



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
University Student Housing™

# Residence Life Coordinator

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## Residence Life Philosophy

University Student Housing at Texas Tech University strives to create environments that support the intellectual and emotional growth of students. We collaborate with students, faculty and staff to foster a seamless learning experience that promotes Civility, Achievement, Engagement, Character and Independence to develop responsible, caring, and confident life-long learners and citizens. We have designated educational and developmental learning outcomes to define the types of learning opportunities and experiences we will create in order to enhance the educational experience. We encourage each student to become a partner in their education by becoming an active leader and learner within their community.

## Educational & Developmental Desired Learning Outcomes

### Civility

Civility is important for college students to develop in order to participate as a positive, active member of any community. Students of the Residence halls at Texas Tech University will gain experiences and skills that will further develop them as a civil minded person.

*Topics: Respect, Behavior Towards Others, Community, Humanitarianism, Awareness, Relationships*

### Achievement

Academic achievement is central to the student experience in college. Students will develop a sense of pride, excellence, and aspiration in order to take charge of their own learning throughout college and life. We strive to create opportunities, experiences, and resources to assist students in their academic and personal achievement such as study skills, career development, goal setting, and time management.

*Topics: Academic Success, Study Skills, Career Development, Intellectual Development, Goal Setting, Time Management, Transformative Learning, Campus Resources*



## Character

Developing strong character enables an individual to build the foundation to make decisions in alignment with their values and beliefs. The college experience offers the opportunity to define who they are and the type of person they want to become. It also offers the opportunity to identify the principles that will guide them and their future decisions.

*Topics: Ethics, Integrity, Values, Beliefs, Morals, Spirituality*

## Engagement

The college experience is a partnership between the student and the university. The learning and personal development that takes place within the college experience must be fostered through active programming and intrinsic motivation to learn. Participating as an engaged student will enhance the experience and connection to transition as an active member of the community.

*Topics: Service, Tradition, Leadership, Sustainability, Campus Resources*

## Independence

Through the college experience an individual should gain the skills to make responsible decisions regarding one's health, safety, and personal well-being.

*Topics: Responsibility, Wellness, Communication, Safety*

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# Residence Life Coordinator Job Description

In accordance with the new Fair Labor Standards Act, The Residence Life Coordinator position is a 12 month non-exempt appointment with an hourly rate of \$15.65/hour (the state of Texas has no state income tax) with the opportunity for a merit based increase.

The Residence Life Coordinator (RLC), as an educator, provides direction for student learning and academic success by managing/co-managing a Residence hall and coordinating the administrative, supervisory, and programmatic efforts for a co-educational area of one to three buildings, housing 500 – 1,100 students. As a live-in member of University Student Housing, the RLC is responsible for the development of comfortable living and learning communities that foster academic success. This is achieved by assisting individuals with their personal needs and concerns, supervising a Graduate Hall Coordinator, Senior Business Assistant and student staff, and advising student leadership groups.

The RLC will be responsible for the selection, training, mentoring, supervision and evaluation of 5-22 Community Advisors, and indirect and/or direct supervision of 2-15 Student Assistants (desk staff). RLCs may also advise a complex council, supervise a Graduate Hall Coordinator(s)/Graduate Assistant, and/or a Senior Business Assistant. RLCs may assist in the development and management of living and learning communities that motivate and inspire students to devote more time to educationally purposeful activities. By emphasizing the development of strong communities and student involvement, the RLC assists in the creation of environments that promote and enhance the opportunities for student learning. Occasional duties include call-to-duty status and participating in sub-area page rotation

coverage, and attending to crisis and emergency situations.

A Bachelor's Degree is required and candidates must have previous Residence hall staff experience. A Master's Degree is preferred. At least 1-2 years post-Bachelor's work experience is preferred, but not required. The RLC position is considered a security sensitive position. Applicants will be subjected to a police records check and drug test. All candidates will be required to submit academic transcripts to verify education.

This position requires on-campus Residence in an apartment, a monthly \$800 value, which is provided at no expense.

A variety of benefits are available through the State of Texas and the University including health and life insurance, annual vacation and sick leave, various institutional development opportunities, as well as tuition assistance. The RLC is provided a meal plan to use while the dining facilities are in service, a \$3,895 value. Annual professional development funds of \$1,200 are available with approved proposal. Reserved parking is also available upon the individual purchase of a campus parking permit.

As an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer, the Texas Tech University System and its components will not discriminate in our employment practices based on an applicant's race, ethnicity, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or status as a protected veteran.



## Residence Life Coordinator for Social Justice Education

The Residence Life Coordinator (RLC) for Social Justice Education provides social justice education and programming for University Student Housing (USH). USH, as well as Texas Tech University, place a high priority on diversity and social justice education, and fostering bias free living and working environments. This staff position would also coordinate community outreach activities and directly supervises the Graduate Assistant of Social Justice and indirectly supervises student Social Justice Advocates. USH is grounded in the concept of servant leadership and this position will assist the department in community service initiatives and tracking current outreach time by USH staff. An emphasis is also placed on creating environments that promote and enhance opportunities for student learning and success. The RLC for Social Justice Education is a vital member of the residence hall community and the University Student Housing Staff, and is expected to work with the Senior Managing Associate Director, the Assistant Directors and Managers within Residence Life, and other departmental staff in the development and implementation of management and learning outcomes for University Student Housing. Collaboration throughout the Department and campus community is vital to the success of this position.

## Residence Life Coordinator for Prevention and Wellness Programming Job Description

University Student Housing at Texas Tech University promotes each student's learning experience by creating safe, supportive learning environments for academic and personal success. University Student Housing is committed to the total development of the resident within an inclusive community through student leadership opportunities, programming, residence hall standards, and supportive learning environments in the residence halls.

The Residence Life Coordinator for Prevention and Wellness Programming (RLC- PWP), as an educator, works with the Assistant Director of Residence Education and Academic Programs and Manager for Student Intervention to provide support and direction for prevention and wellness programming for residents living on the Texas Tech campus. The RLC-PWP is responsible for the supervision and advisement of peer educators who will assist in bystander intervention, risk reduction, and prevention programming.

# Residence Life Coordinator for Student Development

University Student Housing at Texas Tech University promotes each student's learning experience by creating safe, supportive learning environments for academic and personal success. University Student Housing is committed to the total development of the resident within an inclusive community through student government, programming, residence hall standards, and supportive learning environments in the residence halls.

The Residence Life Coordinator for Student Development (RLCSD), as an educator, works with the Assistant Director for Student Leadership Development to provide support for student leadership and development for residents living on the Texas Tech campus. The RLCSD is responsible for the advisement of assigned student leadership groups and associated events, conferences, and training while utilizing effective risk management and assessment practices.

#### Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action (EEO/AA) Statement

It is the policy of Texas Tech University to strive to maintain an educational and work environment free from impermissible discrimination. In addition to Texas Tech University's policy against discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, protected veteran status, genetic information, or refusal to submit to a genetic test, it is the policy of Texas Tech University that no person shall be subject to discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity with regard to admission, employment, or use of the programs, facilities, or services of Texas Tech University.

