

# Fall 2021

# ALUMNI NEWS



Dear friends and alumni of the Graduate School:

We have so much to celebrate in the Graduate School at Texas Tech!

The Graduate School hosted our 11th Annual Arts & Humanities conference, featuring the work of 36 graduate students as they competed for \$4,900 worth of prize money across all of the panels.

Our 7th annual 3 Minute Thesis competition, hosted on October 14th, was a huge success. We had 52 students competing in 7 heats, followed by a final round pitting the winners of each heat against each other. The 3MT® competition is a fast-paced and fun event that allows our students to share their research with a variety of people, both in academia and the community at large.

The graduate programs at Texas Tech continue to push innovation and help meet the demands for a highly knowledgeable workforce. Our graduates gain the expertise, creativity and courage to take on the world's most complex challenges. Their work in all fields continues to make a difference and enrich lives. This semester we awarded 432 Masters degrees and 115 Doctoral degrees, with an additional 68 graduate certificates being awarded.

A hallmark of the graduate experience at Tech is our commitment to student success. We provide a comprehensive professional and career development program that complements disciplinary training in five core areas: communication, critical thinking, leadership and management, professionalism, and ethics.

Later sections of this newsletter highlight some of the students and alumni who have applied these skills to make significant and lasting impacts in their disciplines.

Texas Tech's continued prominence as a leader in graduate education depends on our ability to recruit and support the very best students and assure that they acquire the skills they need to succeed while at Tech and after they graduate. Please visit our website for up-to-date events, accomplishments, and opportunities to give back to the Graduate School.

"From here, it's possible."

Best wishes,



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