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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Message from the Department Chair
We are excited to begin another semester in the Bob L. Herd Department of Petroleum Engineering, with new students, faculty, research, and opportunities.

Growing Our Hands-On Experience
The Oilfield Technology Center (OTC) continues to support training for our students, industry partners, and regulatory agencies. We are expanding the use of our drilling rig, with the BOP functionality expected to be fully operational this fall. This will provide more hands-on learning opportunities for our students. We are also very grateful to **Bold Production** and alumnus **Jose Mendoza** for donating a glycol dehydration unit for our gas pad. Jose has also offered to help us obtain a large 3D model as a teaching aid. With this addition, our "gas pad" will be essentially complete, allowing students to see and work with equipment associated with the major operations of a gas well.

Student Growth
Our undergraduate enrollment continues to increase, **marking four consecutive years of growth**, with a 100% increase since 2022, and the third largest program in the US. We are also pleased to report that **all of our May 2026 graduates have jobs**, with starting salaries averaging approximately **\$104,000 per year**, essentially unchanged from recent years. To help maintain this momentum, our Industry Advisory Board, led by Sheldon Burleson and Toben Scott, is working hard to build our scholarship endowment to ensure we can continue attracting top students. Please see the details of our **Homecoming fundraiser** elsewhere in this newsletter. And, of course, the famous **Petroleum-Terry Fuller tailgates** are back! Our first game

is September 5th against Abilene Christian. Please stop by, catch up with our faculty, and enjoy the afternoon with our alumni and friends. Our graduate enrollment remains steady despite visa and enrollment challenges affecting many departments. We are welcoming a new group of graduate students from around the world this semester.

Research Continues to Grow
Research remains strong, with **\$6.2 million in awards over the past three years**. Dr. Smith Leggett's Gas Lift Consortium continues to be successful, while Dr. Stuart Scott is developing additional industry consortia focused on production and artificial lift. We are also modifying **Red Raider #1** to study artificial lift under gas-interference conditions. We are in final negotiations on the **\$5 million DOE award**, originally received in 2024, to study the Permian Basin as a regional hub for carbon storage and utilization. The project was placed on hold, but was reopened this spring with EOR now included as part of the solution. **The Texas Produced Water Consortium (TxPWC)** also continues to gain momentum. The consortium has received **\$18 million in state grants**, separate from the \$6.2 million in departmental research awards. With disposal capacity becoming increasingly constrained in the Delaware Basin and water demand remaining high in West Texas, our goal is to make produced water part of the solution rather than simply a waste stream. We are also responding to several DOE **Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs)** and continue our work with PEDHA, where I served as past president, to pursue an estimated **\$50 million in university-led research funding**. Our recent trip to Washington, D.C., was very productive and continues to strengthen our relationships with petroleum engineering programs across the country.

Welcome to Our New Faculty
Please join me in welcoming our two newest faculty members, **Dr. Sajjad Esmailpour** and **Dr. Khaled Enab**. We are excited to have them join our department and look forward to their contributions to teaching and research.

Supporting Industry and Students
After five years of working with the **Tex-**

as Railroad Commission, we finally brought RRC training schools to Texas Tech. Our first class was held this summer, with many more expected. A special thanks goes to **Matt Brasher** for doing an outstanding job developing and delivering the course. We are also continuing to work with community colleges across Texas and New Mexico to establish **Engineering Academies**, creating valuable pathways for students into engineering and eventually into our Petroleum Engineering program.

Keeping Our Curriculum Current
We continue to improve our curriculum. Our design sequence is now six credit hours, with three hours in the fall and three in the spring. AI is also becoming an increasingly important part of engineering education. This was a major topic at our recent PEDHA meetings. The consensus was clear: students still need strong engineering fundamentals and statistics so they can understand, question, and validate AI-generated results. AI does not provide an "exact answer." In many cases, it provides the most likely answer based on the information available. Petroleum engineers have dealt with this concept for decades through reserves, uncertainty, and probability. Our challenge is to teach students to use AI as a tool without allowing it to replace engineering judgment. PEDHA also reviewed the state of Petroleum Engineering education around the world. Programs in the UK, Western Europe, Australia, Canada, and Norway are generally in transition, while the U.S. and Russia remain relatively stable. Petroleum Engineering education is growing rapidly in the Middle East and China, while Africa and South America represent emerging opportunities. We need to continue building international relationships, particularly to recruit graduate students and develop research partnerships.

