



In Memoriam

Dr. Henry Joseph Shine, a cornerstone of Texas Tech University's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, passed away peacefully in Lubbock on June 25, 2024, at the age of 101. As the first campus Horn Professor, his pioneering research and leadership transformed both the university and his field. A beloved educator, mentor and staunch champion of staff, he leaves a lasting legacy. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

The family, including his wife of 71 years, Sellie, and children, Stephanie and Trevor, recommend that tributes be directed towards the Henry J. Shine Endowed Lecture Series.

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MENTOR UP ↑



Dr. Len Cribbs, who earned his Ph.D. in chemistry from Texas Tech in 1985, is honoring his alma mater with a remarkable pledge of 40% of his estate to the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. This unwavering support for graduate student education will make a lasting impact for years. With a mentor like Jerry Mills, his generosity comes as no surprise. He credits his education for opening doors to transformative career opportunities, and lifelong friendships, including meeting his wife Lorie. Dr. Cribbs advises, "Broadening your skill set and finding a mentor early in your career are crucial."

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Dr. Olivia Villanueva, who recently earned her Ph.D. in Chemistry under the mentorship of Dr. Anthony Cozzolino, is set to begin teaching at West Texas A&M University this fall.

Her dissertation focused on pnictogen bonding and super molecular chemistry. When asked to reflect on her journey, Olivia really wanted to express her gratitude: “The faculty and staff of this department excel in mentoring and encouraging all students, believing in their potential, and upholding the university’s vision – From Here, It’s Possible!”

• ADVISOR HIGHLIGHT •



Please join us in welcoming Sarah Ring to our advising team! A dedicated Red Raider, Sarah earned her Bachelor’s degree in Chemistry and her Master’s in Forensic Science from Texas Tech. “I

hope to be a safe space for students, someone they can come to with whatever issues arise during their journey,” Sarah says. With her extensive experience in education, Sarah’s expertise and guidance will be invaluable to our 120+ Ph.D. candidates. Welcome to the team, Sarah!



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