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David Watts, PhD President

As President of the University, his vision is to make The University of Texas of the Permian Basin a beacon for West Texas, attracting students and faculty to create opportunities for a lifetime. He has provided leadership for growth, program expansion, and student service enhancement resulting in several record-breaking enrollments. Scholarships have been expanded for entering freshmen and for classroom teachers to pursue graduate degrees. Committed to building and maintaining strong relationships between U.T. Permian Basin and the communities it serves, Dr. Watts actively supports economic development in West Texas. A native Texan, Dr. Watts earned a bachelor's degree from U. T. Austin, and a master's and Ph. D. in sociology from the State University of New York at Buffalo. A consultant to federal, state, and local substance prevention and treatment programs, he has written numerous publications and grants on substance abuse. In 2001, he was named to the Community Boards of Wells Fargo Bank of Midland and Odessa.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY:

The University of Texas of Texas of the Permian Basin is located in the middle of the largest domestic oil field in the continental United States. Over 70 percent of Texas oil production is from the Permian Basin, and approximately 20 percent of the nation's domestic production is here. UTPB is focused on energy related education, including Mechanical Engineering with a concentration in Nuclear Engineering, energy marketing, energy accounting, energy finance and, beginning in Fall 2011, Petroleum Engineering. UTPB is also proposing a landman program that will serve the demand for energy development including oil and gas and wind. The Permian Basin is the heart of America's energy production. This is where students interested in energy can learn how to be successful.

The University's drama department stages several productions each year, and Student Life is active with clubs, organizations and events. The Student Program Board brings concerts and entertainers to the community. The Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center will open Fall 2011. The UTPB Music Program will have state of the art facilities for performance and music education. Also in Fall 2011, the state of the art Science and Technology Building will be open, providing superb facilities for Biology, Chemistry and Computer Science. The new Student Activity Center is open now providing quality food service, including meal tickets, for UTPB students. The UTPB gymnasium boasts a new weight training facility and wooden floor basketball and volleyball courts. Nearby are walking and rollerblading trails, a duck pond, and an Olympic-sized, outdoor heated swimming pool. The new Visual Arts Studio facility provides two and three dimensional studio space that is really first rate. Over 500 apartment-style student housing is available for all classes of students, and the 5,600 square-foot Parker Ranch House provides recreational and study space. It is comprised of a lounge, meeting room and theater, a large commons area with a kitchen, weight room, two computer labs, and a covered, built-in barbeque pit. UTPB is now a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) at the Division-II level. Its intercollegiate sports include men's and women's soccer, cross country, swimming, tennis, basketball as well as men's baseball and women's softball and volleyball. The athletic program also supports cheerleading and dance teams. Scholarships are available.

Individuals and businesses support the university through endowments, scholarships and gifts. UTPB has a variety of scholarships available, including 24 Endowed Presidential Scholarships, 51 Endowed Scholarships, and 88 non-endowed scholarships. Some are based on academics, but many are based upon financial need. The university partners with the communities through a variety of programs, including the Small Business Development Center and the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification (CEED). The CEED Building is available for meetings, workshops, and receptions. To find out more about the University or to arrange for a campus tour, call the Office of Admissions at 432.552.2605 or check out the website at www.utpb.edu.

Statement of Equal Educational Opportunity

To the extent provided by applicable law, no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under, any program or activity sponsored or conducted by The University of Texas System

Mission Statement

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin is a general academic university of The University of Texas System. The University of Texas System is committed to pursue high-quality educational opportunities for the enhancement of the human resources of Texas, the nation, and the world through intellectual and personal growth.

The mission of The University of Texas of the Permian Basin is to provide quality education to all qualified students in a supportive educational environment; to promote excellence in teaching, research, and service; and to serve as a resource for the intellectual, social, economic, and technological advancement of the diverse constituency in Texas and the region.

SACS Accreditation

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate and masters degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin operates in conjunction with the Rules and Regulation of the Board of the University of Texas System.