Looking Ahead
The future of the Bob L. Herd Department of Petroleum Engineering remains very bright. Enrollment is growing, our graduates are succeeding, research is strong, our facilities continue to improve, and our relationships with industry and government are expanding.

Thank you to our alumni, industry partners, faculty, staff, students, and friends of the department for your continued support. **Wreck 'Em!**

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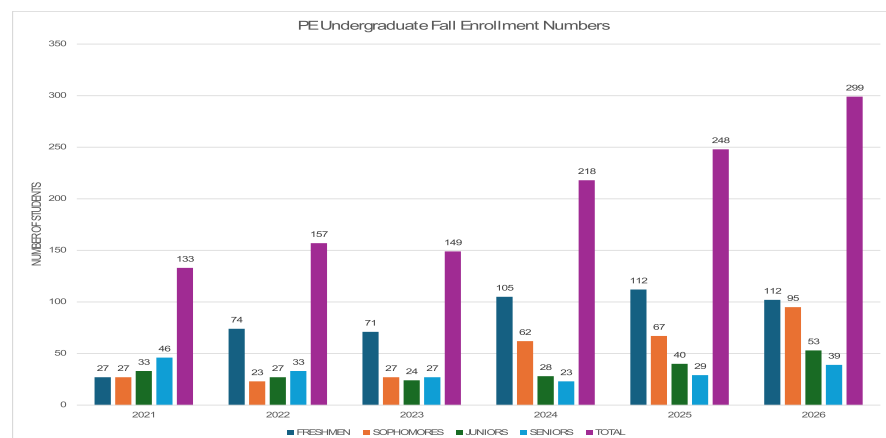




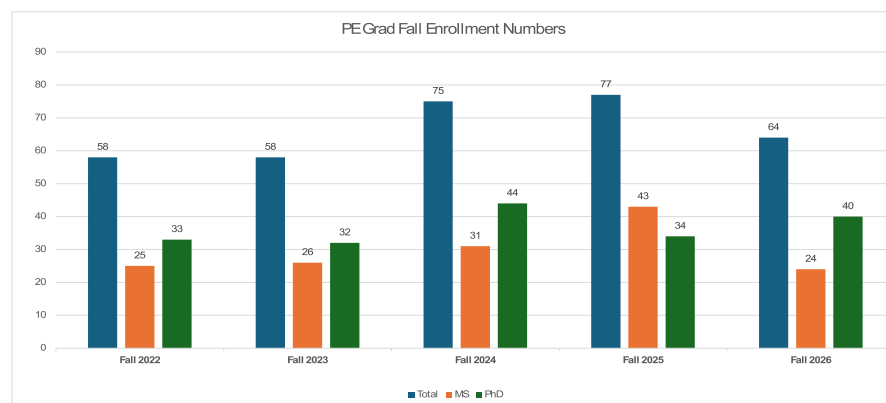
No. 8 Petroleum Engineering Graduate Program-U.S. News & World Report-

The Bob L. Herd Department of Petroleum Engineering was ranked the #8 best graduate program for Petroleum Engineering by U.S. News & World Report-two spots up from last years ranking!

Department Numbers-



This graph compares our undergraduate fall enrollment numbers from fall of 2021-2026.



This graph represents our graduate enrollment, MS and PhD students, numbers from the fall of 2022-2026.



Dr. Sajjad Esmailpour
Assistant Professor

I am excited to return to Texas Tech as an Assistant Professor of Petroleum Engineering. I earned my Ph.D. from Texas Tech University in 2022 and have since been on the faculty at New Mexico Tech. Before academia, I spent over ten years in the petroleum industry as a reservoir geophysicist, working on a variety of subsurface characterization and reservoir development projects.

My research focuses on geomechanics, well completion and stimulation, reservoir characterization, geothermal energy, carbon storage, and other emerging subsurface energy technologies. I am excited to build a collaborative research program, mentor graduate students, and help establish Texas Tech as a leader in innovative subsurface energy research.

Returning to Texas Tech truly feels like coming home. I look forward to working with outstanding colleagues and leveraging the department's excellent Rock Mechanics Laboratory and its close connection to the Permian Basin to develop impactful industry collaborations and innovative research that addresses both today's energy challenges and emerging subsurface energy technologies.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family, camping and traveling, and tackling hands-on projects around the house, from home improvement to working on cars.

