STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY

RICHARD C. BENSON, PRESIDENT

10/19
2021
TRANSITIONING TO A NEW NORMAL IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19
Essential Workers

...protected our campus and provided a **reassuring continuity** to University operations during the global pandemic.

...helped students by providing **food and housing** and keeping them engaged and on track.
Essential Workers

...kept our buildings clean and our landscape beautiful.
Essential Workers

...responded to our technology needs.
Comets United
Vaccine Site

Operated a UT Southwestern vaccine site in the UTD Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center from March through June.

During the first few weeks of the semester, vaccinations were given on campus through a collaboration with Walmart.
Fall 2021 featured a return to pre-pandemic scheduling with courses taught mostly in person. A de-densification period was implemented in response to the Delta surge.
Opening Our Community

With allowances for the prevalence of the virus in our community, we have been able to host more sporting events, concerts, lectures, celebrations and other group gatherings.
The **Student Emergency Fund** — an additional source of institutional aid for students — was created in coordination with the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, the Division of Student Affairs and the International Student and Scholars Office.

$32.8M in emergency aid (federal and institutional funds) has been disbursed to more than 17,000 students for unanticipated expenses due to the pandemic.
REMEMBERING
DR. HOBSON WILDENTHAL

In Memoriam
1937-2021
Nearly 30 years at UT Dallas

Established core curriculum for undergraduate education

Created programs to attract and retain best students and top faculty

Instrumental in campus transformation

Encouraged undergraduate research

Fostered the honors programs that became the Hobson Wildenthal Honors College

Recipient of the inaugural Edward M. Ackerman Leadership Award
SNAPSHOT OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR
UT Dallas ranks 3rd best public university in Texas (U.S. News & World Report)
Rapid Growth of Student Body (per Academic Year)

AY06   AY07   AY08   AY09   AY10   AY11   AY12   AY13   AY14   AY15   AY16   AY17   AY18   AY19   AY20   AY21   AY22
14,523  14,556  14,944  15,783  17,128  18,864  19,727  21,193  23,095  24,554  26,793  26,992  28,757  28,933  29,803  28,926  29,698

35,000 Strategic Target AY25
Fall 2021 Student Profile

Top States:
- Texas (23,767)
- California (225)
- Illinois (75)
- Oklahoma (73)
- Louisiana (63)
- Florida (57)

Top TX Counties:
- Collin (7,174)
- Dallas (6,217)
- Denton (2,291)
- Tarrant (1,426)
- Harris (1,152)
- Travis (1,049)

Top Countries:
- USA (25,237)
- India (2,745)
- China (553)
- Taiwan (120)
- Iran (111)
- Vietnam (106)

Female
- 12,966

Male
- 16,732

Part-Time
- 5,971

Full-Time
- 23,727

Graduate
- 8,253

Undergraduate
- 21,445

15 YOUNGEST STUDENT
87 OLDEST STUDENT
43.3% Bachelor’s degrees awarded to economically disadvantaged students (AY2020)

65.4% Undergraduates who received merit- and need-based aid (AY2020)

30.4% Undergraduates who received Pell grants (fall 2019)

Fall 2021, almost 1 in 5 of our undergraduate population is first generation
Top Declared Majors of Full-Time Incoming Freshmen

4,042 freshmen (fall 2021)

217 National Merit Scholars (fall 2021)
UT Dallas at the Richardson Innovation Quarter

Nexus for new and existing industries to partner with UTD and city of Richardson.

5 new research centers and an extension of the VDC will be located in the 1,200 acre hub.

Opens early 2022.

The Office of Research and Innovation recently awarded $625K in seed grant funding to five UT Dallas research teams.

Read more…
In response to a request from the Student Government, the Love Jack sculpture was moved to a prominent location on the Margaret McDermott Mall.
Dr. Yvette E. Pearson
Vice President

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

August 23, 2021
Changes in Academic Leadership

Dr. David Hyndman
Dean, School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
February 1, 2021

Dr. Nils Roemer
Interim Dean, School of Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication
June 1, 2021
More than $40M has been awarded through these programs since 2004.
Of the 23 new tenured and tenure-track faculty, these received STARs or Rising STARs awards from UT System PUF, totaling $1.6 million.
Endowed chairs and professorships are the highest academic award the University can bestow. These endowments provide funds to advance research and instructional programs.

Read more…
2021 President’s Teaching Excellence Awards

Jeremiah J. Gassensmith
School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Award in Undergraduate Instruction (tenure-track)

Mary Beth Goodrich
Naveen Jindal School of Management
Award in Undergraduate Instruction (non-tenure-track)

Mustapha Ishak-Boushaki
School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Award in Graduate/Professional Instruction

Dani Fadda
Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science
Award in Online/Blended Instruction

Kristina Kirk
School of Arts and Humanities
Award for Teaching Assistants
2021 Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award

Carol Cirulli Lanham

School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences
New Transfer Student Success (NTSS) is UT Dallas’ Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)

- Multiyear project
- Enhances transfer support services
- Engages all new transfer students
- Includes a transfer mentor program
- Creates an Office of Student Transition Programs

NTSS is part of “Orbit: Keeping New Comets on Course” for all new students.
Adaptive3D was one of the first to launch through the VDC.

