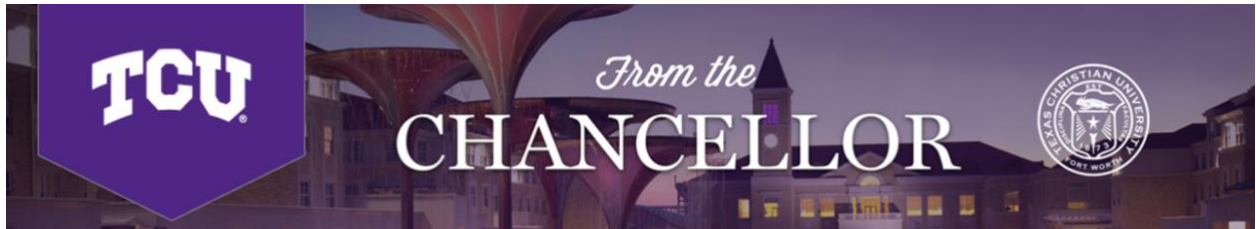


From: "Chancellor Victor J. Boschini, Jr"

Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 at 3:46 PM

To: TCU Parents & Families

Subject: A MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR: Update on Fall Semester 2020



May 29, 2020

Dear Horned Frog Families,

We trust that you and your Horned Frogs are staying well as we begin our social distancing summer. Your team at Texas Christian University is diligently preparing to welcome our students back in the safest manner possible. There is nothing more important to us than the safety and success of our Horned Frogs, and I'll be sharing some information today, followed by more specific plans in the coming weeks.

But first, I have big news to share today about TCU's fall semester calendar. **We have decided to begin the semester a week earlier, on August 17 and end the on-campus portion of the semester before Thanksgiving on November 24.** December 10 is the final deadline for grade submissions, graduate student defenses and other project work. **We will end classes, final exams and other on-campus activities by November 24, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.**

Our goal is to reduce non-essential travel over the holidays and minimize time on campus during peak flu and cold season. To achieve this compressed schedule, stay within accreditation guidelines, and give our Horned Frogs a full and productive semester, we will make the following adjustments: hosting classes on Labor Day; no fall break and the addition of two days of lectures, either on Saturdays or online. In addition, we will honor and celebrate our December graduates at the Spring 2021 commencement. Your student will receive more detailed information for scheduling purposes. A compressed schedule will be exciting and will require flexibility, but I'm really grateful for the extended winter break this year.

We launched a **microsite today, which outlines our proactive plans** to address safety, continuity and connectivity for our Horned Frog family during the pandemic. This site goes well beyond our COVID-19 crisis response microsite which you have all seen, and will provide information about our ongoing connected campus planning.

TCU's return to campus is centered on the following principles: TCU's commitment to health, safety and the TCU experience; community cooperation and flexibility; enhanced cleaning protocols and prevention; and adherence to public health guidance. We will be sending the student Return to Campus plan later in June, which will delineate plans for social distancing, use of larger classrooms and outdoor spaces, enhanced cleaning protocols, and residence hall capacity – all developed using public health guidelines. These plans, of course, will be made successful by our community making smart choices and using common sense. *In the final analysis each member of the TCU community is first and foremost personally responsible for their*

health and well-being. As such they should always use good judgment in any and every activity they undertake. This is a personal responsibility which is assumed of everyone in this community.

I remain grateful to you for your confidence in TCU, and for the opportunity to be a part of your Horned Frog's academic journey. We take our responsibility to you and your family seriously, and will remain vigilant with practices and protocols to protect your experience. We are creating a new way forward, and absolutely cannot wait to have our students on campus in August. As I have said before, they are the heartbeat of TCU, and we are ready to welcome them to their home away from home.

Sincerely,
Victor J. Boschini, Jr.
Chancellor