#### Affordable Care Act

University Student Housing at Texas Tech works diligently to adhere to the Affordable Care Act stipulations. We have augmented our student staff schedules to better accommodate our Human Resources mandated 20 hour work week for students, and have changed our Graduate Assistants' work week to 30 hours with optional paid health benefits. We follow University Operating Policies and Procedures, and work within these policies and procedures to support our undergraduate and graduate students and full-time staff in the work they do to encourage our Red Raider students' success.

## Information About Our Recruitment Process

We participate in the Oshkosh Placement Exchange (OPE) and The Placement Exchange (TPE) conferences each year to connect with the best candidates in the country. We also use Skype and phone interviews to consider anyone who may not be attending one of these conferences. You can contact us through the OPE and TPE websites, or at [housing.rl.jobs@ttu.edu](mailto:housing.rl.jobs@ttu.edu).

## Travel to and from Texas Tech

If you are invited to an on-campus visit, we make the travel arrangements so you don't have to. Please review our on-campus interview information and candidate-friendly travel reimbursement policy:

[housing.ttu.edu/employment/interviews](http://housing.ttu.edu/employment/interviews)

## On-line Resource

Please visit our Residence Life recruitment website at:

[housing.ttu.edu/employment/professional](http://housing.ttu.edu/employment/professional)

## Contact Information

Feel free to contact us for more information:

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# Apartments

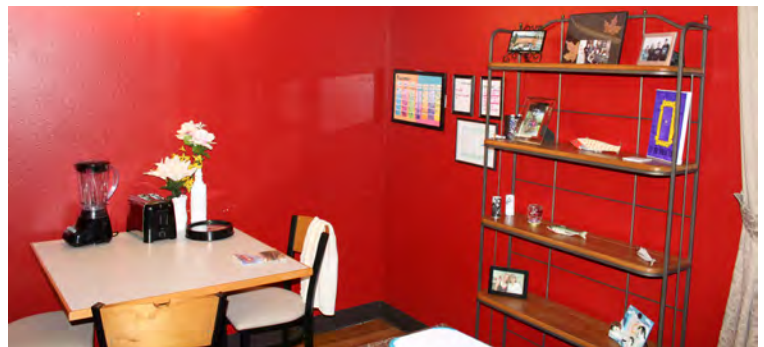


## APARTMENTS

All of our staff apartments are fully furnished and ready for you to call home! (Decorations are not provided) It is provided at no expense. Utilities, a small kitchen unit, local telephone service, internet access, Caller I.D., Call Waiting and basic cable television are included. A meal plan is provided to Graduate Assistants while the dining halls are in service. Reserved parking is available upon the individual purchase of a campus parking permit. Professional development funds are also available.



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# Pet Policy

## University Student Housing Professional Staff Pet Policy

### UNIVERSITY STUDENT HOUSING PROFESSIONAL STAFF PET POLICY

The USH Professional Staff Pet Policy is intended for live-in professionals that are Residence Life Coordinators (RLC), Graduate Hall Coordinators (GHC) and Graduate Assistants (GA) working for University Student Housing (USH) at Texas Tech University, as well as future employees in these positions with USH.

The type of pet that will be allowed would include what is reasonably consider a "typical" household pet. Staff may have one (1) pet of the following nature:

- One Indoor Cat or
- One Indoor Dog or (No more than 40 pounds- Must be considered a "friendly breed")
- Fish Tank (up to 25 gallons)

The RLC/GHC/GA will be expected to pay a partially refundable pet deposit in the amount of

\$500 before acquiring said pet. Staff members are expected to maintain the health and hygiene of the pet on a daily basis Pet owners must ensure their pet has been vaccinated for Rabies. Rabies vaccination must be completed within 30 days of acquiring the pet. The Rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats is administered every three years. It is also the responsibility of the RLC/GHC/GA to treat their pet for common issues such as fleas/ticks and heartworms. The pet must also continue to remain vaccinated and proof of vaccinations will be submitted to the RLC/GHC/GA's Assistant Director and kept in the pet owner's pet documentation file. The City of Lubbock ordinance #9485 requires that all cats and dogs over the age of 4 months that are kept within the city limits of Lubbock must be issued a license from the City of Lubbock.

Additional expectations and policies apply and may be provided upon request.

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## Live Here | Learn Here | Succeed Here

### What are Learning Communities?

Our Learning Communities (LCs) are unique and trans-formative communities where students seeking similar academic goals can live, learn and play together. At Texas Tech, we currently have 18 LCs where over 2,300 Red Raiders (about 1/3 of our in-hall population) reside. Our LCs have designated Residence hall floors led by Community Advisors (CAs) who offer tailored programming for the residents' specific academic and personal needs. Our CAs are usually members of the same academic program too!

### Our LCs share many of the same characteristics and offer numerous possibilities:

- Develop a supportive network composed of peers, faculty and staff
- Connect with professors in and outside the classroom
- Develop lasting friendships
- Experience events designed specifically for the residents' personal and academic needs
- Make a big campus feel smaller
- Learn about Texas Tech by becoming better connected with helpful resources on our campus
- Attend out-of-class programs and go on exciting trips
- Get involved in Lubbock through community service efforts

### Why join a Learning Community?

Living in our LCs boosts the residents' chances for academic success and offer the opportunity to share an intellectual experience with your peers. You will also have increased access to faculty and academic support staff.

### National research shows that involvement in learning communities contributes to:

- Development of personal relationships with other students in the classroom
- Increased GPA
- Greater involvement on campus and in professional organizations
- Higher likelihood of graduating in four years
- Easier transition from high school to college
- Increased class attendance





# Residence Life Administration



## Sean Duggan

**Managing Director**

**Education:** B.A. History,  
University of Dallas

M.Ed. Higher Education Administration  
and Student Personnel Services,  
Kent State University

**Years at TTU:** Twenty-fourth year

**What do you like most about working at Texas Tech?**  
The people, the hospitality, and kindness of West Texas



## D'aun Green, Ph.D.

**Senior Associate Managing Director**

**Education:** B.S. Home Economics,  
Oklahoma State University

M.S. Housing, Interior Design and  
Consumer Studies,  
Oklahoma State University

M.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies –  
Higher Education, Educational Psychology, and  
Environmental Design,  
Texas Tech University

Ph.D. Higher Education,  
Texas Tech University

**Years at TTU:** Twenty-fifth year

**How would you describe the University Student Housing  
Department to a potential candidate?**

A family. Very relational and fun place to work. We work hard and  
we are rewarded for it.

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# Residence Life Administration



## Erika Bowles

Assistant Director Residence Education and Academic Programs

**Education:** B. A. Sociology,  
Western Washington University

M.Ed. Counselor Education,  
North Carolina State University

**Years at TTU:** Fifth year

**How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?**

We are a large department that focuses on creating a great experience for our students.