Focused on large-scale manufacturing of 3D-printed specialized plastic and rubber materials.

Adaptive3D was acquired by Desktop Metal Inc. in May 2021.
INSTITUTE FOR INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Blackstone LaunchPad (BLP) and Techstars

- Lead institution for 10 UT System Blackstone LaunchPads in Texas
- Among top 3 in BLP network out of 46 in the world
- Resources for students, alumni, faculty and staff, including 5,000 of sq.ft. co-working space

Venture Development Center

- 22,000 sq.ft. incubator space including office and co-working facilities
- Access to clean room space, dry/wet labs, video conference capabilities
- Co-leader for Venture Mentoring Service for UT System

Collaborating with Capital Factory

- Most active early-stage tech investor in Texas
- $50K investment challenge in partnership with UT Dallas Seed Fund and Big Idea Competition
- Mentoring and co-working relationship for UT Dallas faculty and student startups, including shared events and venture capital ecosystem
- Only Tier-1 research university member for the Innovation Council, including AWS, BAE, Cisco, IBM, Microsoft and others
THE PRINCETON REVIEW RANKINGS

#10 Best Graduate Program for Entrepreneurs

#18 Best Undergraduate Program for Entrepreneurs

IN FISCAL YEAR 2021:

40 patents issued

$4.8 million license revenue

INSTITUTE FOR INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

23 companies in the Venture Development Center

240 ideas submitted in startup competitions

OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION

235 currently active patents

206 patents pending

56 active licenses/options
Ensure all students have access to computers

- Incoming freshmen – Fall 2021
- All undergraduates – Fall 2025
- Helps maximize learning by leveraging technology.
- Builds upon all that we learned in 2020 and 2021.

Read more…
Top 10% Scholarship

Enables UT Dallas to attract additional highly talented, underrepresented students.

175 students who received Top 10% awards enrolled in fall 2021.
ASPIRE²
(Adapting Successful Practices to foster an Inclusive, Respectful and Equitable Environment)

Led by Dean Stephanie G. Adams and Provost Inga H. Musselman.

Enhances efforts to recruit and retain more women tenure-track faculty members in STEM fields.

Focuses on climate, identification and recruitment, and retention and advancement.

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Student Engagement

New & Improved

Mobile App

*Connects students via chat*, allows them to look at records in real time, find campus dining and offers wayfinding.

To-date, **13,892** Downloads

Get it on the App Store or Google Play by searching “UT Dallas.”
Amid the pandemic, University Housing carried on, offering a range of activities.
In partnership with Student Transition Programs, the Multicultural Student Welcome was added as part of new student orientation programming.

55 students participated in inaugural event
During the pandemic, the Multicultural Center adapted its traditional programs to hybrid or virtual formats, including the annual MLK Celebration Breakfast and the Multicultural Achievement Ceremony.

2020-21 Events

61 Virtual live-streaming events with 5,410 attendees

97% Of participants rated programs very good or excellent
Diversity Scholars Program

- 256 Students received scholarships since 2010
- 81% Identify as Latinx or Black/African American
- 52% Are majoring in STEM fields
- 63% Identify as women
## Examples of ODEI Initiatives and Programming

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UT Dallas is currently ranked the #1 most LGBTQ-friendly campus in Texas.

(Campus Pride/Best Colleges)

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ASC Championships
Men's Cross Country
Women's Golf
Women's Tennis
Baseball
NEW TO UTD

Men’s & Women’s Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field

Increasing the University’s list of varsity athletics programs to 17
Esports won its second Collegiate Starleague Smash Ultimate National Championship.

Program continues to build momentum and is one of the most competitive in the country.
Karen Alvarez
Junior, Marketing

NCAA Elite 90
Winner in women’s golf
Kathy Joseph
Recent Graduate

Reached national semifinals in doubles and singles

Named All-American & Academic All-American
Progress Toward Quantitative Targets for Academic Year 2024-25

Undergraduate and Graduate Enrollment

Record undergraduate enrollment AY2022.
Graduate enrollment is recovering.

Undergraduate Target: 23,000
Graduate Target: 10,000
AY2021 included 244 PhD graduates and 13 AuD graduates.
First Time in College Freshmen

ftic freshmen target: 3,900

Recovered growth in FTIC freshmen enrollment.
An ambitious goal to address instructional and research needs for a fast-growing university.

