

Nancy and Jack Matz
General Chairs
Chancellor's Century Council



Jack Matz joined the management staff as an assistant plant manager of Deiner Knitting Mills in Trexlerville, PA upon his graduation from Texas A&M University in 1971. Later he joined the Dodge Motor Division of Chrysler Corp in 1973 culminating as the Zone Manager of the Rocky Mountain States, responsible for the Sales and Service functions for the car, truck and import lines sold and serviced by Chrysler Corp. in 1981.

He left Chrysler in 1981 and from 1981 to 1993 founded and developed several businesses of which six became publicly traded companies in the United States, Canada and in Europe. In June of 1997 he retired from corporate life and founded Providence International, LLC (Chairman, Director), a family holding Company overseeing various business affairs. He also serves and has served on the Board of Directors of several public and private corporations in the United States, Asia, Europe, and Canada.

Jack received several awards during his business career. Among these, the U.S. House of Representatives recognized him with a resolution for his ground breaking work opening business markets in Russia immediately after the breakup of the USSR in the early nineties.

Jack Matz is currently serving on several boards and councils at Texas A&M University as well as the different A&M System membs. Some of these include the Chancellor's Century Council as it's co-chair; the Texas A&M Health Science Center, College of Medicine's Leadership Council and is a charter member as well an emeritus Co-Chairman of the Rapport Society; and is also an emeritus member of the Mays Business School, Dean's Business Council and is a Director and Chairman of the Texas A&M Health Science Center Foundation; Jack also served in various capacities on the College of Agriculture Council, Dean's Development Council; the Corps of Cadets Development Council; the Center for New Ventures and Entrepreneurship as a past chairman and member of their board, Emeritus Chairman (Mays school); he is a past member of the North Texas Regional Committee of the Texas A&M Foundation; and a founding member and past Chairman of the Texas A&M Invitational Golf Tournament. Jack is the former President of the McKinney A&M Club and is a Charter Founding member.

Nancy Matz joined E-Systems (a defense contractor) as a junior programmer in Garland, TX upon her early graduation from the College of Science at Texas A&M University in 1972. In 1979, she joined the programming team at Martin Marietta as an analyst and later Hughes Aircraft in Denver CO. Nancy took time off to have their first of two children and went back to work in February of 1982 when she founded Dynamic Energy Systems, Inc. a healthcare software provider. Nancy sold her family interests in Dynamic Energy Systems, Inc. in 2008. Dynamic Energy Systems (MedAct Software) was a nationally recognized software provider at the time. Nancy also is a cofounder and Director of Providence International, LLC, and a family holding Company overseeing various business affairs.

Nancy Matz served as a member of the Texas A&M University College of Science Development Council for the past 15 years, (Past Chairperson). Nancy currently serves as co-chair for The Texas A&M University System's Chancellor's Century Council. She is a past member of the North Texas Regional Committee of the Texas A&M Foundation, and has served on The College of Agriculture, Dean's Development Council. Nancy was honored by being selected to the Academe of Distinguished Alumni of the College of Science at Texas A&M University in 2007. Nancy is a founding member of the McKinney A&M Club and Past Chairperson of the Scholarship committee. In addition to rearing two children, she has served on several elementary, secondary and high school committees.

Jack and Nancy were married in the All Faiths Chapel in December of 1972 at Texas A&M University and have been strong supporters of the University and the Texas A&M System. They have been long time members of the Association of Former Students as Diamond Century Members; have endowed two President Endowed Scholarships, a Sul Ross Endowment, an Endowed Opportunity Scholarship, a 12th Man Endowment, a Math Department Endowed Scholarship, a Matz Family and COADC Equestrian Graduate Student Endowment and The Jack W. Matz, Sr. / Rapport Society endowed Scholarship through the Texas A&M Health Science Center's College of Medicine In addition they have given a pillar for the Jon Hagler Building, participated in the Cocanougher Special Events Center at the Mays Business School and supported the TAMU Equestrian team by donating a horse to the program and the Graduate student Endowment; they have also provided substantial planned gifts to the College of Agriculture, the College of Business, the College of Medicine, the College of Science, and to the Corps of Cadets for use as matching gift contributions. Nancy and Jack are members of the University Associates Group of the Texas A&M Foundation, the 12th Man Foundation Council of Athletic Ambassadors, the 12th Man Champions Council, as well as the Texas A&M Legacy Society. In addition to the time spent on the various councils, boards, and committees, Jack and Nancy have donated in excess of 5,000 hours to date, of their personal time to various Texas A&M University System components over the past 20 years.