## John McAvoy

Assistant Director Training and Development

**Education:** B.S. Psychology,  
University of Central Florida

M.Ed. Student Personnel in Higher Education,  
University of Florida

M.S. Corporate and Organizational  
Communication,  
Northeastern University

**Years at TTU:** Fourth year

**How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?**

I would say its established with a lot of opportunities for growth. It is very student centered, especially in terms of student follow-up which is a top focus. I believe we are dedicated to the future of our new professionals and that's part of my job to make sure individuals are leaving Tech prepared for their next step on their journey.

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## S. Leigh Prouty

Assistant Director for Operations

**Education:** B.S.B.A. Business Administration & Law,  
Western Carolina University

M.Ed. College Student Personnel,  
Western Carolina University

**Years at TTU:** Third year

**How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?**

Our department knows how to make you feel welcome and keeps the students at the center of our work. It takes every side of University Student Housing to make sure that our students have the best possible experience at Texas Tech!

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## Annette Sawadogo

Assistant Director for Operations

**Education:** B.S. Chemistry & B.S. Biology  
Missouri Western State University

M.A. Adult and Higher Education Administration  
University of South Dakota

**Years at TTU:** Second year

**How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?**

I would describe Tech as a place where you will meet and work with people from all across the US. It is also a place where you will develop the skills you need to the next level.

# Residence Life Administration



## Craig Kuehnert

Assistant Director, Student Leadership Development

**Education:** B.A. Journalism, Secondary Education,  
Ball State University

M.S. College Student Personnel,  
Kansas State University

**Years at TTU:** Ninth year

**How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?**

Working for USH can often be like hanging out with a bunch of friends. I love walking down the hallways in the main office and chatting with people about their puppies, their weekend plans, and the kids.



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## Audrey Batista

**Manager, Recruitment and Staff Orientation**

**Education:** B.A. Public Relations,  
Texas Tech University

M.Ed. Higher Education Administration  
and Student Personnel,  
Kent State University

**Years at TTU:** Fourth Year

**How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?**

I would describe University Student Housing as a family oriented department that strives to provide optimal customer service through a unique educational curriculum and friendly staff while creating an environment that not only fosters learning but becomes a true home-away-from-home for our residents and family environment for staff.

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## Leigh Donaldson

**Manager for Conference Services Residence Life**

**Education:** Texas Tech University

**Years at TTU:** Second year

**How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?**

A team that works hard and plays hard.

# Residence Life Administration



## Tamara McClain

Manager, Academic Initiatives

**Education:** B.A. History and English,  
Texas A&M University

M.S. Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education,  
Texas A&M University

**Years at TTU:** Fourth year

**How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?**

Our department follows the philosophy “work hard, play hard” in most situations. Like every housing program there are times that are extremely busy but, I enjoy that we don’t always take ourselves too seriously. And we like to have fun!



## Christopher Medley

Manager, Student Intervention

**Education:** B.A. Psychology,  
Louisiana Tech University

M.A. Counseling & Guidance,  
Louisiana Tech University

**Years at TTU:** Third year

**How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?**

In a word: opportunity. University Student Housing at Texas Tech is such a great place to grow as a professional. The experiences that we have here will involve you with every aspect of the university. The staff works well together and are extremely friendly and helpful. We are a customer service oriented department and being here to serve is what we do.

# Residence Life Coordinators



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# Residence Life Coordinators



## Jaclyn Austin

Residence Life Coordinator, Prevention and Wellness

**Education:** B.S. Addiction Studies  
University of Central Arkansas

M. S. College Student Personnel Services  
and Administration  
University of Central Arkansas

**Years at TTU:** Second year

**How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?**

The department really is a big family. We spend so much time together. You learn so many things about everyone you work with. I don't worry about whether or not I have support from my coworkers, I know that I do.



## Christine Cain

Residence Life Coordinator, Coleman

**Education:** B.A. English  
Teachers College, Columbia University

M.A. Higher and Postsecondary Education  
Creighton University

**Years at TTU:** First year

**How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?**

Some would call it school pride, but it's really more about presence. Texas Tech just has something that pulls people in and brings them together, and you can see that whether you are on campus or out exploring Lubbock. This university doesn't function in it's own little bubble, but is truly a part of the community that surrounds it.





## Alyson Cole

Residence Life Coordinator  
Student Development

**Education:** B.S. English  
Central Michigan University

M.S.Ed. Adult & Higher Education  
Northern Illinois University

**Years at TTU:** First year

### How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?

The thing I love most is the amount of school spirit and pride. Everywhere you go on campus or within the Lubbock community, you can spot Double T's, see others giving the 'Guns Up' signal, or see someone wearing Tech attire. It brings us all together as Red Raiders every day.

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## Scott Cooke

Residence Life Coordinator, Stangel/Murdough

**Education:** B.S. in Physical Education  
Central Michigan University

M.S. in Student Affairs and Higher Education  
Indiana State University

**Years at TTU:** Second year

### How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?

University Student Housing is a large department that wants to support you. Its hard to go a day without talking to other people in USH, and its also very hard to go a day without laughing with other people in this department..

## Residence Life Coordinators



### Tamera Dunn

Residence Life Coordinator, Horn/Knapp

**Education:** B.S. History and Coaching,  
Northwest Missouri State University

M.Ed. Higher Education Leadership,  
Valdosta State University

**Years at TTU:** Third year

**How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?**

University Student Housing is unlike the 'typical'. While we may do the typical things you'd expect in housing, we always have our unique Tech spin to ensure we are not only getting the job done, but we are making positive memories for ourselves and others. There is always someone to chat with who can open your eyes to new potential or experiences available.



### Jacob Hilton

Residence Life Coordinator, Talkington

**Education:** B.A. Sociology  
Louisiana Tech University

M.A. Guidance and Counseling  
Louisiana Tech University

**Years at TTU:** First year

**How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?**

I love the school pride found here at Texas Tech. Students are invested in the university along with the staff. You can quickly feel like you are part of a family.



## Anthony Holmes

Residence Life Coordinator, Bledsoe/Gordon/Sneed

**Education:** B.A. Psychology  
Berea College

M.S. Marriage and Family Therapy  
Valdosta State University

M. Divinity  
Emory University

**Years at TTU:** First year

### How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?

I am particularly fond of the school spirit at Texas Tech. Here we use the 'guns up' symbol to say hello, and it's nearly impossible to find anyone on campus that bleeds something other than scarlet and black. The school spirit extends to the city. Whether you're in the airport, grocery store, or coffee shop, it's all about Texas Tech and I am thoroughly excited to call this place my home.

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## Amanda Knutson

Residence Life Coordinator, Hulen/Clement and Wall/Gates

**Education:** B.S. Education and Human Science for  
Health, Physical Education and Recreation,  
South Dakota State University

M.S. College Student Personnel,  
Arkansas Tech University

**Years at TTU:** Fifth year

### How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?

Family: We are a large department and we are all constantly busy but everyone is so supportive of each other and willing to help each other out.

# Residence Life Coordinators



## Elizabeth McDonald

Residence Life Coordinator, Murray and Carpenter/Wells

**Education:** B.A. History and French,  
University of South Alabama

M.A. Higher Education Administration,  
University of Alabama

**Years at TTU:** Second year

**How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?**

I love how our department is so proactive and forward thinking. They are very anticipatory and mindful of the future and the wellbeing of our students..