**Academic Space**

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- **Academic Space Target:** 2.400

Figures in millions square feet

Measurements are made on the fall census day.
As was the case last year, our aggressive hiring plan has been hindered by the pandemic.
Federal Research Expenditures (millions)

- AY17: $36
- AY18: $40
- AY19: $48
- AY20: $56
- AY21: $58

**FEDERAL RESEARCH EXPENDITURES TARGET:** $65

New target reflects significant growth in 4 years, fueled by robust research endeavors.
The ORBIT program is helping improve retention for first-year students. UTD is among the top 3 public universities in Texas for graduation rates.

*Percentage of FTIC freshmen who arrived four years prior to the census date and had graduated.

**Percentage of FTIC freshmen who arrived six years prior to the census date and had graduated.

Progress Toward Quantitative Targets for Academic Year 2024-25

Four-Year* and Six-Year** Graduation Rates

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The endowment is recorded on August 31 just prior to the fall census day. New Dimensions comprehensive campaign recently launched and will help reach the target.
OUR BRIGHT FUTURE
Formula General Revenue Appropriations increased by $30.7 million over previous biennium. These funds will provide a much needed bridge as UTD recoups from financial losses due to the pandemic.

UT Dallas received $12.4 million of the $33.25 million allocated for the Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP).
Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP) funding for the FY22-FY23 biennium:

$33.2M

Current backlog of funding is over $200 million for all eight schools
Projections for Fiscal Year 2022

- Core Fund Revenue **10% higher** than FY2021.
- Expenditures are **below projections** for revenue.
- Small budget **surplus**.

$57.5 M from **federal stimulus funding** helps address COVID-19 projects and recovery of lost revenue.
FY2022 Actions

- Funding for expanded diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.
- Restarted construction planning.
- Merit and market salary increases.
- Increased funding for student accessibility services.
- Partial restoration of FY2021 budget reductions.
- Enrollment growth funding.
- Restoration of T/TT faculty expansion program.
- New study abroad financial model.
Financial Planning for Fiscal Year 2023

- Proposal to increase tuition and fees in Fall 2022.
- Sustain growth in graduate student enrollment.
- Continue refining merit scholarship program.
- Monitor long-term COVID impact on auxiliary operations (housing, dining, etc.).
**UTD Water Tower**

The tank for the new million-gallon city of Richardson water tower now rises above Synergy Park Blvd, just northeast of Northside at UT Dallas.
Campus Landscape Enhancement: Phase 3

Phase 3 enhances the pedestrian experience, improved signage at the entrances to campus, restored Cottonwood Creek and created a tree canopy through the campus core.
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Twelve stations distributed around campus parking garages and parking lots.

Plans are underway to secure five additional stations for expanded use.
UT Dallas DART station opens in 2024 on the Silver Line

The UT Dallas station is one of 10 stops on the Dallas Area Rapid Transit’s Silver Line.

The 26-mile commuter rail line will cross through Collin, Dallas and Tarrant counties, taking passengers from Plano to the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport.
Biomedical Engineering and Sciences Building

Joint UT Dallas and UT Southwestern research facility.

Located on the UTSW East Campus in the Medical District of Dallas.

Groundbreaking to take place in November.

UT System is providing $90 million in PUF funds for the building.
The UT Dallas Athenæum will house world-renowned art from the Crow Collection of Asian Art.

The facility will also provide performance space on campus for UT Dallas student artists.
Points of Pride

The Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education - Gold 2020

Sierra Club Cool Schools
#120 in the U.S. (September 2020)

“Green College”
The Princeton Review 2021 Guide to Green Colleges

8 LEED Certified Buildings

Bicycle Friendly University - Bronze
2020-2024
The League of American Bicyclists
Future of the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- Defining ODEI mission and vision
- Cultivating a JEDI culture (justice, equity, diversity and inclusion)
- Building on Living Our Values recommendations
Expanded wireless internet capabilities

Offered a Student Laptop Loaner Program

Collaborated on the Student Technology Initiative

Made available Microsoft Teams training for faculty and staff

Opened the TechKnowledgy Bar in the Student Union
In August, graduates of the **Class of 2020** and portions of the **Class of 2021** were able to attend in-person commencement ceremonies and special celebrations for our newest alumni.
Donors to UT Dallas continued to break records during the fifth annual Comets Giving Days spanning 1,969 minutes on May 26 and 27. Nearly $1.4 million was raised from more than 2,800 gifts to benefit over 100 campus groups.
Public phase of new comprehensive campaign launched in May and will run through 2025.

Two UTD graduates – Ron Nash MS’79 and John Olajide BS’04 – are campaign co-chairs.

Read more…
Attract the Best and Brightest Students

Transform the Arts on Campus

Enhance Lives Through Transformative Research
COMETS UNITED DAY
DECEMBER 23