Jack and Nancy lecture regularly for departments and to groups representing other A&M System entities on Entrepreneurism, Going Public, and Benefits of International Business as a part of a business plan, as well as other business topics. Jack and Nancy have two daughters, Catherine class of '03 BBA, MS and Christina class of '09 BA, MS, PhD (Strategic Mgmt.).

John Sharp
Chancellor
The Texas A&M University System



John Sharp was appointed Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System by the Board of Regents on Sept. 6, 2011.

On September 7, 2017, Governor Greg Abbott named him the commissioner of the Governor's Commissioner to Rebuild Texas, which is dedicated to rebuilding critical public infrastructure along the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

As Chancellor, Sharp leads one of the nation's largest systems with an annual budget of \$4.2 billion. Enrollment at the A&M System's 11 universities has grown to more than 148,000, and externally funded research expenditures are in excess of \$972 million.

The System's flagship, Texas A&M University, stands among the nation's top 20 research universities for total research expenditures, according to the National Science Foundation.

Sharp brings with him more than three decades of public service. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Texas A&M University in 1972, where he was a member of the Corps staff of the Corps of Cadets, a member of the 1972 rugby team and was elected student body president. Upon graduation, Sharp was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve.

In 1976, Sharp received a master's degree in public administration from Southwest Texas State University while working full-time with the Legislative Budget Board in Austin.

In 1978, he opened a one-man real estate firm in Victoria and became a successful small business owner. That same year he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives.

In 1982, he won a seat in the Texas Senate. Four years later, he was elected to the Texas Railroad Commission. Sharp was elected state comptroller in 1990 and re-elected in 1994.

He came to the A&M System from Ryan & Company, where he was a principal with the largest state and local tax consulting firm of its kind in Texas.

Sharp has been married to Charlotte Han of Austin since 1978. They have a son, Spencer; a daughter-in-law, Brigitte; a granddaughter, Simone; and a daughter, Victoria. The Sharps are active members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in College Station and are involved in many community and humanitarian efforts.

Charles W. Schwartz
Chairman, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System



Mr. Charles W. Schwartz of Houston, Texas is a nationally known securities litigator and mergers & acquisitions expert. He graduated from The University of Texas School of Law in 1977 and Harvard Law School with an LL.M. in 1980.

He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and is a Life Member of the American Law Institute. He is a former Director of the State Bar of Texas from 2000 to 2004 and served as its Chairman from 2002 to 2003. He is a Life Benefactor Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and is a Sustaining Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and Houston Bar Foundation. He received the Dan Rugeley Price Memorial Award from the Texas Bar Foundation in 2004. He served on the Texas Commission for Lawyer Discipline from 2008 to 2014.

Mr. Schwartz was appointed to the Board of Regents by Governor Rick Perry in 2013. He is serving his second term as chair of the Committee on Finance and serves as a member of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant. He has served on the Policy Review Committee and the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs. Mr. Schwartz also serves as Vice Chairman of the Board for Lease of University Lands. His term expires February 1, 2019.

Ruth J. Simmons
President
Prairie View A&M University

Ruth J. Simmons serves as President of Prairie View A&M University. She was President of Brown University from 2001-2012. Under her leadership, Brown made significant strides in improving its standing as one of the world's finest research universities.

A French professor before entering university administration, President Simmons held an appointment as a Professor of Comparative Literature and Africana Studies at Brown. After completing her Ph.D. in Romance Languages and literatures at Harvard, she served in various faculty and administrative roles at the University of Southern California, Princeton University, and Spelman College before becoming president of Smith College, the largest women's college in the United States. At Smith, she launched a number of important academic initiatives, including an engineering program, the first at an American women's college.

Simmons is the recipient of many honors, including a Fulbright Fellowship to France, the 2001 President's Award from the United Negro College Fund, the 2002 Fulbright Lifetime Achievement Medal, the 2004 Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medal, the Foreign Policy Association Medal, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, and the Centennial Medal from Harvard University. Simmons is a member of the National Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, and the Council on Foreign Relations, and serves on the boards of FCAU, NV, Mondelez and Square, as well as a number of non-profit boards. Awarded numerous honorary degrees, she received the Brown Faculty's highest honor: the Susan Colver Rosenberger Medal in 2011. In 2012, she was named a 'chevalier' of the French Legion of Honor.

Ray M. Keck
President
Texas A&M University-Commerce

Dr. Ray M. Keck III, was named Interim President of Texas A&M University-Commerce on June 1, 2016 and was named to the permanent position November 10, 2016. He came to A&M-Commerce from Texas A&M International University in Laredo, where he had served as President for 15 years. Prior to that time, he was a member of the faculty in Laredo and had served as department chair and Provost.