## Paige Muehlenkamp

Residence Life Coordinator, West Village

**Education:** B.S. Political Science,  
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

M.S. Public Administration  
Texas Tech University

**Years at TTU:** Second year

**What do you like most about Texas Tech?**

I love the big school feel and the school spirit that can be felt throughout the Lubbock community.



## Justin Smith

Residence Life Coordinator, Chitwood/Weymouth

**Education:** B.A. Public Administration  
University of Central Florida

M.S. Higher Education Administration  
Florida International University

**Years at TTU:** First year

**How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?**

There is a lot to love about Texas Tech! My favorite thing has to be school spirit. It's neat to watch how much pride students, staff, and the community alike have in Tech. There is also many fun things to see and do around campus! Watching the football team is also a big plus, and I really love the lazy river at the rec center.

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# Graduate Assistants



## Walter Abrego

Graduate Hall Coordinator  
Coleman

**Education:** B.A in Communication Studies and Spanish  
University of Northern Iowa

**Master's Program:** Public Administration

### What do you like most about Texas Tech?

My favorite part about Texas Tech are all the unique and abstract art pieces that can be found all over campus. Some buildings also have beautiful art displayed in the walls. I also love all the school spirit and all the pride people in the community take in being part of Texas Tech. The staff and students show a great deal of pride in being Red Raiders.

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## Bailey Adams

Graduate Assistant  
Recruitment and Staff Orientation

**Education:** B.S. Human Resource Development  
Oakland University

**Master's Program:** Higher Education Administration

### What do you like most about Texas Tech?

I love the beauty in the campus art, buildings, and the 99% of the time sunny skies. The smiling faces of staff members in every office/building and students across campus make campus so welcoming. Mostly, I love that I have the opportunity to work with such an amazingly dedicated and motivated campus and staff like University Student Housing.

# Graduate Assistants



## Anne Bavousett

**Graduate Assistant**  
**Sustainability Promotion and Education**

**Education:** B.S. Construction Engineering  
Texas Tech University

**Master's Program:** Higher Education Administration

### What do you like most about Texas Tech?

I love the public art displays. Just by walking around campus I am treated to all kinds of art and history. It is neat to see the mixture of the new and old art installments.

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## Jacqueline Butler

**Graduate Assistant**  
**Residence Education and Academic Programs**

**Education:** B.S. Public Management and Policy  
University of Arizona

**Master's Program:** Public Administration

### What do you like most about Texas Tech?

Texas Tech is truly a part of the Lubbock community. The community is supportive of the institution and students and you can truly feel that spirit wherever you go whether it be on campus or off.





## Jenna Crayton

Graduate Assistant

Residence Education and Academic Programs

**Education:** B.A. in Communication-Interpersonal Organizations,  
B.S. in Communication Public Relations  
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

**Master's Program:** Agricultural Communications

### What do you like most about Texas Tech?

I love the connection I feel with Tech through the school spirit and camaraderie that everyone has not only at Texas Tech, but also throughout the Lubbock community.

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## Jessica Corder

Graduate Assistant

Training and Development

**Education:** B.S. Agricultural Communications  
Texas Tech University

**Master's Program:** Agricultural Communications

### What do you like most about Texas Tech?

No matter where you are in life and on campus, there is always a member of the Texas Tech family to support you. Red Raiders are loyal to the institution and loyal to every fellow Red Raider around them. I love being a part of such a massive family and support group. It is inspiring to hear the support at Texas Tech football games when the whole stadium erupts in cheers of Raider Power and when the victory bells ring to commemorate every win, including gradation.

## Graduate Assistants



### Jennifer 'Jeni' Gruber

Graduate Hall Coordinator  
West Village

**Education:** B.S. Communication,  
University of Wisconsin Whitewater

**Master's Program:** Higher Education Administration

**What do you like most about Texas Tech?**

What I love most about Texas Tech is the people I have been able to interact with. From the students to the professionals, everyone has been so friendly and nice. I love that there is so much pride in Texas Tech and you can see that in the people that go to school and work here.



### Drew Leininger

Graduate Hall Coordinator  
Stangel/Murdough

**Education:** B.A. Middle Childhood Education,  
Ohio State University

**Master's Program:** Higher Education Administration

**What do you like most about Texas Tech?**

I really like the passion everyone has for their jobs and their school.

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## Bradley Lewellen

Graduate Hall Coordinator  
Hulen/Clement

**Education:** B.A. Psychology  
Arkansas Tech University

**Master's Program:** Higher Education Administration

### What do you like most about Texas Tech?

I love the pride that the students and staff take in their University. I am always amazed to hear people talk about how thrilled they are to be a member of this community. I also really appreciate some of the traditions that are observed on campus that show that Red Raider pride!

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## Kaylee McAllister

Graduate Hall Coordinator  
Stangel/Murdough

**Education:** B.A. Sociology & Women's Studies  
Western Illinois University

**Master's Program:** Higher Education Administration

### What do you like most about Texas Tech?

I love how welcoming it was from the moment I stepped on campus. I appreciate all of the support and the family like atmosphere. I could not ask for a better experience.

## Graduate Assistants



### Kelsey Moffitt

Graduate Hall Coordinator  
Chitwood/Weymouth

**Education:** B.A. Psychology  
Pittsburg State University

**Master's Program:** Higher Education Administration

**What do you like most about Texas Tech?**

I absolutely love the charisma and spirit. The students, faculty and staff smiles are contagious and warming. I also enjoy being surrounded by numerous cultures and diversity.



### Andrew Palladino

Graduate Assistant  
Social Justice

**Education:** B.A. Communication, Certificate in Peace  
Studies and Mediation  
University of Wisconsin Milwaukee

**Master's Program:** Higher Education Program

**What do you like most about Texas Tech?**

One thing I really love about Texas Tech is the public art throughout the campus. I really enjoy the uniqueness of each art piece on campus. It is nice to be part of a university that supports a diverse art presence on campus. Walking around campus is fun, and I continue to find new art pieces throughout campus.



## Rachel Probst

Graduate Hall Coordinator  
Horn/Knapp

**Education:** B.S. Communication,  
University of Wisconsin Whitewater

**Master's Program:** Higher Education Administration

### What do you like most about Texas Tech?

I love the rich culture of Texas Tech. The aesthetic of the campus, the pride of the students and staff, and the history and traditions all contribute to an amazing experience.

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## Heather Sitkie

Graduate Hall Coordinator  
Talkington

**Education:** B.A. History  
Eastern Illinois University

**Master's Program:** Higher Education Administration

### What do you like most about Texas Tech?

I love the school spirit and the energy on campus. It is easy to tell that everyone is proud to be a Red Raider and it creates such an awesome and supportive environment. I love being a part of the Red Raider family!

