

# From the PRESIDENT



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Dear Campus Community,

Today I write to inform you that a key campus leader, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Teresa Abi-Nader Dahlberg, has been named president of the University of Tampa, in Tampa, Florida. She will transition to her new role effective June 1, 2024. We wish her well as she advances her leadership career in higher education.

Teresa notably became Texas Christian University's first female provost in March 2019 and steered significant improvements in academic excellence, operational sustainability, and campus culture, including the development and diversification of a dean's team and leadership council that has brought about significant outcomes for the university.

During her tenure, Teresa guided the Office of Research to more than double the amount of external research expenditures to over \$16 million—an all-time high; enhanced academic advising and tutoring; and centralized accommodated testing to enhance student support. She oversaw the successful startup and full accreditation of the Anne Burnett Marion School of Medicine at TCU, including its first graduating class, the 100 percent placement of all students, and the securing of a \$50 million naming gift. She played a key leadership role on the Campus Readiness Task Force that provided guidance on classroom instruction and delivery during the pandemic to maintain academic progression as safely as possible.

Teresa and her team ably led TCU through its reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). The multi-year project resulted in zero areas of concern across 73 required standards.

Among her many accomplishments, Teresa supported the first-year launch of the Chancellor's and Board of Trustees' Race & Reconciliation Initiative (RRI) to study TCU's experiences with racism, slavery and the Confederacy, and supported three years of focused efforts to build relationships with Native American and Indigenous Peoples at TCU. She worked collaboratively with her colleagues to institutionalize both initiatives within the Office of Diversity & Inclusion.

Teresa's dedication and leadership have made TCU even better than before. I hope you will join me in thanking her and cheering her on as she assumes the well-deserved role of president at the University of Tampa.

To continue support for our incredible academic affairs faculty and staff, I have appointed Dr. Floyd Wormley, currently Vice Provost for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies, to serve as interim Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. Floyd will assume the interim role on January 1, 2024, and join the Cabinet leadership team. He will coordinate efforts with Provost Dahlberg over the next few months during this transition period. A national search for our new Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs will commence in Fall 2024.

Sincerely,

Daniel W. Pullin  
President

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