

From: Chancellor Victor Boschini

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To: TCU Students

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Dear Horned Frogs,

As our semester comes to a close, I want you to know that even though we have been apart, you have been present in my thoughts and daily prayers. I've had you with me every step of the way. You are the source of our inspiration and the heartbeat of our vibrant campus community.

First and foremost, I need for you to stay strong, rest and take care of your mental health and well-being. This has been a tough semester, one that we will never forget. Your health and greater welfare are important to me.

We all need something to brighten our days, and I wanted you to hear this good news from me: ***TCU intends to safely return to campus for the fall 2020 semester, with a planned start date of August 24, 2020.***

Your health and safety is our responsibility and our highest priority. It's important that we preserve your academic environment, your intellectual advancement, and safely provide the TCU experience. As we do this, please know that we will abide by government and public health guidance; our responsibility to the TCU community is foundational.

Additionally, I recently appointed the **Chancellor's Fall 2020 Campus Readiness Task Force**. This leadership group will focus on a safe return to residential life and on-campus instruction.

Our academic planning is being led by Provost Teresa Abi-Nader Dahlberg. She and her team of Deans, the faculty senate executive committee, and key faculty for every college and school have developed the **TCU Connected Campus** plan, which strengthens our

ability to deliver academic continuity during times of disruption. We are well positioned for flexibility. This pandemic has reinforced our strong belief that preparation is key, and the TCU experience must be preserved, regardless of how it's delivered.

Together now, and throughout our 147-year history, TCU faculty and staff are here for you.

Finally, I have enjoyed staying connected through our weekly videos and your many emails and texts. I'll send a few more over the summer, so "it's not goodbye, it's see you later, Frogs." This week's video is a little different than our typical weekly video. It's a postcard, from me to you, with a message of hope for an even better tomorrow—and a reminder that our beautiful campus just isn't the same without you. <https://youtu.be/9gwzEKMrzW0>

Wishing you good health and well-being,

Victor J. Boschini, Jr.
Chancellor