# Graduate Assistants



## Martell Summers

Graduate Hall Coordinator  
Chitwood/Weymouth

**Education:** B.S. Communication  
Saginaw Valley State University

**Master's Program:** Higher Education Administration

**What do you like most about Texas Tech?**

Everything. I love the welcoming spirit of the people who make up Lubbock, Texas. You can feel the positive vibe of the Red Raider Nation throughout Lubbock!



## Ryan Talamantes

Graduate Hall Coordinator  
Bledsoe/Gordon/Sneed

**Education:** B.A. Political Science; B.A. History  
Arizona State University

**Master's Program:** Higher Education Administration

**What do you like most about Texas Tech?**

I love the pride and affinity that the students have for their school. Where else can you find a song, like Victory Bells by Josh Abbott, about what it means to be a Raider? When you walk onto the Texas Tech campus you feel the love that the students have for their school. I may be new to Texas Tech but I already feel that I bleed Scarlet and Black!

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## Tim Topper

Graduate Assistant for Conference Services

**Education:** B.S Geology  
Fort Lewis College

**Master's Program:** Higher Education Administration

### What do you like most about Texas Tech?

I love how both students and locals from the Lubbock community demonstrate great pride in Texas Tech everyday. The same spirit and sense of community is found on a regular basis here in University Student Housing.

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## Maegen Wallaker

Graduate Hall Coordinator

Wall/Gates

**Education:** B.S. Business Administration, Hospitality  
Services Administration  
Central Michigan University

**Master's Program:** Higher Education Administration

### What do you like most about Texas Tech?

I absolutely love the campus! The buildings at Texas Tech are so beautiful, as are all of the art pieces. I love going on walks around campus, because I always seem to find another beautiful thing.

## Graduate Assistants



### **Katelyn Wilson**

**Graduate Hall Coordinator**  
**Murray and Carpenter/Wells**

**Education:** B.A. Public Relations  
University of Wisconsin Whitewater

**Master's Program:** Higher Education Administration

#### **What do you like most about Texas Tech?**

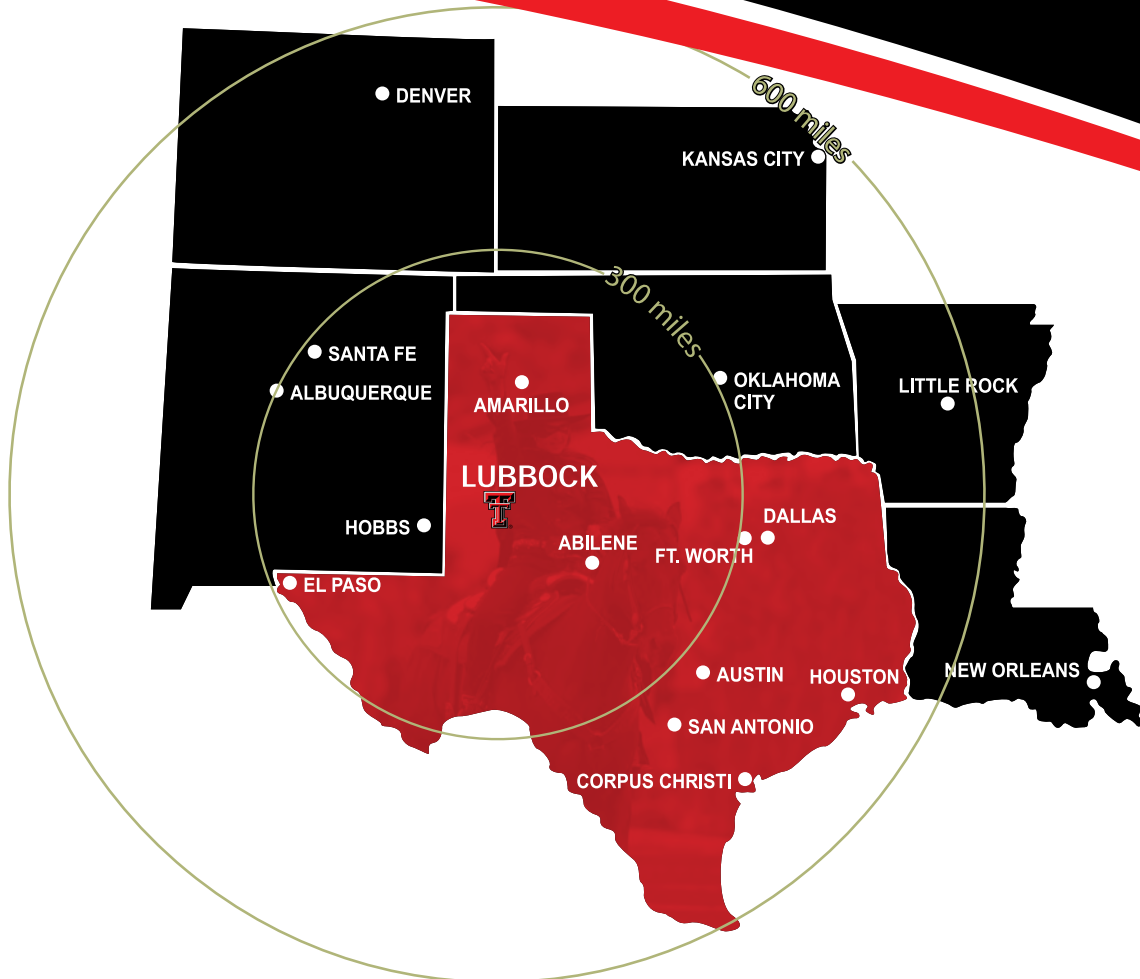
My favorite thing about Texas Tech is the school spirit. I also love the beautiful pieces of art that are all over campus. In addition, I love the architecture of the buildings.

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# Welcome to Lubbock, Texas



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Lubbock, located in northwest Texas, is considered to be at the center of the South Plains. The area is located between the Permian Basin to the south and the Texas Panhandle to the north. Lubbock's official elevation is 3,256 feet.

The county of Lubbock was founded in 1876. The settlement that is the present-day city of Lubbock was formed in late 1890, combining two settlements within the county, Old Lubbock and Monterey. During the following year, the settlement of Lubbock was named the county seat for Lubbock County. The city was incorporated on March 16, 1909.

As agriculture continued to grow within the region and as the railroads continued to expand, Lubbock became the marketing center of the region and earned the name "Hub of the Plains". In 1925, Texas Technological College (later Texas Tech University) opened its doors, providing Lubbock with a major boost to its economy.

As of 2014, the estimated population of Lubbock was 243,839. Lubbock continues to grow, relying on the vast agricultural industry of the area as well as on a variety of manufacturing facilities.

Lubbock provides a small-town atmosphere with all the conveniences of a large city.

The “Hub City” offers:

- Large number of restaurants
- Many stores and boutiques
- The South Plains Mall
- Nightclubs and live music venues in the Depot District
- Museums
- Art galleries
- Local live theater
- Golf
- Hunting
- Fishing

### Travel

The Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport provides quick and easy travel to anywhere in the U.S. and abroad. Local Airlines include:

- American
- Delta
- Continental
- Southwest
- United

### Climate

Lubbock enjoys a semi-arid climate that is especially nice in the summertime. Instead of sweating the nights away somewhere else, you can enjoy nighttime highs in the 70s and lows in the 60s making any summer night, and most of the spring and fall, a wonderful time to sit outside with friends. Lubbock averages 263 days of sunshine a year, during July an average temperature of 80.1o F and 39.4o F in January.