Students who are interested in geomechanics, or advanced laboratory experimentation combined with subsurface modeling are always welcome to reach out. I look forward to working with you.



Dr. Khaled Enab

Associate Professor

Dr. Khaled Enab earned both his Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering from The Pennsylvania State University. Prior to joining Texas Tech University, he served as an Associate Professor of Petroleum Engineering and Founding Director of the AI Center for Engineering at Texas A&M International University (TAMIU). At TAMIU, Dr. Enab provided significant institutional leadership by helping establish the ABET accredited Petroleum Engineering program and founding the university's first AI Center for Engineering.

Dr. Enab's professional leadership extends beyond campus through his service with the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), where he currently serves as the MEA Program Chair for the SPE Research and Development Technical Section and previously served as Chairperson and Special Coordinator of the SPE Management Sub Committee. Additionally, Dr. Enab was named the recipient of the 2026 Society of Petroleum Engineers Southwestern North America Regional Distinguished Achievement Award for Petroleum Engineering Faculty.

Dr. Enab's research integrates experimental investigations, advanced numerical modeling, and artificial intelligence to advance understanding of fluid behavior in porous media and enhance energy production. He has applied his expertise to enhanced oil recovery, carbon storage in depleted reservoirs and saline aquifers, and geothermal energy development. Through his teaching, research, and leadership, he contributes to the evolution of petroleum engineering education and energy transition research while creating new opportunities for students and communities in Texas and beyond.

Dr. Enab is interested to join the Petroleum Engineering program at Texas Tech, which is one of the leading programs in the United States and plays a central role in the development of unconventional resources, especially in the Permian Basin—the largest producing unconventional resource. Dr. Enab was particularly drawn to the Bob L. Herd Department of Petroleum Engineering not only because of its outstanding team of faculty members and leadership, but also because of the Oilfield Technology Center (OTC), which offers a unique platform for field scale research by faculty and students. Joining Texas Tech provides him with a distinctive opportunity to leverage his research in enhanced oil recovery for unconventional reservoirs through strong industry collaboration and field studies. As a faculty member, he looks forward to developing an advanced EOR research center at Texas Tech to help improve recovery from the Permian Basin and to train the next generation of engineers at the intersection of field practice and AI driven innovation.

Outside of academia, Dr. Enab enjoys walking and hiking, swimming, and playing soccer.

Petroleum Engineering Department Heads Association

PEDHA-

The Petroleum Engineering Department Heads Association (PEDHA), representing 27 leading universities across the United States, is advocating for renewed federal support of university-led research in petroleum engineering.

In March, PEDHA members traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with congressional offices and key committees to discuss the importance of restoring funding for university-led research. During these meetings, they highlighted how academic research has historically driven technological advances in the energy industry and emphasized the need to invest in the next generation of engineers and researchers.

PEDHA has successfully worked with Congress in previous years to include language supporting university-led subsurface energy research in federal appropriations legislation. Building on that success, the association is once again working with lawmakers and federal agencies to ensure this im-

portant language is included in the FY 2027 appropriations process, helping secure continued funding for innovative research at U.S. universities.

The proposal encourages the U.S. Department of Energy to secure funding for early-stage university research that helps improve oil and natural gas production while reducing environmental impacts. Research priorities include methane emissions reduction, carbon capture, artificial intelligence applications, water management, and technologies that increase energy recovery from existing wells.

University research has played a major role in developing many of the technologies used in today's energy industry. Continued investment will help advance new innovations, strengthen U.S. energy security, and prepare the next generation of engineers and scientists. This is especially important as the demand for petroleum engineers continues to outpace the number of graduates entering the workforce.

PEDHA believes restoring support for university-led research will help ensure the United States remains a global leader in energy innovation while promoting affordable, reliable, and more sustainable energy production for years to come. The association remains committed to working with policymakers and federal agencies to advance research that benefits both the energy industry and the nation.



Image: Dr. Marshall Watson and Charlotte Stockton



Image: Dr. Tom Blasingame and Dr. Marshall Watson

Southwest Petroleum Short Course



Southwest Petroleum Short Course is proud to share the success of this year's conference and our continued commitment to supporting education and industry growth.

This year, the conference welcomed 1,445 registrants and 75 exhibiting companies, another record breaking year!