Born in San Antonio, Texas, he graduated from the Texas Military Institute. He holds an A.B. and Ph.D. in Romance Languages and Literature from Princeton University and has studied at Harvard Divinity School, Bryn Mawr College in Madrid and the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Dr. Keck began his teaching career at The Hotchkiss School in 1970. For more than 40 years he has taught, studied, and written about Spanish literature, with an emphasis on the Spanish Golden Age.

Since his undergraduate days, Dr. Keck has studied and played the organ, especially the music of J. S. Bach. He has performed often with orchestras and ensembles, and has held posts as director of church music for parishes in New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Virginia, and Texas.

Walter Wendler
President
West Texas A&M University

Walter V. Wendler was appointed the 11th President of West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) on September 1, 2016. He comes to WTAMU from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, where he served as Chancellor from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2007. He returned to teaching Architecture until December 31, 2015.

He received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas; the professional Master of Architecture from the University of California, Berkeley; the Bachelor of Environmental Design from Texas A&M University; and the Associate in Applied Science from the State University of New York at Farmingdale.

Walter V. Wendler was reared in Northport, New York. He graduated high school there in 1968. He married Mary L. Haney in 1973. They have two married sons, Walter III and Bradley, both graduates of Texas A&M University, and five grandchildren. They are active in their local church.

Emily Fourmy Cutrer
President
Texas A&M University-Texarkana

Dr. Emily Fourmy Cutrer was appointed President of Texas A&M University-Texarkana in January 2013. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Cutrer served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at California State University San Marcos for more than six years, and Dean and Professor at Arizona State University.

Dr. Cutrer is a native Texan, born in San Antonio and raised there and in Houston. She attended Hollins College in Roanoke Virginia and later The University of Texas at Austin where she earned her B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in American Studies and began her academic career as a faculty member in American Studies and Art History. Her book *The Art of the Woman: The Life and Work of Elisabet Ney* (Lincoln: The University of Nebraska Press, Women in the West series, 1988) was awarded the Texas Institute of Letters Award for Best Book by a Texas Author in 1988. It was republished by the Texas A&M Press in its Ellen C. Temple Classic in Texas Women's History Collection in 2016.

Dr. Cutrer and her husband Dr. Thomas W. Cutrer, also a cultural historian and Professor Emeritus at Arizona State University, have two grown children and one granddaughter.

F. Dominic Dottavio
President
Tarleton State University

Originally from Massillon, Ohio, Dr. Dottavio earned his bachelor's degree in Natural Resource Management from The Ohio State University, his master's degree in Environmental Studies from Yale University, and his doctorate from Purdue University's College of Agriculture.

Dr. Dottavio was the Director of the Center for Natural Areas in Washington, D.C. and Director of the Clemson University Cooperative Park Study Unit for the U.S. Department of the Interior. Dr. Dottavio also served as the Regional Chief Scientist for the National Park Service, where he led research programs in coastal zone management, ecosystem restoration and conservation biology.

Dr. Dottavio returned to higher education to serve as the Dean and Director of The Ohio State University's Marion campus and as a Professor in Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Dr. Dottavio then was selected as the 13th President of Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio, where he served for five years before being named Tarleton's 15th President in 2008.

Dr. Dottavio has served on National Academy of Sciences Committees on the restoration of the Everglades and has received a number of recognitions, including The Ohio State University Alumni Association Distinguished Citizenship Award and Distinguished Agricultural Alumni Award from Purdue University.

President Dottavio and his wife Dr. C. Lisette Dottavio, CPA and senior tax accountant, have two grown children.

Pablo Arenaz
President
Texas A&M International University

Dr. Pablo Arenaz is the sixth president of Texas A&M International University and was affirmed by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents in November 2016.

He holds his Ph.D. in Genetics and Cell Biology from Washington State University and an M.S. in Biology from the University of Nevada at Reno (UNR). His B.S. in Education was also earned at UNR. He conducted postdoctoral research at Temple University's School of Medicine, Fels Research Institute. His academic appointments have included assistant, associate and full professor of Biology.

Prior to joining TAMIU as Provost in 2008, Dr. Arenaz served as Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate School at The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). Other UTEP posts included Vice Provost, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Associate Dean for the Colleges of Science and Engineering. His special UTEP appointments included program director for the Minority Biomedical Research Support Program, Alliance for Minority Participation and Border Biomedical Research Center.

He has been active in securing research grants in excess of \$35 million from the Carnegie Corporation of America, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, and the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, among others.

