

Ahmed Alzahabi

Assistant Professor of Engineering University of Texas of the Permian Basin

Dr. Alzahabi is currently an assistant professor at University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He earned his PhD and MS in Petroleum Engineering from Texas Tech University and also holds an MS from Cairo University. He previously served as researcher and project manager at Energy Industry Partnerships (University of Houston), working in the field of energy to solve complexproduction optimization problems for the industry (US and Asia). He is experienced in introducing new technologies in well-placement and fracture stages in conventional and unconventional oil and gas reservoirs. Dr. Alzahabi's research involved Permian Wolfcamp and Anadarko Basin Data Analytics and petroleum fundamental research. He has contributed a book chapter in Fracturing Horizontal Wells, and served as author of two books on Optimization of Hydraulic Fracture Stages and Sequencing in Unconventional Formations and PVT Property Correlations.

Kim Alexander CEO of Collegiate Edu-Nation

Dr. Kim Alexander grew up on a farm near Roscoe, Texas where his family has been farming and ranching since 1917. Dr. Alexander has farmed and ranched in that area since graduation from college in 1976. He was employed by the Roscoe Independent School District in 1988, where he served as superintendent from 2003 to 2019. Since 2019, he has served as CEO of Collegiate Edu-Nation.

During his doctoral research, Dr. Alexander became involved in a study investigating differentiated instruction for economically disadvantaged learners. This led to additional, extensive research into understanding generational poverty more effectively. As a result of that research, Roscoe Collegiate ISD became the first rural schoolwide Early College High School in Texas in 2009 and a schoolwide STEM Academy in 2012, which evolved into the first rural schoolwide P-TECH Academy in 2017. In 2019, the Roscoe Model became a 501 C (3) Non-profit, Collegiate Edu-Nation.

Collegiate Edu-Nation currently serves 15 school districts in Texas and West Virginia on 45 campuses with approximately 15,000 rural students. The CEN mission is to assist small and rural schools in Texas and the U.S. with Tri-Agency Alignment leading to postsecondary credential attainment for ALL students.

Dana C. Cooper

Associate Professor of History Academic Innovation Officer Stephen F. Austin State University

Dana Cooper is associate professor of history and Academic Innovation Officer at Stephen F. Austin State University. She earned her Ph.D. in history and certificate in women's studies at Texas Christian University.

Specializing in women's, gender, and transatlantic history, she has presented papers in Canada, England, Germany, Holland, and Austria and has published with presses in Sweden, the Netherlands, and the United States. Her latest work Informal Ambassadors: American Women, Transatlantic Marriages, and Anglo-American Relations 1865-1945 (Kent State University Press, 2014), led to an interview for the documentary "Million Dollar American Princesses," which appeared on the Smithsonian Channel in 2015.

Recent works include two edited volumes, Motherhood and War: International Perspectives (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014) and Transatlantic Relations and Modern Diplomacy: An Interdisciplinary Examination (Routledge, 2013). She received the SFASU Teaching Excellence Award in 2010 and a national service award for her role as faculty sponsor of Phi Alpha Theta in the same year. She currently serves as president of the Texas Council of Faculty Senates.

Adam M. Eisenhauer

First Vice President Capital Markets Division of IPI

Adam M. Eisenhauer is a municipal trader and First Vice President for the Capital Markets division of IPI, a full service investment brokerage and asset management firm headquartered in San Antonio, TX.

He earned his BBA degree in Finance in 1997 followed by an MBA in Finance in 1999, both from Texas Tech University. At Texas Tech, Adam served as the President for the Zeta Zeta chapter of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and Vice President of the College of Business Finance Association.

Adam lives in San Antonio, TX with his wife, Kristin, and son, Andrew. There, he supports a number of urban development and educational organizations including the Hemisfair Conservancy, the Monte Vista Historical Association, the Full Force Foundation, and St. Mary's Hall school.