As part of our ongoing support for Texas Tech University, SWPSC donated \$30,000 to the TTU Petroleum Engineering program and \$17,500 to the TTU E-Commerce program. These contributions help the next generation of professionals in our field.

We also recognized outstanding student achievement during the event. Earlier in the year, students competed in the SWPSC Student Poster Contest. Eight students were honored and awarded monetary prizes for their participation in the student contest. The following students placed:

Undergraduate Level

1st – Joshua Muroi
2nd – Sofia Rodriguez
3rd – Neil Dickson

Master's Level

1st – Jefferson Ogbuka
2nd – Seth Fitter
3rd – Adkham Izabassar

Ph.D. Level

1st – Ayann Tiam
2nd – Luke Elbel
3rd – Abdul Rehman Baig



Image: Dr. Marshall Watson and PhD student Luke Elbel

Oilfield Technology Center (OTC) Tour During the SWPSC-

This inaugural event was held to provide an opportunity for the many people in town for the Southwest Petroleum Short Course to see the full-scale instructional, testing and research facilities available at the Texas Tech University Oilfield Technology Center (OTC)!

The event featured stations at Well #1 for Rod Lift, Well #2 for Gas and Plunger Lift, and Well #3 with the Drilling Rig and for ESP discussions. We were very pleased with the turnout of over 70 participants. A Special thank you to Flowco, Lufkin and J&W Wellheads for their help with the tour, and Boomerang

for providing refreshments. Also, the TTU SPE Student Chapter deserves special recognition for their help, especially with event parking!



Image: Red Raider No. 1 Well



Image: Presentation in our Oilfield Technology Center

Railroad Commission



Image: Riannon Rowley, *The Railroad Commission of Texas at the Texas Tech University Oilfield Technology Center, photograph, 2026*

On July 28th, 2026, The Railroad Commission of Texas visited our Oilfield Technology Center to receive hands-on training. Read the article below by George Watson, Associate Director of Marketing and Communications at Texas Tech University, to learn more about this event.

"The Bob L. Herd Department of Petroleum Engineering within the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering at Texas Tech University, and The Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) are collaborating to deliver specialized workforce development training for that state's oil and gas inspectors.

The training is being held at the petroleum engineering department's Oilfield Technology Center, located just east of the Fiber & Biopolymer Research Institute in east Lubbock. The center is a unique, 10-acre facility designed to bridge classroom learning with real-world application.

"This partnership represents a meaningful step forward in how we connect education, industry and regulation," said Marshall Watson, chairman of the petroleum engineering department at Texas Tech. "By providing hands-on training in a realistic environment, we're helping inspectors build the skills they need to ensure safe and efficient energy operations across Texas."

Texas Tech hopes this initiative marks the beginning of a long-term relationship with the RRC and other industry partners, further strengthening its role in advancing energy education and training in Texas.

"This training program further strengthens our field inspectors by providing them with the skills and knowledge needed to perform their jobs at the highest level," said Wei Wang, Executive Director of the RRC. "Partnerships among Texas institutions are critical to advancing the work we do and serving the people of our state. We are proud to partner with Texas Tech to enhance inspector training and help ensure the continued protection of Texas' natural resources and communities. I thank Texas Tech for their commitment to this important effort."

The Oilfield Technology Center features a dedicated classroom, a shop equipped with oil and gas equipment cutaways and models, and outdoor training space with production facilities, a pumping unit, gas compressors and a drilling rig. This hands-on environment allows inspectors to gain practical experience in a controlled and safe setting, enhancing their ability to oversee operations across Texas.

In addition to strengthening ties with the RRC, the program will help offset operational costs of the facility while further establishing the department's reputation as a leader in applied petroleum engineering education and training. "Practical workforce training for the people of Texas; this is what makes Texas Tech special," said Roland Faller, dean of the College of Engineering."