The author or co-author of more than 25 publications and over 115 abstracts, his research interests have been tightly focused on cell cycle regulation of DNA repair gene expression.

He has been married to Norma Arenaz for 30 years. The couple has four children: Jonathan, Cristina, Rebekah and Pablo III.

Kelly Quintanilla
President
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents appointed Kelly M. Quintanilla, Ph.D., to the role of president and CEO of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi in August 2017. President Quintanilla is a long-time member of the Island University, having joined the A&M-Corpus Christi faculty in 1994 after earning a Ph.D. in Communication from the Pennsylvania State University.

Prior to becoming President, Dr. Quintanilla served in multiple leadership roles including Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Director of the School of Arts, Media & Communication and Chair for the Department of Communication and Theatre.

President Quintanilla was a professor of communication for 16 years, teaching courses in Business & Professional Communication, Teamwork & Leadership, Organizational Communication, Public Relations, and Public Speaking. She is also a published lead textbook author and has worked as a consultant and corporate trainer in the Coastal Bend region. Over the years, President Quintanilla has received awards for her teaching, service, advising and scholarship.

President Quintanilla serves as a board member for the Corpus Christi United Chamber of Commerce, the Corpus Christi Regional Economic Corporation, the Texas State Aquarium, the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, the Art Museum of South Texas, the Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra and the Harbor Playhouse.

Marc A. Nigliazzo
President
Texas A&M University-Central Texas

Dr. Marc A. Nigliazzo was appointed as the Inaugural President of Texas A&M University-Central Texas in April 2010, following a national search conducted by the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System. He began his appointment on July 1, 2010, bringing to the position a wide range of academic and administrative experience, as well as a Texas background.

Born in Dallas, he grew up in the Brazos Valley of Central Texas. He received a B.A. in English from the University of Texas in Austin, an M.A. in English from Texas A&M University in College Station, and a Ph.D. in Language & Literature from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

During his extensive teaching career, Dr. Nigliazzo held faculty appointments at both two and four-year institutions. He chaired the Department of English & Philosophy at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi, and served as Vice President and Dean of Instruction at Galveston College. His first presidential appointment was also at Galveston College, with subsequent appointments as President of Temple College in Temple, Texas, and Arizona Western College in Yuma. In addition, he served as a senior vice president at the University of New Mexico (UNM), responsible for the university's four branch campuses and for the start-up of UNM-West.

Throughout his career he has been actively engaged with numerous state and community boards and organizations, and has received a number of awards and honors for his advocacy of higher education.

Cynthia Teniente-Matson
President
Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson is the second president of Texas A&M University-San Antonio (A&M-SA), one of the fastest-growing universities in Texas and the only A&M System university located in a major metropolitan city. Since becoming president in 2015, Dr. Teniente-Matson has forged an audacious strategic plan for the University to fulfill its mission and bring to life its core values while achieving several important goals, including becoming a national model for student and academic success.

Among her many accomplishments at A&M-SA, Dr. Teniente-Matson led the successful transformation to becoming a designated Hispanic Serving Institution and a comprehensive four-year university, welcoming the University's first freshman class in 2016. She also led several campus capital projects, fulfilling vital components of A&M-SA's newly revised Master Plan. Under her leadership, the University has strategically positioned itself to implement deliberate practices designed to improve and enhance student learning, especially for first-generation students.

An advocate of continuing education, Dr. Teniente-Matson earned a Bachelor of Arts in Management in 1989 from the University of Alaska Fairbanks and a Master of Business Administration in 1998 from the University of Alaska Anchorage. She received a doctorate in Educational Leadership from Fresno State in 2013.

Dr. Teniente-Matson is also a dedicated wife and mother to her husband Mike, and her two children, Phillip and Wyatt. In her free time, she enjoys reading, cycling, attending sports events and concerts and traveling.

Steven H. Tallant
President
Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Dr. Steven H. Tallant became the 19th president of Texas A&M University-Kingsville in October 2008. Under his leadership, the campus experienced more than 60 percent increase in enrollment over an eight-year period and more than 40 percent increase in research expenditures.

He has been recognized for his commitment to higher education and the community many times throughout his career; most recently, he was named a Distinguished Alumnus for Paris Junior College in 2015. Also in 2015, the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas Corpus Christi Chapter honored him with its Las Estrellas Award for Outstanding Achievement in Higher Education.