Roger Estlack

Owner, Publisher, Editor The Clarendon Enterprise

Roger Estlack (BGS '93, MA '95) is a graduate of Clarendon High School, Clarendon College, and Texas Tech University; and for the past 27 years has been the owner, publisher, and editor of the Texas Panhandle's oldest newspaper, The Clarendon Enterprise. During that time, the newspaper has been a consistent annual winner of press awards at the regional, state, and national levels.

Estlack is a past president of the West Texas Press Association and Panhandle Press Association and currently serves on the board of the Texas Press Association. He was recognized in 2017 by the WTPA with the Harold Hudson Award for his contributions to the publishing industry, and he was inducted into the Panhandle Press Hall of Fame in 2022.

Estlack is the current District Governor for Lions International District 2-T1. He serves on the board of the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation and led the restoration of the community's 1946 Mulkey Theatre.



Cameron Monroe

Regional Director of External Affairs
AT&T Communications

Cameron Monroe is the Regional Director - External Affairs for AT&T in the Texas Panhandle. He has been with AT&T for 27 years.

Cameron was born in Dalhart, Texas and has lived in Amarillo, Texas since the fourth grade. He graduated from Tascosa High School in 1971, where he met Patty Patterson. The couple married in 1975. They

have two sons: Matthew and Joshua. Matthew lives in Amarillo and works for Pantex. He has three children: James, Kaylee and Anna. Joshua, the youngest son of Cameron and Patty, is finishing his Doctorate at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Having been married now for 40+ years, Cameron can verify grandchildren are one of the greatest blessing of life.

Cameron is currently the Board President for The Bridge in Amarillo. This is the Children's Advocacy organization for the Texas Panhandle. He also serves on the Advisory Board for the Panhandle PBS station at Amarillo College, and the Advisory Board for the Amarillo Zoo. Outside of his Grandkids, fishing and traveling are his current passions in life. Cameron and his wife were fortunate to take a cruise to the Baltic Sea this summer. His next fishing trip is scheduled for March, 2016.



Gonzalo Ramirez

Gonzalo Ramirez is a retired educator with 42 years of serviced to the students of Texas. He has worked in public schools as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and central office administrator at four public school districts. As a professor, he has taught at Lubbock Christian University (LCU), Richland College, Texas Tech University (TTU), Texas Women University, University of North Texas, and Wayland Baptist University. He earned a bachelor's degree from LCU, master's and doctorate from TTU. He was recently selected to serves on the Lubbock Electric Utility Board. He also coached Little League Baseball for 16 years and youth soccer for four years. Dr. Ramirez is married to Jan Ramirez, has two children and two grandchildren.

Matt Ramon
Vice President of Operations
Lozier-CASI

Matt Ramon, 1993 graduate from Texas Tech University, with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Applying his degree has worked in various industries from military, semi-conductors, consumer products and industrial automation designing complex equipment and control systems. In addition, Matt, has founded two companies with partners and international investors mainly in the distributions of consumer products for both international and domestic retail.



The experience of entrepreneurship rekindled a lifelong goal of gaining more education through the pursuit of an MBA. In 2014 Matt, was accepted to the Rawls College of Business Working Professionals MBA program at Texas Tech University, graduating in May of 2016. Currently, employed with Lozier-CASI located in Frisco, Texas as the Vice President of Operations. Furthermore, Matt sits on the Industrial Automation Advisory Council for Collin County Community College. Providing insight to industry needs and commenting on course curriculum.

Matt is originally from Ft Worth, TX and currently resides in Wylie, TX a suburb of Dallas with his wife Emma, a Registered Nurse at Parkland Hospital and their daughter Olivia who attend Bishop Lynch High School.