Watson, George (2026, July 28th). *Petroleum Engineering, Railroad Commission Team Up to Train Inspectors*. Texas Tech Now. <https://www.ttu.edu/now/posts/2026/07/petroleum-engineering-railroad-commission-team-up-to-train-inspectors.php>

Faculty Recognition



EOR in Unconventional Reservoirs Roundtable (held May 12th in Houston)-

Texas Tech University and LSU teamed up to host a new **EOR in Unconventional Reservoirs Roundtable (EOR-URR)**. This was a university-led, operator focused event created to facilitate the sharing of learnings and to foster discussions on this important topic. Co-Chaired by Dr. Stuart L. Scott (TTU PETR Winkler Chair) and Dr. David S. Schechter (LSU PETR Department Head), it brought together approximately 95 participants representing 55 separate organizations/companies comprised of operators, chemical companies, service and technology providers, academia, and government organizations. One important discussion topic was moving beyond isolated pilots to economic and scalable EOR projects. The question of whether unconventional reservoirs can be effectively flooded was also raised, given the significant interactions observed in wells beyond the Huff & Puff injection well. Special thanks to Texas Tech students Derek Rodriguez, Maria Lapukhina, and Abdul Rehman Baig who volunteered at this event. Sponsors included: Locus Bio-Energy, Energy Transformed, LFS Chemistry, BASF, Dow, Third Wave and Sasol. Proceeds from the event are used to support EOR research at the two institutions.



Image: Sponsor and Speaker Dr. Megan Pearl from Locus Bio-Energy

Faculty Awards-



Image: Dr. James Sheng

Dr. James Sheng is the award recipient of The Society of Petroleum Engineers Reservoir Description and Dynamics Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement or contributions to the advancement of petroleum engineering in the area of reservoir technology. This award is given out to one recipient each year.



Image: Dr. Khaled Enab

Our newest faculty member, Dr. Khaled Enab, was awarded the Society of Petroleum Engineers Regional Distinguished Achievement Award for Petroleum Engineering Faculty for the Southwestern North America Region.

Student Fieldtrip to Fasken Oil and Ranch LLC-

On February 28, Fasken Oil and Ranch LLC hosted the 2026 sophomore class (60 students) for a visit to a drilling location on their ranch. The students were divided in groups under the lead of either Fasken staff or the drilling company/mud company staff, and a detailed tour was carried out lasting several hours. The students had the opportunity to make connections and ask questions as they moved through the rig stations. As part of the tour the students were also shown a typical bottom hole assembly, several MWD tools, and a variety of drilling bit types used for the different portions of the well trajectory. The day concluded with a visit to the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum with the participation of a large group of our alumni.

Caprock Canyons field trip for PETR 2303 Petroleum Geology-

Image: Students examining fractures and faults in the Permian Quartermaster Formation, Caprock Canyons State Park with Dr. Steven Henderson and Dr. Marshall Watson.

Student Fieldtrip to Oklahoma-

In March of this year, our PETR 3105 students participated in a weekend field trip to study geological outcroppings with Dr. Watson and Dr. Henderson in Oklahoma. This field trip takes place every spring, and is a required part of our undergraduate curriculum for graduation.

**NAPE -**

Some of our SPE officers and members had the opportunity to attend the 2026 NAPE Summit alongside the Bob L. Herd Department of Petroleum Engineering.

It was an incredible experience to gain firsthand exposure to the oil and gas industry, learn about current market trends, and connect with professionals from across the energy sector. Opportunities like this allow our students to bridge the gap between academic preparation and real-world industry experience. We are grateful for the chance to engage, network, and continue growing as future professionals in the energy industry.

**TARAGA Plant-**

On April 2nd, Dr. Leggett took his senior Facilities class (PETR 4305) for their required field trip visit to an oil and gas facility. The goal of the trip is to further expand their understanding of the intricacy and complexity of a large oil and gas facility. This year, Targa Resources Corp. very graciously invited the class to their Campo Viejo Facility located a few miles west of the town of Plains, TX. This facility is part of the latest acquisition that Targa completed in January 2026 for assets of Stakeholder Midstream LLC. The plant recently completed the installation of a second treating and processing train to increase the inlet gas capacity to 160 million cubic feet per day. In addition, the project also operates as a carbon storage and acid gas injection system using two Class II permitted wells completed in the Siluro-Devonian Fasken Formation at depths from 12,000 to 17,000 feet. Students were first given an overall

presentation of the plant operation emphasizing safety and environmental issues. After, they were divided into small groups, each led by a Targa staff member, for a detailed visit of the plant. The visit concluded with a meal and an opportunity for students to ask questions and get additional information.



Image: Dr. Smith Leggett with PhD student Erasmus Mensah

Texas Tech Petroleum Engineering was well represented at the **2026 SPE Artificial Lift Conference and Exhibition (ALCE)** held August 25-27 in The Woodlands. Dr. Stuart L. Scott and Dr. Smith Leggett mentored multiple graduate students who presented their latest research in artificial lift and production optimization. Student presentations covered a wide range of topics as listed below. In addition, Dr. Leggett served on the SPE ALCE conference committee and chaired the technical session on Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence.