In 2013, he received the "Citizen of the Year Award" from the Kingsville Noon Rotary Club and the 2013 "Community Leader Award" from LULAC Council 1. He also is a recipient of the President's Award from the Corpus Christi chapter of the NAACP and the "Humanitarian of the Year" from LULAC Council #1. In 2011, he was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Kingsville Chamber of Commerce and in 2010 he was named "Newsmaker of the Year" by the *Kingsville Record*. The Kleberg Hispanic Chamber of Commerce honored him with its "Special Leadership Award" in 2011.

In 2012, The Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp appointed him to the A&M System Office of Sponsored Research Services Advisory Board. The same year, State Representative Todd Hunter appointed him to the Education Workforce Task Force in Corpus Christi.

Jon Mogford
Vice Chancellor for Research
The Texas A&M University System

As Vice Chancellor for Research, Dr. Jon Mogford works in close collaboration with The Texas A&M University System's universities, state agencies and health science center to facilitate the growth of research. He is responsible for providing services and support in areas of research development and research compliance. Previously, he served as Associate Vice Chancellor, Office of Strategic Initiatives for the A&M System, having joined that office from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, where he was Acting Director of the Defense Sciences Office. Dr. Mogford also served as Deputy Director and Program Manager within DSO. Dr. Mogford has an extensive background in biology research and its applications in the field of defense medicine. His expertise encompasses wound healing/regeneration, cellular therapies, tissue engineering and vascular physiology, with focus on therapeutics for wounded soldiers, protein design processes and drug delivery.

Dr. Mogford's DARPA programs included scar-free regeneration of wounds, metabolic control strategies for survival of blood loss, biomarker-responsive biomaterials for drug delivery, stem cell-based bioreactor production of universal donor red blood cells, computational design of novel proteins, and active hemostatic biomaterials for internal and external wounds. He has authored or co-authored 29 peer-reviewed publications.

Dr. Mogford obtained his bachelor's degree in Zoology from Texas A&M University and doctorate in Medical Physiology from the Texas A&M University Health Science Center. His research in vascular physiology continued at the University of Chicago as a Postdoctoral fellow, 1997-1998. His research focus transitioned to wound healing at Northwestern University, 1998-2003.

Carrie L. Byington
Vice Chancellor for Health Services
Dean & Senior Vice President
Texas A&M Health Science Center

Carrie L. Byington, MD, serves as Dean of the Texas A&M College of Medicine, Senior Vice President of the Texas A&M University Health Science Center and Vice Chancellor for Health Services at The Texas A&M University System.

A federally funded investigator with continuous support as principal or co-investigator totaling about \$80 million since 1998, Dr. Byington's research spans the translational spectrum from basic laboratory science to health services research and has focused primarily on bacterial and viral respiratory pathogens in children.

A national leader in pediatrics and infectious disease, Dr. Byington has had numerous career accomplishments including awards from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Institutes of Health. Notably, she is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and National Academy of Inventors.

Dr. Byington holds board certification and national recognition in both General Pediatrics and Pediatric Infectious Diseases. She received her Bachelor of Science in biology from Texas A&M University and Doctor of Medicine from Baylor College of Medicine, both with honors. She trained in pediatrics at Texas Children's Hospital and in pediatric infectious diseases at the University of California, San Francisco.

At Texas A&M, Dr. Byington is focused on three priority areas: improving rural population health through innovative care delivery, providing care to active duty military and veterans, and collaborating with the engineering to develop and implement new innovations to support health care in the 21st century.

Mark Stone
Chief Information Officer
Texas A&M University System

Mark A. Stone serves as the System Chief Information Officer for The Texas A&M University System. The A&M System is one of the largest systems of higher education in the nation, with a budget of \$4.55 billion. Through a statewide network of 11 universities, seven state agencies, and a comprehensive health science center, the A&M System members educate more than 148,000 students and make more than 22 million additional educational contacts through service and outreach programs each year. System-wide, research and development expenditures exceeded \$972 million in FY2016 and helped drive the state's economy. With more than 28,000 faculty and staff, the A&M System has a physical presence in 250 of the state's 254 counties and a programmatic presence in every one.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Stone served as the Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer of Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. from August 2009 until December 2012. Mr. Stone served as Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer of Zale Corporation from May 2005 to February 2009. Mr. Stone was with Zale Corporation for 14 years and worked in IT, Planning, Database Marketing, and Distribution. Prior to working at Zale Corporation, Mr. Stone served as the Director of Financial Operations for the Resolution Trust Corporation. Mr. Stone is a Certified Public Accountant and the author of *"The Three C's: A Career Enrichment Primer on Characterizing, Connecting, and Communicating."* He holds a BBA in Accounting from Baylor University, a Masters in Divinity from Westminster Theological Seminary, and is a doctoral student in Ethics at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Patrick J. Stover
Incoming Vice Chancellor and Dean for Agriculture and Life Sciences
Texas A&M AgriLife

Patrick J. Stover, Ph.D. is Professor and Director of the Division of Nutritional Sciences at Cornell University. He graduated from Saint Joseph's University with a BS degree in Chemistry and was awarded the Molloy Chemistry Award at graduation. He received a PhD degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics from the Medical College of Virginia and performed his postdoctoral studies in Nutritional Sciences at the University of California at Berkeley.