Jennifer Rojas-McWhinney

Managing Director
Department of Psychiatry
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Dr. Jennifer Rojas-McWhinney is the Managing Director within the Department of Psychiatry at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center where she oversees a growing team working with school-based mental health services, pediatric primary care providers, and perinatal providers. The programs focus on clinical services and educational outreach across an 85-county catchment area. This region covers West Texas, Panhandle Plains, and extends slightly into the Big Bend, Hill

Country, and Prairies and Lakes. Dr. Rojas-McWhinney earned her doctoral degree in Human Development and Family Studies from Texas Tech University and taught at the collegiate level for ten years before transitioning to administration. As a Certified Family Life Educator and Mental Health First Aid instructor, she has facilitated trainings with families, schools, community organizations, medical professionals, and university personnel. She has a passion for educating families and communities and believes knowledge coupled with prevention is a powerful tool to address mental health needs.

Alan Sale
Assistant Director of Development
Northside ISD

Alan Sale is the current Assistant Director of Development for Northside Independent School District in San Antonio, TX. He is responsible for the overall fundraising and development of one of the largest school districts in the country. Alan received his Bachelors in Political Science in 2009 and his Masters in 2011, both



from Texas Tech. During his time in Graduate School, he was a recipient of the Government and Public Service Internship in Washington, D.C. There he had the opportunity to work in a Congressional office supporting legislative staff. After graduation, Alan returned to D.C. to work in campaign finance for a variety of Congressional campaigns and met his wife, Stephanie who was serving in the U.S. Air Force.

Alan has been working in Community Relations and Development since returning to Texas at the local, national, and international levels to support a variety of worthy causes. His passions include education, cooking, and travelling.

Alan is originally from California but grew up overseas and calls London home. He currently lives in Hollywood Park with his wife, Stephanie and their two daughters, 5 and 1 years old respectively.

Clar Schact

Clar Schacht has been married to his wife Judy for 45 yrs. He was born and raised in Lockney, Texas. He graduated from Lockney High in 1964. Clar went to Texas Tech and was a member of the Goin' Band From Raiderland. He received his bachelor's in animal science in 1968 and his masters in agricultural education in 1972. He was a teacher for four years and farmed in Kansas and Texas for ten years. Clar was an insurance agent for 38 years and still farms. Clar is a Deacon and teaches Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church Floydada. Clar served as a City councilman for Floydada for 19 years. Clar worked at Buildings and Grounds while at Texas Tech and worked on building the National Ranching Heritage Center.



Jeffrey Sites

Senior Forecaster Weather Forecast Office Wilmington

Jeffrey Sites received his B.A. in Geography in 1986 from The Ohio State University and a M.S. in Atmospheric Science in 1989 from Texas Tech University. - Master's Thesis – Climatology of Southwest Indian Ocean Tropical Cyclones, 1966-67 to 1986-87.



In 1989, Jeffrey began his career with the National Weather Service as a Meteorologist Intern at the Weather Service Office in Youngstown, OH. In 1993, he was promoted to the position of General Forecaster at the Weather Service Forecast Office in Charleston, WV. He has been Senior Forecaster at the Weather Forecast Office in Wilmington, OH since 1998. At both the Charleston and Wilmington offices, Jeff was involved with the Interactive Computer Worded Forecast (ICWF) system, which became the Graphical Forecast Editor (GFE), which is now the main system for producing forecasts in the National Weather Service.

Outside of work, Jeff is the Scholarship Chair for the local Ohio State Alumni Association. He also enjoys golf and running. He is the father of two daughters with his late wife.



Rozanne Veeser

Rozanne Veeser serves as a member of the Dean's Advisory Council. She graduated from Texas Tech in 1963 with a B.A.in English. She received a Masters in Library Science from the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor in 1987. She received her M.A. in Political Science from Texas Tech in 1994.

After retirement, she volunteered with the Fort Worth Society of St. Vincent de Paul in different positions at the conference and

Council level. Presently she serves as the Director of the Micro Loan Program (MLP).

After graduating from the University of Michigan, she became an academic librarian for the next 18 years. Her career started at Texas Tech as a reference librarian. Then she moved to the University of Tulsa and then to Texas Wesleyan University where she served as reference librarian and periodicals department chair.

After graduating from Texas Tech, she worked for the Denver Public Schools as an English teacher for one year. After marrying Gary Veeser, she was a military wife for twenty-two years. Her best career was mother to three boys.