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Dear Horned Frogs,

Texas Christian University's culture of connection and inclusion is at the heart of everything we do, enhancing our academic goals with the ability to succeed within our global community. Each milestone event during our Sesquicentennial year provides us a moment to reflect on our values and the promising future we are building for all Horned Frogs.

Three years ago, TCU established the <u>Race & Reconciliation Initiative</u> to enhance our diversity, equity and inclusion efforts and more specifically, to examine TCU's 150-year history. Under Chancellor Boschini and the TCU Board of Trustees' guidance, the endeavor has thrived and has surfaced extraordinary research and compelling stories. We are proud of the work of RRI's leaders and the academic examination that has been undertaken, first by inaugural Chair Dr. Frederick W. Gooding Jr. and his talented RRI team, and now with current Chair Dr. Amiso George and her team of dedicated DEI leaders. They continue to provide us with insights, actionable recommendations and enriching programming.

Don't miss this chance to join me and your fellow students and colleagues as we kick off Race & Reconciliation Initiative Week, as well as other engaging ways to celebrate our diverse community.

RRI Week, April 17-21: "Cause and Common Ground"

TCU's <u>Race & Reconciliation Initiative</u> has focused its research this year on the transition into integration (1941-1971). Building on previous research conducted by the RRI committee and others, the committee conducted a more comprehensive examination of the experiences of Native American and Indigenous, Latinx, African-American and other ethnic identities at TCU. Join us for these free special events:

• <u>Screen on the Green</u> (Monday, April 17, 6:30 p.m. in the Campus Commons) – See the Academy Award-winning film, "Everything Everywhere All at Once" and enjoy

Asian-inspired food.

- **Reconciliation Day** (Wednesday, April 19, Noon-12:45 p.m. in BLUU Ballroom; 12:45-1:30 p.m. in the Campus Commons) Hear the year-three findings of the initiative as well as a report on progress. Food and entertainment follow at Frog Fountain. Registration is requested, but not necessary.
- <u>Fun Fair</u> (Friday, April 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Greek Village) The RRI Committee, TCU fraternities, sororities and other student groups will welcome 6th-12th graders from local Boys & Girls Clubs to campus to learn about TCU at a carnival-like event.

Thank you for being part of TCU's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives in support of TCU's *Vision in Action*: Lead On strategic plan. Check the TCU calendar, Office of Diversity and Inclusion's events page and the RRI webpage to find DEI events and get involved. Chief Inclusion Officer Dr. Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado; Aisha Torrey-Sawyer, Director, Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives; Dr. Florencio U. Aranda III, Assistant Director of Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives; and many others work to build incredible opportunities for our community to learn and engage; we hope to see you at one of these events soon. Thank you for all you do to ensure TCU continues to be a place where all are welcome.

Sincerely,

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