The Stover research group studies the fundamental chemical, biochemical, genetic and epigenetic mechanisms that underlie the relationships among nutrition, metabolism and risk for birth defects, cancer and neurodegenerative diseases. We focus primarily on the B-vitamins folate and vitamin B12, their influence on nuclear and mitochondrial one-carbon metabolism, their downstream effects on cellular methylation, gene expression and genome stability, and their role in preventing human pathologies.

Patrick Stover was elected into the National Academy of Sciences in 2016. In 2014, he was elected as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities and the Osborne and Mendel Award for outstanding recent basic research accomplishments in nutrition from the American Society for Nutrition, and a MERIT award from NIDDK-NIH. In 1996 he received the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers from President Clinton, the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government on outstanding scientists and engineers beginning their independent careers. He received the ERL Stokstad Award in Nutritional Biochemistry from the American Society for Nutritional Sciences and has been selected as an Outstanding Educator four times by Cornell Merrill Presidential Scholars. He is editor of the Annual Reviews of Nutrition.

Michael K. Young
President
Texas A&M University

Michael K. Young became the 25th President of Texas A&M University on May 1, 2015.

Previously, he served as President and tenured Professor of Law at the University of Washington and President and Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Utah. He served as Dean and Lobingier Professor of Comparative Law and Jurisprudence at the George Washington University Law School, and he was a professor at Columbia University for more than 20 years. He also has been a visiting professor and scholar at three universities in Japan.

A graduate of Harvard Law School, President Young served as a law clerk to the late Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist of the U.S. Supreme Court, and has held a number of government positions, including Deputy Under Secretary for Economic and Agricultural Affairs, and Ambassador for Trade and Environmental Affairs in the Department of State during the administration of President George H.W. Bush.

He also served for eight years on the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, which he chaired twice. Since President Young's arrival at Texas A&M, research revenues for the university have grown to nearly \$1 billion and in 2017, for the first time ever, Texas A&M broke into the top 20 best public universities rankings by the Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education. President Young's strategic priorities for the university include transformational learning, discovery and innovation, and impact on the state, the nation and the world all while maintaining the university's relentless focus upon its core values of respect, excellence, leadership, loyalty, integrity and selfless service.

Carol A. Fierke
Provost & Executive Vice President
Texas A&M University

Dr. Carol A. Fierke, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, serves as Provost & Executive Vice President of Texas A&M University. In this role she provides oversight to the academic deans of 16 colleges and schools, 2 special purpose campuses, university libraries and a comprehensive set of academic affairs services and units.

Prior to joining Texas A&M, Dr. Fierke served as Dean of the Rackham Graduate School and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs – Graduate Studies at the University of Michigan. In addition, she was holder of the Jerome and Isabella Karle Distinguished University Professor of Chemistry.

A world leader in her field, Dr. Fierke is the recipient of the American Chemical Society's Repligen Award in Chemistry of Biological Processes and the Protein Society's Emil Thomas Kaiser Award for her contributions in the application of chemistry to the study of enzymes. Her research has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health, and has been funded by a number of other agencies and foundations.

Dr. Fierke received a Ph.D. in biochemistry from Brandeis University and a bachelor of arts in chemistry from Carleton College.

She has won numerous awards and honors, including the 2016 American Chemical Society's National Award for Encouraging Women into Careers in the Chemical Sciences, sponsored by the Camille & Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Inc.

Michael E. Fossum
Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Texas A&M University at Galveston

Michael E. Fossum was selected as the Chief Operating Officer, Texas A&M University at Galveston, and Vice President, Texas A&M University (TAMU) beginning March 1, 2017 following his retirement from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) - Johnson Space Center in January 2017.

Fossum served as a NASA Astronaut from 1998 to 2017. His three spaceflights included 194 days in space, seven spacewalks totaling 48 hours outside, and serving as the Commander of the International Space Station. He has logged more than 2,000 hours in 35 different aircraft. While a student at TAMU, Fossum was a Squadron Commander in the Corps of Cadets, earned a Bachelor Science degree in Mechanical Engineering, and was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Air Force in May 1980. He later earned Master of Science degrees in Systems Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology, and Physical Science from the University of Houston - Clear Lake. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School.

