



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 24, 2020

Dear Alumni and Friends!

Happy New Year! I pray that all is well and that you and your family members are having a great start of a prosperous and productive year. We are excited about this new decade and I pray that this season in your life leads to positive and productive outcomes. I am writing at this time to provide significant updates and how your contributions and prayers are assisting us.

As a college family, we began the year with the theme “*Envisioning the Future- Planning for Success*”; the theme serves as the mantra for our collective planning and preparation of the college’s future. As we plan for the college’s future, I am pleased to share that as of January 9, 2020, Texas College celebrated her 126th Anniversary. The 126th year is a pivotal moment in the life of the college, for it represents Texas College as having been a contributing factor in providing educational opportunities for more than a century to deserving students. This administration gives thanks to God for allowing this to occur; we thank you for your support; and we thank this community for allowing us to be a part of the vision.

Significant institutional updates include:

- The Mission of Texas College has been reviewed and restated by the members of the Board of Trustees; the Core Values remain the same. It should be noted that a periodic review of the Mission is expected by the regional accrediting body. The restated Mission now reads:

Texas College is a Historically Black College founded in 1894, by a group of CME ministers. Our mission continues to embody the principles of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. The College shall prepare students with competencies in critical and creative thinking related to the knowledge, skills, and abilities as defined in areas of study. Additionally, the College shall provide an environment to inspire intellectual, spiritual, ethical, moral, and social development, which empowers graduates to engage in life-long learning, leadership, and service.

We are working diligently to create broader opportunities for students as well as create an institution with facilities that will accommodate and enhance “living-learning.” The most significant Academic updates include:

- **Pathway Expansion:** New initiatives have been entered that create “pathways” (i.e., career development/internship opportunities) for students with Southside Bank as well as educational opportunities with Claremont Lincoln University. Both avenues of pathways create personal and professional growth possibilities for students who explore them.
- **Moody-Science Building:** Renovations/ updates have been under way that include roofing improvements; upgrades to building drainage systems; modifications and additions to restroom facilities; and improvements in classroom accessibility, for individuals with disabling conditions.

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- Gus F. Taylor Gymnasium: Renovations have been made to the men's/ women's locker room areas; roofing/drainage systems repaired and aesthetics improvements completed; and restroom accommodations are cycled for update.
- D. R. Glass Library: New drainage systems for the roof have been partially completed and plans are being made for internal and infrastructure upgrades.

For your information and reference, I have provided a link to the 2018-2019 President's Annual Report that provides updates that have occurred during that period. The link follows:

<https://www.texascollege.edu/office-of-the-president/2018-2019-presidents-annual-report/>

We appreciate all that you do for your alma mater. Thank you for your support of this administration. Again, best wishes for a great 2020!

Sincerely,



Dwight J. Fennell
President