For more information:

[housing.ttu.edu/lubbock](http://housing.ttu.edu/lubbock)

[www.visitlubbock.org](http://www.visitlubbock.org)

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Texas Tech University Student Housing

# Welcome to Tech!



Administration Building at night

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English/Philosophy Building

Raider Red and *Texas Rising* at West Village





## Texas Tech University

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Texas Tech University is in the midst of the most exciting time in the school's history. As the university embarks on becoming the state's next national research university, the opportunities for students could not be greater.

Established in 1923, Texas Tech University sits on a 1,840-acre campus that features expansive lawns, impressive landscaping and Spanish Renaissance-style architecture. Texas Tech has the distinction of being the largest comprehensive higher education institution in the western two-thirds of the state and serves a region larger than 46 of the nation's 50 states.

A major research university with the feel of a smaller liberal arts institution, Texas Tech's enrollment of more than 30,000 allows students to have one-on-one interactions

with top faculty in a safe, traditional campus atmosphere.

The university offers more than 150 bachelor's degrees, 100 master's degrees and 50 doctoral degree choices. Plus, as part of the Texas Tech University System, Texas Tech shares the same campus with its sister university, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. The close proximity makes Texas Tech the only institution in the state with undergraduate school, graduate school, law school, and medical school all in close proximity to each other, which facilitates the transition to professional studies.

A strong art and music program is balanced with growing research in a number of sustainable energy areas. New areas of research in solar and nuclear energies as well



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The “Spirit of Raiderland“ comes in many forms. The 400 member award winning Goin’ Band From Raiderland, the Tech Cheerleaders, the Tech Pom Squad, the Saddle Tramps, the High Riders, Raider Red, and of course the Masked Rider. All of these groups help make the Texas Tech athletic experience a thrilling one. The true “Spirit of Raiderland“ comes only from the hearts of Red Raider fans who bleed Red and Black.

Texas Tech University sports some of the very best athletic facilities in the nation and after the completion of several million dollars worth of renovations, there will be no doubt that Red Raider student-athletes and fans will be able to enjoy world-class facilities. Over the past few years, Texas Tech has invested more than \$200 million in facilities which includes

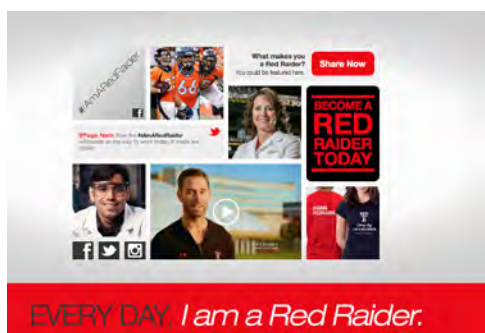
the construction of the United Supermarkets Arena 15,050-seat basketball arena, a new softball stadium and tennis complex plus major renovations to Jones AT&T Stadium and Dan Law Field. Texas Tech also opened the new football training complex in 2004. A new academic services building, The Marsha Sharp Center for Student-Athletes, opened in January 2004 to further enhance Tech’s commitment to the academic well being of student-athletes.

Tradition abounds at Texas Tech and the Spirit of Raiderland is best exhibited during football season. Whether it is through singing FIGHT RAIDERS FIGHT or the Matador Song with your Guns Up or wrapping Will Rogers the night before the game, the Red Raider spirit is alive and well.





**Get your Guns Up!** The hand sign of the Red Raiders can be traced back to L. Glenn Dippel, a 1961 alumnus of Texas Tech, and his wife, Roxie. The sign is made by extending the index finger outward while extending the thumb upward and tucking in the middle, little and fourth fingers to form a gun. The idea is that the Red Raiders will shoot down their opponents. The Guns Up sign is the widely recognized greeting of one Red Raider to another. It is also the sign of victory displayed by the crowd at every athletic event.



**The Masked Rider** is the oldest and most popular mascot of Texas Tech University that still exists today. Originally the Masked Rider began as a dare in 1936 and was called the ghost rider, because no one knew the rider's identity. These ghost riders circled the field at home football games and then disappeared.

The Masked Rider did not become the official mascot until 1954, when Joe Kirk Fulton led the football team out onto the field at the Gator Bowl. Fulton, wearing jeans, red shirt, black cape and who was mounted on a black horse, awed the crowd as the team made one of the most sensational entrances ever.

Today the Masked Rider, with his or her guns up, leads the football team out onto the field for all of the home games. The Masked Rider is one of the most visible figures at Tech and was recently named by the Associated Press as the ninth best mascot in college football.



### **ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

Modeled after La Universidad de Alcala de HERNALES in Spain, the Administration Building was one of the original campus buildings. The most recognized building on campus, it has three floors and a basement, twin bell towers, a portico, double wings and a courtyard. Among the offices in the “Ad Building” are the Chancellor’s Office, President’s Office and Board of Regents Office.



### **ARBOR DAY**

When Texas Tech first started, most of the funds went towards the buildings, but the campus was lacking its landscape. Then, in 1937, president Knapp decided to dedicate one day every spring to beautify the campus. On the first day of this now annual tradition, 20,000 trees were planted. This Tech tradition still goes on today as students and teachers plant trees and beautify the campus each Arbor Day.



### **BANGIN' BERTHA**

Saddle Tramps carry Bangin’ Bertha, a bell on a trailer, to all home football games and homecoming events. Bertha was designed in 1959 by Saddle Tramp Joe Winegar, and was donated by the Santa Fe Railroad. Bangin’ Bertha is considered a spirit-raiser and a big tradition at Texas Tech.



## BLARNEY STONE

On St. Patrick's Day in 1939 Texas Tech University unveiled that they had discovered a piece of the Blarney Stone. According to the legend the stone was discovered by a group of petroleum engineers while they were on a field trip. After doing tests it was discovered that the stone was a piece of the original Blarney Stone. The stone now lies on a stand in front of the old Electrical Engineering Building. It is said that seniors that kiss the Blarney Stone upon graduation will receive the gift of eloquent speech.

## CAROL OF LIGHTS

To celebrate the holiday season Texas Tech holds an annual event called the Carol of Lights. The event starts off with the Texas Tech University Combined Choirs performing selections of classic holiday songs at the Science Quadrangle. This tradition started in 1959 when Harold Hinn came up with the idea and provided the funds to cover the Science Quadrangle and the Administration Building with lights. Unfortunately students were away on Christmas break and did not see the display. The next year the Residence Hall Association created the Christmas Sing, which is now known as the Carol of Lights. Today, the Carol of Lights is one of Texas Tech's favorite traditions.



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## DOUBLE T

An image study in 1989 brought out loud and clear that to Texas Techsians the Double T represents tradition, pride and school identity. Historical evidence suggests that Tech's first football coaches, E.Y. Freeland and Grady Higginbotham, are the originators of this campus trademark, first using it on letter sweaters. No campus symbol is so readily identified with Texas Tech as the Double T.