Mike was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and grew up in McAllen, Texas. He is married to his Aggie sweetheart, the former Melanie J. London '80. They have four children and five grandchildren. He enjoys family activities, motorcycle riding, and outdoor adventures. Mike's main hobby is serving as Scoutmaster of a Boy Scout troop.

Jimbo Fisher
Head Football Coach
Texas A&M University

Jimbo Fisher was formally introduced as head football coach at Texas A&M University on Dec. 4. He takes the reins of the Aggie football program after a highly successful eight-season stint as head football coach at Florida State University (FSU), a period during which Fisher led the Seminoles to the 2013 national championship.

Fisher took over the FSU football program in 2010, following the retirement of coaching legend Bobby Bowden, and he averaged more than 10 wins per season during his tenure while compiling overall record of 83-23 with a .783 winning percentage. Fisher also led the Seminoles to victories in five of seven bowl game appearances, including three wins in traditional New Year's Day bowl games.

As a head coach, Fisher is 9-2 as a head coach against SEC teams after coaching 13 seasons in the SEC as an assistant with stops at Auburn (six years) and LSU (seven years).

Under Fisher's leadership, 83 FSU football student-athletes graduated while Fisher's program produced 12 consensus All-America honorees and his recruiting classes ranked in the Top 10 in each of the past seven years. Fisher had 42 FSU players drafted into the NFL, including 19 first-or second-round selections.

Fisher has been active in the community through his foundation, Kidz1stFund. The non-profit was founded in 2011 to raise awareness and funds to find a cure for Fanconi anemia, a rare blood disorder that affects thousands, including Fisher's youngest son, Ethan.

Colby Carthel
Head Football Coach
Texas A&M University-Commerce

Colby Carthel was hired as the 19th head coach in A&M-Commerce history on January 22, 2013 and has guided the Lions to the pinnacle of Division II, winning the 2017 NCAA Division II Football National Championship in his fifth season as head coach.

The 2017 season was far and away the most successful season in Lion athletics history, as the Lions became the first team ever to claim the “Triple Crown” of the National Championship, Harlon Hill Trophy, and NCAA Elite 90 Award in the same season. The Lions defeated West Florida 37-27 in the National Championship Game in Kansas City, ending the season with a 14-1 record, a nation-best 10-game winning streak, and the first NCAA title in school history.

Quarterback Luis Perez became the first Lion to win the Harlon Hill Trophy, given to the top player in Division II football, and linebacker Garrett Blubaugh won the NCAA Elite 90 Award, given to the student-athlete at the championship site with the highest cumulative grade point average.

M. Katherine Banks
Vice Chancellor and Dean of Texas A&M Engineering
Director, Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station
University Distinguished Professor
Harold J. Haynes Dean’s Chair Professor

Dr. Banks is the vice chancellor for engineering for The Texas A&M University System and dean of the College of Engineering at Texas A&M University.

As vice chancellor, Banks oversees coordination and collaboration among the engineering, academic and research programs at seven universities throughout the A&M System, as well as three state agencies: the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES), the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service and the Texas A&M Transportation Institute. Banks also is TEES director, overseeing research administration of more than 4,838 projects and \$208 million in sponsored research awards.

As dean of Texas A&M’s College of Engineering, University Distinguished Professor and holder of the Harold J. Haynes Dean’s Chair in Engineering, Banks leads one of the largest engineering schools in the country. Banks leads the 25 by 25 initiative, a transformational education program designed to increase access for qualified students to pursue engineering education at Texas A&M University to an enrollment of 25,000 students by 2025.

Banks received her B.S.E. from the University of Florida, M.S.E. from the University of North Carolina, and Ph.D. in civil and environmental engineering from Duke University. For her research, Banks has received funding from the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. Department of Energy and NASA, as well as industry and state government.

Banks is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Billy Hamilton
Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer
The Texas A&M University System

Billy Hamilton is Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer for The Texas A&M University System.

Prior to joining the A&M System, he was a consultant in state tax and fiscal issues and served as Interim Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration for the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority in Austin. Hamilton also was Chief Deputy Comptroller of Public Accounts of Texas.