Student Presentations:

1. "A Predictive Fallback Factor Model for Intermittent Gas Lift Based on Field-Scale Slug Dynamics Experiments" - E. Mensah, C. Morais De Almeida, S. Leggett - TTU
2. "Automated High-Pressure Gas Lift Optimization: Coupling Surface Constraints with Subsurface Dynamics" - J. Ogbuka, S. Leggett - TTU; R. Reynolds, Estis Compression, LLC
3. "Cycle-Resolved Slug Production Measurement in Intermittent Gas Lift Wells Using Surface Flowline Instrumentation" - C.M. Almeida, E. Mensah, S. Leggett - TTU
4. "Mapping Artificial Lift Operational Envelopes to Improve Selection/Transition Decisions and Operational Visualization in the Permian" - S.L. Scott, T.R. McNealy - TTU
5. "Gas Lift Considerations for Unloading Water from Frac Hits and Huff & Puff EOR" - S.L. Scott, S. Fitter - TTU; B. Campbell - Drilling Fluids Technology Inc.; B. Duran, C. Townsend - Mewbourne Oil Company; G. Pospisil - EOR ETC LLC

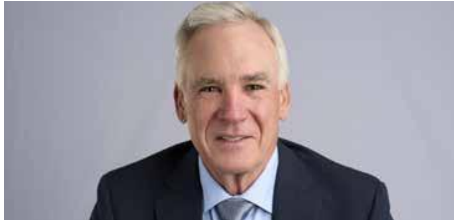


Dr. Watson was very proud to award his former student Eric Winters with the Whitacre College of Engineering Young Distinguished Engineer award.

This award was created to recognize and honor Whitacre College of Engineering alumni who represent the college in an outstanding way through their professional and civic achievements within 15 years of graduating with their undergraduate degree.



Congratulations to Kyle Chapman, a member of the Texas Tech Petroleum Engineering Industry Advisory Board, for being appointed to the Energy Workforce & Technology Council advisory board!



Steven W. Nance Elected Chairman of Ovintiv Board
Steven W. Nance (BS PE, Texas Tech University '78) has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of Ovintiv Inc. (NYSE: OVV), succeeding Peter Dea following his retirement on May 6, 2026.

A registered professional engineer (currently inactive) who began his career in 1978 with The Superior Oil Company, Nance brings nearly five decades of energy sector expertise to the role. He has served as an independent director of Ovintiv since 2019, when the company acquired Newfield Exploration Company. He had previously served as a Newfield director since 2013 and was Lead Director at the time of the acquisition.

Nance has served on multiple public and private boards, including The Williams Companies and Cloud Peak Energy, chairing various committees and contributing to best-in-class governance practices along the way. His executive background includes serving as President of Peoples Energy Production Company and as Chairman, President, and CEO of XPLOR Energy.

He is currently President and Manager of Steele Creek Energy, LLC, a private investment firm focused primarily on oil and natural gas. For nearly two decades, Nance has also provided specialized advisory services in executive coaching, succession planning, and oil & gas asset investments.

Nance's ties to Texas Tech run deep. He served on the TTU Petroleum Engineering Advisory Board through the 1990s and 2000s, chairing the board from 1993–1998, serving on the search committee for a new Department Chair from 1997–1998, and playing a leading role on the capital campaign committee. He also previously served on the Dean's Council for the College of Engineering.

Among his honors, Nance was inducted into the Academy of Petroleum Engineers in 1995 as part of its second class, and was named a Distinguished Engineer by the College of Engineering in 1998. He received the Herald W. Winkler Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018.



Dear TTU Petroleum Engineering Academy,

It is with great sadness that we share that one of our alums, Jake Plunk, passed away on Thursday, May 21st. He formerly was the CEO and COO of Fleur de Lis Energy, LLC and most recently, was SVP of Acquisitions & Divestitures at U.S. Energy Development Corporation. Jake served on the Petroleum Engineering Industrial Advisory Board for many years and became a member of the Petroleum Engineering Academy in 2011. He joined the Dean's Council last fall and was eager to serve in this new capacity. We deeply appreciate Jake's friendship, passion, insights, and his desire to help the college become the best it can be. He will be greatly missed.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Plunk Family Fund at Communities Foundation of Texas, <https://cftexas.org/PlunkFamilyFund>, where you can also find additional information about Jake's career and philanthropy. Please keep his wife, Charlyn, their children – Branson, Tatum, and Cortlyn, and their respective families in your thoughts and prayers.