## DOUBLE T BENCH

Located in the courtyard behind the Administration Building, this special bench was given by the seniors of the class of 1931. It was an announced tradition that no freshmen were allowed to sit on it.

## DOUBLE T SADDLE MONUMENT

Before the football team goes out onto the field they touch the sculpture of a saddle. The saddle was dedicated by the Saddle Tramps to Double T, one of the many Masked Rider Horses that served proudly over the years.

## HOMECOMING

Held each fall Homecoming brings back Tech-exes and fans to join with students for a bonfire and pep rally, parade, open houses, award programs, and float competitions. Homecoming dates back to 1930 when Texas Tech lost 20-6 to Hardin-Simmons. A highlight of Homecoming is election of a queen, the first being Suzanne Matteson in 1954.





## NICKNAMES

Interestingly, Texas Tech was almost nicknamed the Dogies, as suggested by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. But the first athletic teams became known as the Matadors, instead, thanks to the head coach's wife. Mrs. Ewing Young Freeland preferred Matadors because of the Spanish architectural influence on campus. The college colors of scarlet and black and team name of Matadors were adopted by students on March 15, 1926, during a convocation. The teams remained as Matadors until 1936 when Red Raiders was adopted. The name-change from Matadors to Red Raiders came from Lubbock Avalanche-Journal sports writer Collier Parris, reflecting on their red uniforms and a strong season. Covering a football game in 1932, he wrote: "The Red Raiders from Texas Tech, terror of the Southwest this year, swooped in the New Mexico University camp today." The name caught on and by 1936, the Matadors had faded into history, replaced by the Red Raiders.

## RAIDER ALLEY

One of the most popular events associated with Texas Tech football is Raider Alley. Raider Alley is Texas Tech's answer to tailgating. Food, beverages, games, live entertainment and merchandise are available in a festive pregame atmosphere. Raider Alley is shoulder-to-shoulder football fans gearing-up for the upcoming game. It usually begins three hours prior to kickoff.





### RAIDER RED

Prior to the 1971 season, the Southwest Conference passed a rule that prevented members of the conference from taking live animals to non-home games unless the host team had no objections. So Jim Gaspard, a member of Saddle Tramps, created Raider Red from a drawing by the late Lubbock cartoonist Dirk West as an alternative to the Masked Rider when the horse couldn't travel with the football team. Raider Red's student persona is kept a secret from the Tech community. Red is a public relations mascot who shakes hands with the crowds at athletic events and poses for pictures. Raider Red fires his two 12-gauge shotguns using powder-filled shells after every Tech touchdown and field goal.

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## SADDLE TRAMPS

Formed by Tech student Arch Lamb in 1936, this all-male booster organization supports men's athletics at Texas Tech. The name Saddle Tramp came from the stories of traveling men who would come to a farm for a brief time, fix up some things and move on. Lamb said he decided that he could fix up some things himself before moving on, and the Saddle Tramps were born. Since that time the Saddle Tramps believe if something was for the betterment of Texas Tech then they would work at it. These Midnight Raiders "paint the campus red" with crepe paper before big home games, form the legendary "Bell Circle" moments before kickoff, ring Bangin' Bertha, participate in parades and other campus events (including the Carol of Lights), and ring the Victory Bells after Red Raider victories.



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## SEAL OF TEXAS TECH

Designed by the campus' master planner, William Ward Watkin, in 1924, the Tech Seal's symbols are the lamp, which represents "school," the key for "home," the book for "church," and the star for "state." Cotton bolls represent the area's strong cotton industry and the eagle is suggestive of our country. The seal first appeared on Tech diplomas in 1948, but it wasn't officially approved as "The" Seal of Texas Tech University until 1953. On April 27, 1972, the seal was placed at the Broadway and University entrance to the campus in what became known as the Amon G. Carter Plaza. It is made of red granite and stands 12 feet high. It has been referred to by students through the years as "the Oreo."





### **VICTORY BELLS**

In 1936 victory bells were given to Texas Tech as a class gift. The bells rang for the first time at the 1936 class's graduation. It is said that after the win over TCU, the following year, the bells rang through out the night. The bells kept Lubbock residents up all night. Thereafter, the bell ringing was limited to 30 minutes. Saddle Tramps ring the bells after Texas Tech victories and during special occasions. The Victory Bells - one large and one small, which combine to weigh 1,200 pounds - hang in the east tower of the Administration Building.

### **WEST, DIRK**

The late Lubbock cartoonist designed Raider Red, an additional mascot that could travel with Texas Tech's athletic teams. West became familiar to thousands of Red Raider fans by poking fun at Tech's SWC rivals in his weekly newspaper sketches and on the cover of Tech's football programs.







## WILL ROGERS AND SOAPSUDS

One of the most well known landmarks on campus is the statue of Will Rogers and his horse Soapsuds. This memorial was dedicated on February 16, 1950 by longtime friend of Rogers, Amon G. Carter. Carter believed Texas Tech was the perfect setting for the statue and that it would fit into the traditions and scenery of West Texas. The statue stands at 9'11" tall and weighs 3,200 pounds; its estimated cost was \$25,000. On the base of the statue, the inscription reads "Lovable Old Will Rogers on his favorite horse, 'Soapsuds,' riding into the Western sunset." Today Texas Tech tradition and legends surrounds the statue. According to one legend, the plan to face Will Rogers so that he could be riding off into the sunset did not work out as it would cause Soapsuds' rear to be facing downtown. To solve this problem, the horse and Will was turned 23 degrees to the east so the horse's posterior was facing in the direction of Texas A&M, one of the school's rivals. Before every home football game the Saddle Tramps wrap Old Will with red crepe paper. Will Rogers and Soapsuds have also been wrapped up in black crepe paper to mourn national tragedies.





