



Report to the 2023 Synod Assembly Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod

Texas Lutheran University appreciates the opportunity to partner with you in the mission of Lutheran higher education.

Highlights of the 2022-23 year at Texas Lutheran University include:

- Maintaining healthy enrollment, with just under 1,400 students enrolled in the fall semester.
- Returning to normal campus operations, with a wide range of campus activities, dorms at regular occupancy, all sports programs competing, and almost all classes offered in a face-to-face environment.
- Ongoing growth in our Nursing programs, with a total of 220 TLU students pursuing Nursing degrees. That growth includes just over 100 students enrolled in our accelerated Nursing programs (bachelor's and master's) in New Braunfels and 34 students enrolled in our accelerated bachelor's program in Houston, which opened in the fall.
- The addition of an MBA program and a doctoral program in educational leadership (our first doctoral-level degree offering) in the spring.
- Addition of a women's acrobatics and tumbling team, bringing our total number of intercollegiate (Division III) sports teams to 19.
- Robust programming and student involvement in our Campus Ministries program, under the leadership of campus pastor Wes Cain '09.
- Appointment of TLU alum and experienced fundraiser Betsy Clardy as Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations.
- Continued planning and fundraising for our \$80 million comprehensive campaign, which includes work towards the Verne Lundquist Student Athletic Center as well as renovated and expanded space for a new science facility.
- Creation of a new committee structure within the Board of Regents, focused around three strategy committees (Student Experience and Engagement, Innovation and Growth, and Financial Sustainability and Stewardship) that center their work on the initiatives in our strategic plan, TLU2025.

- Appointment of two new Corporation members: Steven Anderson '77 (At-Large, Emanuel's Lutheran, Seguin) and Charles Franks '77 (At-Large, San Antonio).
- New tenure-track faculty members began in Dramatic Media, History, Physics, Nursing, EdD, and MBA. In addition, we anticipate the addition of sixteen new tenure-track faculty members next fall.
- TLU continued to receive external support and recognition, including grants from the Science Foundation, Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio, United Way of Guadalupe County, United Way of Comal County, University of North Texas Rescuing History, Welch Foundation, St. Luke's Lutheran Health Ministries, Comerica Bank, and the Department of Education. In addition, we have received seven estate gifts totaling \$325,000 in support of scholarship endowments, capital projects, and the music department for operations.
- All of these efforts and highlights align with and reflect the priorities identified through the 5 goals in our strategic plan, TLU2025:
 - Goal 1: Strengthen and expand the student experience.*
 - Goal 2: Diversify and strengthen academic programs.*
 - Goal 3: Embrace and celebrate a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion.*
 - Goal 4: Establish a predictable business model that provides financial stability.*
 - Goal 5: Create strong partnerships and collaborations.*

We are grateful for a strong and healthy year at Texas Lutheran University and particularly grateful for your ongoing support and prayers. Our commitment to serve our students well, honor our faith and our diversity, and ensure our future, is strong and certain. We are proud to be part of the ELCA's life and ministry, and we welcome your support in prayers, students, and contributions. Thank you for your partnership with us in our mission of higher education.

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