Additionally, Hamilton served on special assignment as Co-Executive Director of the California Performance Review for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Prior to joining the Comptroller, Hamilton was director of state and local services for the Policy Economics Group of KPMG Peat Marwick in Washington, D.C. He served in that position from 1987 through 1990. In 1986 and 1987, Hamilton was executive director of the Select Committee on Tax Equity, a panel created by the Texas Legislature to study the state's tax structure. Prior to his work with the Select Committee, Hamilton worked for the Texas Association of Taxpayers, a business group interested in tax policy and fiscal responsibility in Texas government. From 1982 to 1986, Hamilton was Associate Deputy Comptroller for Fiscal Management and Chief Revenue Estimator with the Comptroller of Public Accounts. He was also research director for the Comptroller.

Hamilton is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. He is married and has three children.

Phillip Ray
Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs
The Texas A&M University System

As Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, Mr. Phillip Ray is responsible for all real estate development projects involving a public-private partnership, negotiation of operational efficiencies opportunities, facilities planning and construction, financial accounting and reporting oversight, direction of tax and fiscal activities, financial functions related to the legislative appropriations process, annual operating budget process, Historically Underutilized Business initiatives and aircraft operations.

Mr. Ray earned a Bachelor of Science from Texas A&M University-Commerce in 1987 and an MBA from Southern Methodist University in 1991. He went on to study at the Institute for Management and Leadership in Education at Harvard University in 2004, the Executive Leadership and Management Institute at Stanford University in 2006, and the Governor's Executive Development Program through the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas in 2008.

Mr. Ray started his career as a Financial Analyst in Program Management at E-Systems-Raytheon from 1982-1993. From 1993-1999, he served as Director of Procurement & Contracts at A&M-Commerce before moving to Katy Independent School District to take the same position. Mr. Ray served Texas Tech University as Assistant Vice President for Business Affairs and Contracts before moving to Texas A&M University to fill a position as Assistant Athletic Director in 2006. Mr. Ray continued his work with Texas A&M by moving to Associate Vice President for Finance & University Contracts Officer in 2008. In 2012, he became the Chief Business Development Officer at the A&M System and currently serves as Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs.

Recently, Ray was named a 2017 Distinguished Alumnus at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

John Barton
Associate Vice Chancellor & Director
RELLIS

John A. Barton, P.E. is an Associate Vice Chancellor for The Texas A&M University System, the Executive Director of the A&M System RELLIS Campus as well as the A&M System Center for Infrastructure Renewal, and a Professor of Practice for the Zachry Department of Civil Engineering at Texas A&M University. He also serves as a member of Commissioner Sharp's team assembled to staff the Governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas.

Mr. Barton retired as the Deputy Executive Director of the Texas Department of Transportation in 2015 where he provided executive control and oversight of all TxDOT operations and the management and operation of the state's transportation system. Barton held a variety of positions with TxDOT in two TxDOT districts as well as the agency's central administration during his 30 years of state service.

Mr. Barton graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1986.

Mr. Barton has served in a variety of leadership positions on national associations including the Board of Directors of the Intelligent Transportation Society of American, Chairman of AASHTO's Subcommittee of Traffic Engineering, and Board of Directors of the National Operations Center of Excellence. Mr. Barton was most recently named to the Safety Advisory Board for Uber Technologies, Inc. and the Advisory Board for the Southwest Research Institute.

Jim Nelson
Director of Special Academic Initiatives
RELLIS

Dr. James K. Nelson received a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree from the University of Dayton in 1974. He received the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in civil engineering from the University of Houston. During his graduate study, Dr. Nelson specialized in structural engineering. He is a registered professional engineer in three states, a Chartered Engineer in the United Kingdom, and a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He is also a member of the American Society for Engineering Education and the SAFE Association.

Prior to receiving his Ph.D. in 1983, Dr. Nelson worked as a design engineer in industry and taught as a lecturer at the University of Houston and Texas A&M University at Galveston. In industry, he was primarily involved in design of floating and fixed structures for the offshore petroleum industry. After receiving his Ph.D., Nelson joined the civil engineering faculty at Texas A&M University. He joined the civil engineering faculty at Clemson University in 1989 as Program Director and founder of the Clemson University Graduate Engineering Programs at The Citadel and became Chair of Civil Engineering in 1998. While at Clemson he received the Award for Faculty Excellence.

In July 2002, Dr. Nelson joined the faculty at Western Michigan University as Chair of Civil and Construction Engineering. And in May 2005 he joined the faculty at The University of Texas at Tyler. At UT Tyler he was the founding chair of the Department of Civil Engineering and instituted the bachelor's and master's degree programs. In 2006 he became the Dean of Engineering.

He returned to Texas A&M in January 2016 and currently serves as the Director of Special Academic Initiatives for The Texas A&M University System.