Carol of Lights



Courtyard between English/Philosophy, Education

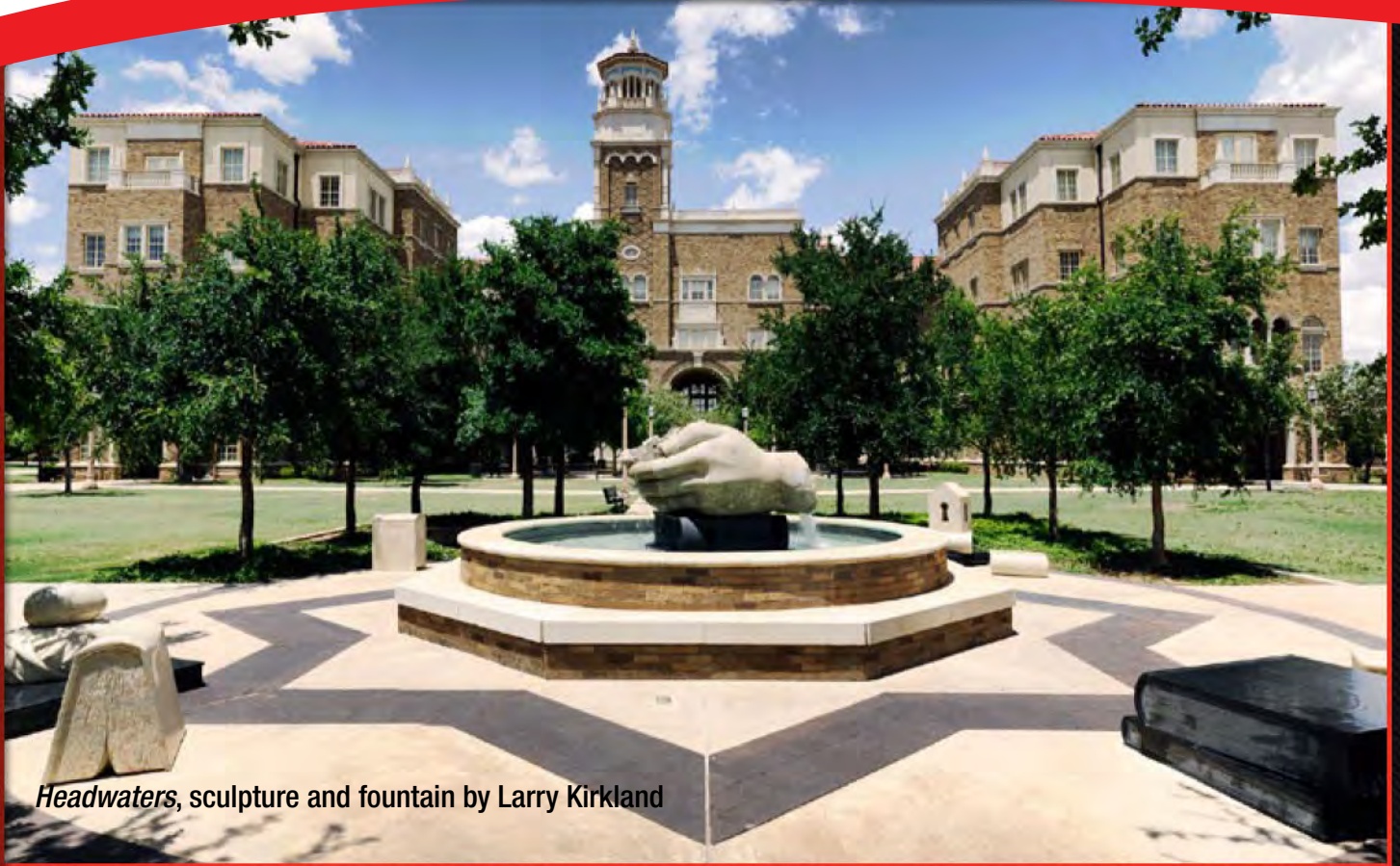


Rec Sports Leisure Pool

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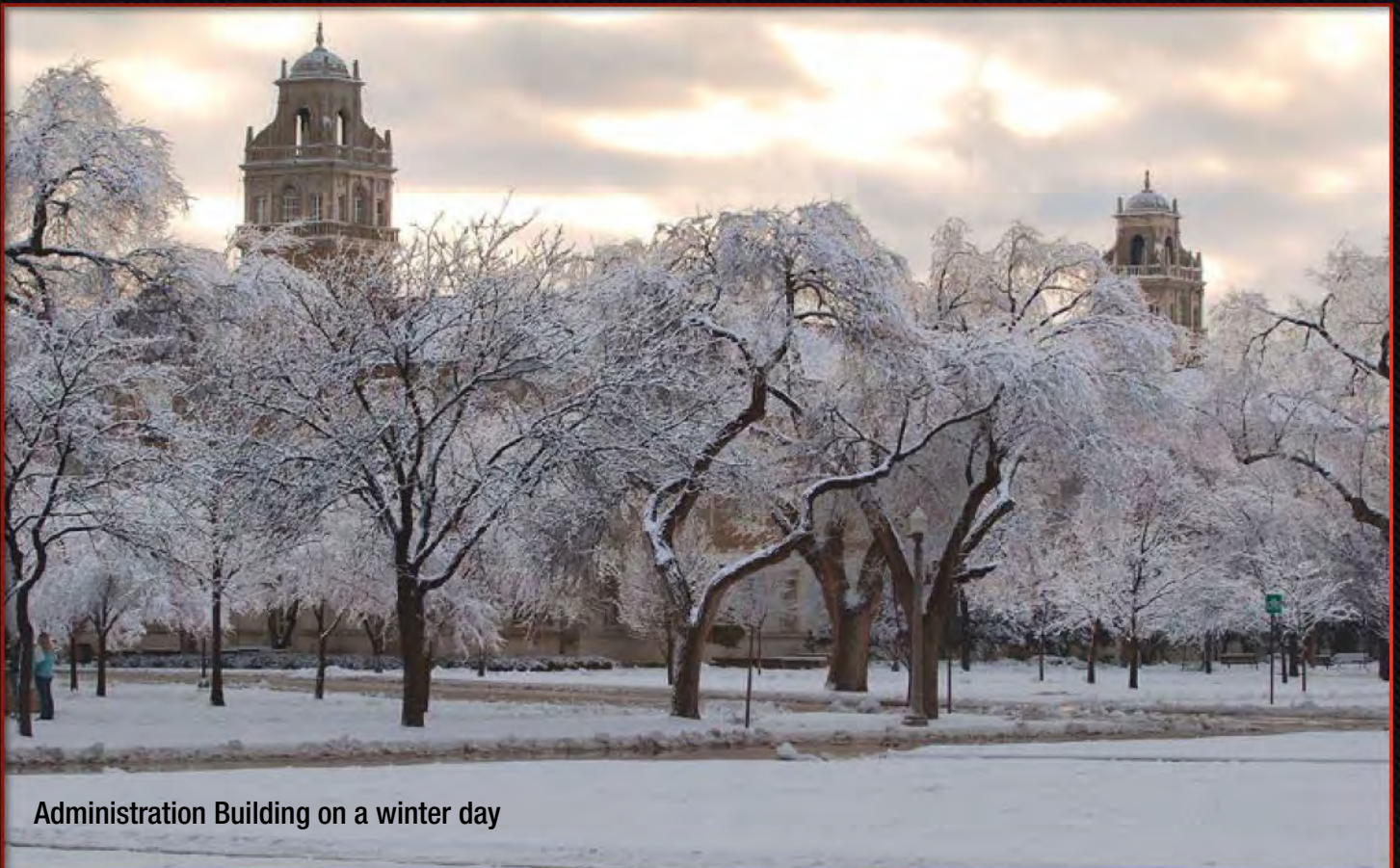


Rec Sports Leisure Pool



*Headwaters, sculpture and fountain by Larry Kirkland*

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*Administration Building on a winter day*



Memorial Circle and Pfuger Fountain

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Will Rogers and Soapsuds on a spring day

Texas Tech University Seal at night



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Bonfire Plaza at Urbanosky Park



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Water Fountain at the Texas Tech University Seal





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