

Letter from the President

Dear Community Members:

We are pleased to present this Winter 2003 UTB/TSC Progress Report. As the report reflects, while much has been accomplished, much work remains to be done. The community can be proud of our community university's achievements. Among them are the following:



- Enrollment has surpassed 10,000 for the first time in our history.
- In addition, more than 6,000 students participated in our workforce training and continuing education programs.
- Our campus has grown to 380 acres.
- Our new student housing facility, The Village at Fort Brown, is at full capacity after only one semester of operation.
- The International Technology, Education, and Commerce (ITEC) campus has added 500,000 useable square feet and 3,000 parking spaces to our facilities.
- Our students' pass rate for state exams far exceeds the state average.
- The amount of research and other sponsored program funds has increased substantially.

Even with all these accomplishments, much remains to be done. Texas is not keeping pace with the nation's college going rate, and the Valley is falling even further behind the state. If we are to "close the gaps" in the numbers of students who enroll in college, UTB/TSC must enroll 20,000 students by the year 2010. Doing so requires more resources — more faculty, more staff, and more facilities, but at the same time as the demand for higher education grows, state expenditures have been reduced.

This report is an indication of the progress that has been made and the challenges that remain. Thanks to the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Committee and the Texas Southmost College Board of Trustees for their leadership in the preparation of this report. We welcome your questions and comments.

Sincerely,

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