

# Celebrating 9-0

**T**exas Tech and the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources have joined the ranks of many businesses, parents and grandparents around the world this year. They have reached the important milestone of making it to their 90th birthday.

February 2013 was the 90th anniversary of the passage of the Texas Senate Bill Number 103, Texas Technological College's charter. Pat M. Neff, the governor at the time, signed the bill February 10, 1923 to establish a Texas state college in West Texas. That bill established Texas Technological College on paper, but the physical location of the school was not decided yet.

Once the site of TTC was chosen, the cornerstone of the Administration Building was laid November 11, 1924. Thousands of people showed up for this event to celebrate. Five schools began classes in the fall of 1925, including Agriculture, Arts & Sciences, Engineering, Home Economics and Music.

Throughout Tech's 90-year history, it has grown tremendously. In the 1930s and 1940s, Tech established its graduate and business administration schools. In the 1950s, Tech developed its infrastructure and became a national presence in athletics by becoming a part of the Southwest Conference. In the 1960s, Texas Technological College officially changed its name to Texas Tech University.

In 1966, John T. Montford was appointed the first chancellor after the Board of Regents created the Texas Tech University System. With Montford as chancellor, he established the Master Plan which ensured that

all future buildings would follow the university's Spanish-Renaissance tradition. Montford's wife, Debbie, helped re-establish Arbor Day to help encourage campus maintenance. The Montford's allowed Tech to continue to establish itself visually to the public and become the beautiful campus today that we all have grown to love.

Under Chancellor Kent Hance, the current chancellor, Tech reached a new level of growth and development. One big aspect was Angelo State University becoming a part of the Texas Tech University System in 2007. Currently there are more than 30,000 students enrolled at Tech and the Vision & Tradition Campaign reached its goal of raising \$1 billion.

Tech continues to reach academic goals and achievements to better the university for current and future students and families who call Tech home. Tech continues to grow with facility improvements such as the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business, Talkington Residential Hall, United Commons, and improvements to the Jones AT&T Stadium.

There are currently over 1,500 undergraduates in CASNR and over 330 graduate students, along with more than 70 tenured and tenure-track faculty members. CASNR has a total endowment of over \$40 million, offers over \$2 million in annual scholarships and has over \$10 million in research funding.

Happy 90th birthday Tech and CASNR! Here's to many more prosperous years. 🇹🇽



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