



## TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

### Senate Resolution 22.12

(Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate congratulating Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing for helping expand the supply of registered nurses in efforts to meet the current national deficit.)

WHEREAS, the Amarillo campus of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center welcomed its inaugural cohort of 20 students to its traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program in January 2022,

WHEREAS, 20 new students will start the BSN program every four months, a total of 60 new nursing students will be enrolled by the end of 2022,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated nationwide nursing shortages and increased demands for those already in the profession,

WHEREAS, these increasing demands have led to a decreasing quality of care that is impactful on the already underserved communities of West Texas,

WHEREAS, a rapid shift to technology-mediated healthcare has been facilitated and required nurses to quickly acquire additional technological and communication skills in order to properly assess, support, and care for patients virtually,

WHEREAS, the Amarillo campus of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center has increased registered nursing jobs in West Texas,

WHEREAS, registered nurses in Amarillo and rural West Texas have been persevering through the demands that accompany a deficit of filled nursing jobs since before the pandemic,

WHEREAS, the School of Nursing is fulfilling its mission to educate students for practice in evolving healthcare systems and to advance knowledge and practice through research, service, and community engagement throughout West Texas,

WHEREAS, the establishment of an additional campus will allow the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center to better understand and serve the needs of its surrounding communities,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center congratulates the Amarillo campus of the Texas Tech University Health

Sciences Center for the inaugural cohort to the Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the Journal and that copies be sent to **Lori-Rice Spearman Ph.D.**, President of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; **Michael Evans, Ph.D.**, Dean of the School of Nursing; **Karla Chapman, Ph.D.**, Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management; **Valerie Kiper, DNP**, Regional Dean of the School of Nursing, Amarillo; **Lori Franco, MBA**, Assistant Dean of Finance and Administration; **Laura Opton, DHSc**, Associate Dean/Department Chair for Accelerated BSN Program; **Amanda Veesart, PhD**, Associate Dean/Department Chair for Traditional Undergraduate Nursing Program; **Yondell Masten, Ph.D.**, Associate Dean of Outcomes Management and Evaluation; **Arianna Flores**, Editor-in-chief of *The Daily Toreador*; and to the students of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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