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny theft and motor vehicle theft) decreased by 32 percent. All other crimes decreased by five percent.
- Conducted more than 30 fire drills in all WTAMU residence halls.

Institutional Research participated in 12 national surveys, including the US News and World Report Best Colleges Surveys.
- Education on Demand quintupled enrollment from fall 2012 to fall 2013.
- ESLI received CEA accreditation in August 2013 and will received an additional four years this coming August. The process of being accredited takes nearly three years and is intensive and competitive.
- Dr. James Andrews, director of external programs, presented at the Chancellor’s Technology in Distance Education Summit in College Station.
- The Office of Study Abroad awarded $80,350 in scholarships to students who participated in Study Abroad programs during the academic year 2013-2014, including faculty-led, direct enrollment and through third-party providers.
- Thirteen Attebury Honors Program students were selected as President’s Honors Scholars.
- Five Attebury Honors Program students were selected for the President’s Undergraduate Summer Research Program.
- The Comette Library received three competitive grants and two sizeable donations.
- Approximately 400 students in the fall and 300 students in the spring attended “Kick Back @ the Comette Library,” a library sponsored event during finals. Therapy dogs were the highlight of the event.
• Received $11,500 in grant funding through the Chancellor’s Wellness Incentive Program which is being used to support an Employee Assistance Program for faculty and staff.
• Completed 32 construction projects to date, totaling $2,765,929 and including the Founders Hall/Virgil Henson Activities Center parking lot with 440 additional spaces.

Finance area
• Processed 5,753 Purchase Orders with a total of $26,142,538.42.
• Processed 230 Blanket Purchase Orders with a total of $5,876,548.54.
• Implemented new HUB reporting requirements.
• Conducted unwanted equipment sale netting $11,000 worth of sales.
• Numbered and Tracked 471 new assets for a total of $1 million.
• Conducted annual campuswide inventory. Maintaining records of 7,064 asset records totaling $2 million.
• Processed 15,364 Procurement Card Transactions for more than $4 million.
• Audited 325 Procurement Card holder’s logs on a monthly basis.
• The Bursar area implemented a new payment plan which defines the payment plan on their account.
• The Bursar area implemented Guaranteed Tuition billing which is a new process for billing our student effective this fall. This required many hours of design and testing by IT, Registrar Office and the Bursar Office.
• The Purchasing and Accounts Payable department are working IT and System Purchasing personnel to implement a new e-procurement application in FY15.
• The WT Bookstore Textbook Rental Program listed 169 unique titles for rent in the 2014 academic semesters generating $77,000 in rental revenue and saving students approximately $95,000 in the past 12 months.
• eBuff, WT’s campus technology store, has generated sales in excess of $320,000 in the first 11 months of Fiscal 2014—182 computers, 127 tablet devices and more than 1,965 accessory products have been sold.

Enrollment Management

College Talent Search
• Awarded an additional $40,587 in funds from the Amarillo Area Foundation, Partners for Postsecondary Success grant funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for increasing outreach activities in Amarillo. Also secured $200,000 in Texas Work Study Mentorship Program from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, a $50,000 grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s College Access Challenge Grant for promoting college access activities and the Generation Texas Campaign throughout the Texas Panhandle.

International Student Office
• The International Student Office generated approximately $1.2 million per semester in tuition revenue from foreign student enrollments during the past year.

Office of Financial Aid
• To ensure students continue to have access to WTAMU, we established the “Buff Promise” in 2009 as a guarantee that students from a family with a household income of $40,000 or less can attend WTAMU tuition and mandatory fee free. A total of 342 students were covered by Buff Promise in fall 2013 and over the last five years, it has covered a total of 2,137 students.

Office of the Registrar
• Successfully created secure online forms for electronic submission of grade changes and blue cards for faculty to submit. These require the faculty member to use Single Sign On (SSO) so identity is authenticated. Also created online forms for students to submit when they qualify and wish to request a waiver of fees related to being a Distance Education student and when enrolled in Thesis only.

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
• Continued to increase the annual number of applications generated for freshmen and community college transfers. As of July 1 there is a 12 percent increase in freshman apps (an additional 556) and a 24 percent increase in community college applications (an additional 222) for the fall 2014 term.

Scholarship Office
• Total scholarship awards for 2013-14 (fall 2013 through summer 2014) amounted to $4,105,294 helping 2,504 students. The awarded funds for fall 2013 increased by 6.53 percent ($128,017) from the same period the previous year ($1,831,214).

Upward Bound
• More than 90 percent (93.8 percent) of the 2012-2013 participants continued in school for the next academic year, at the next grade level, or will have graduated from secondary school.

Upward Bound Math and Science
• 100 percent of high school seniors in the project achieved the proficient level on their high school state assessments in reading/language arts and math.

Diversity and Inclusion
• Established Office for Diversity and Inclusion.
• Created a diversity and inclusion web page.
• Initiated listening sessions about diversity and inclusion with the President’s Cabinet, the Dean’s Council, administrators, faculty, staff, Student Government Association President, international students, campus community and wide.
• Created Excellence with People 2013-2018 Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Action Plan.
• Founded WTAMU Faculty and Staff Diversity and Inclusion Council.
• Initiated Town Hall meetings on diversity and inclusion.
• Collaborated with Spectrum, Buff Allies, Human Resources, Faculty and University Police Department for LGBTQ panel discussion on history and politics.
• Keynote speaker for the 2013 NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet.
• Established Residence Hall Kwanzaa Program.
• Initiated “introductory” meetings for Black/African American students and the Hispanic Student Association.
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• Collaborated with the Department of Art, Theatre and Dance for the JBK Art Display for Black History Month and Women’s History Month.
• Interviewed about Black History Month programs by the Amarillo Globe, The Eagle, KGNC Radio, AM and FM, KVII TV and KAMR TV.
• Collaborations for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebrations with CORE, Black Student Union Association and the Collegiate Gospel Church and Praise Team.
• Prairie View Speaker Series sponsored by Black Student Union Association and Distinguished Lecture Series.
• Inaugural Donning of the Serape Graduation Stole.
• Inaugural Donning of the Kente Graduation Stole.
• Inaugural Donning of the International Stole.
• Black Student Union Association established.
• Black Men Association founded and established.
• Multicultural Planning Conference initiated for Spring 2014 Black History Month programming.