Texas Tech University Academy of Petroleum Engineers

Texas Tech University Academy of Petroleum Engineers-

Every fall, a group of Texas Tech petroleum engineering alumni gather for dinner on the Thursday before homecoming. The occasion is a dinner to celebrate and induct up to five new members into the Academy of Petroleum Engineers. Ideally, we have 100+ folks in attendance. One of the most memorable parts of the evening is listening to the inductees share a few words on who and what impacted their careers and lives, often referencing their time at Tech.

By way of history, the Academy was initiated in 1994 and its total membership is approximately 120. The Purpose of the Academy is threefold:

- To recognize Petroleum Engineering graduates and other petroleum industry professionals who have made significant contributions to the profession and who, in doing so, have brought

- recognition to the Bob L. Herd Department of Petroleum Engineering at Texas Tech University.
- To encourage and inspire the Petroleum Engineering program and students to achieve success in their selected fields of endeavor.
- To assist and support the Bob L. Herd Department of Petroleum Engineering in its efforts to seek and develop excellence in its program

The dinner is a special event to honor those who have brought honor to Tech in their careers. In recent history, we have on occasion added an element to recognize existing Academy members who have gone above and beyond in helping the department. This honor is called the Herald W. Winkler Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award and includes the following recipients to date: T. Scott Hickman, Steve Nance, Curtis Mewbourne, Terry Fuller and Denny Bullard. Last year we began acknowledging anyone who was inducted 30 years prior.



This year's dinner will acknowledge inductees of 1996.

The dinner is a fun evening and gathering of prior inductees, alumni, friends and family. It is a great chance to catch up over dinner and is often followed up with folks sharing memories and laughs at the bar. If you've never been or haven't been in a while, we would love to see you this year. The dinner will be on Thursday, October 15th in Lubbock. Please save the date.

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Upcoming Events



» » October 16th, 2026
1 PM - 5:00 PM

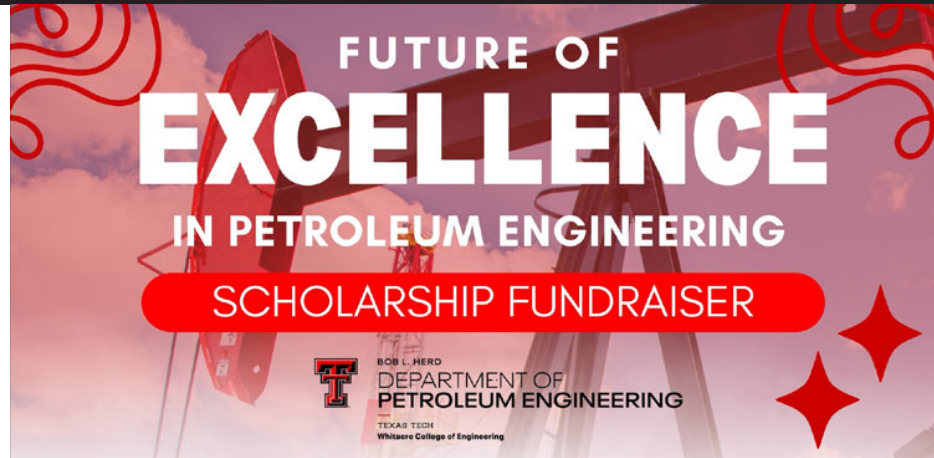
Join us for a hands-on experience where you will receive training with industry equipment and have the opportunity to network with top industry experts! You will also be provided with resume and interviewing skills.

Interested in participating?

Arrive at the Petroleum Engineering building at 12:30 PM to register and get your free t-shirt. Transportation to OTC provided, but limited!



To RSVP please email Rose Cruz – rose.cruz@ttu.edu



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Friday, October 16
7 pm - 10:30 pm



Tailgate Area

North of the Petroleum
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**Dinner and
refreshments
served**



Live performance by
Haydon Wiginton
Country music artist & former TTU
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Reception 2026**

Wednesday October 21st, 2026

EVENT HELD: 6:00PM-8:00PM

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