Dear friends and alumni of the Graduate School:

We have so much to celebrate in the Graduate School at Texas Tech!

This spring, we had one semifinalist and two Texas Tech Graduate Students who earned the prestigious Fulbright Fellowship to conduct research and teach on the international stage which highlights the elevated status that our students have achieved in their studies. One student will be traveling to Russia to teach while the other student will be going to Australia to pursue their research.

Our 18th annual Graduate School Poster Competition, hosted on March 26th, was a great success. We had 134 posters entered this year to be selected for judging and 142 participants. The poster competition allows our students to hone their presentation skills in a friendly venue and report research that has broad significance and economic impact. Watching this competition grow over the last 18 years has been a wonderful experience.

The graduate programs at Texas Tech continue to push innovation and help meet the demands for a highly knowledgeable workforce. Our graduates gain the expertise, creativity and courage to take on the world’s most complex challenges. Their work in all fields of work continue to make a difference and enrich lives. As part of our May graduation we awarded more than 700 Masters degrees and 119 Doctoral degrees, with an additional 80 graduate certificates being awarded.

A hallmark of the graduate experience at Tech is our commitment to student success. We provide a comprehensive professional and career development program that complements disciplinary training in five core areas: communication, critical thinking, leadership and management, professionalism, and ethics.

Later sections of this newsletter highlight some of the students and alumni who have applied these skills to make significant and lasting impacts in their disciplines.

Texas Tech’s continued prominence as a leader in graduate education depends on our ability to recruit and support the very best students and assure that they acquire the skills they need to succeed while at Tech and after they graduate. Please visit our website for up-to-date events, accomplishments, and opportunities to give back to the Graduate School.

“From here, it’s possible.”

Best wishes,

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