

Suzanne and Randy Birdwell
General Chairs
Chancellor's Century Council



Randy and Suzanne Birdwell are pleased to be serving as General Chairs for the Chancellor's Century Council for the next two years. Randy attended Texas A&M University where he received his bachelor of science in Civil Engineering in 1978. Randy was inspired by and highly involved in the Texas A&M community. He was a member of Company K-1 and served as First Sargent and Commander and was selected as a Ross Volunteer. Upon graduation, Randy was commissioned in the United States Army Reserve where he obtained the rank of Captain.

While serving over 6 years in the army reserves, Randy simultaneously worked full time beginning as land development project superintendent where his career in the homebuilding industry began. During his 40 year career, he rose through the ranks, holding distinguished titles including Region President, CEO and Chairman of several industry-leading companies (Emerald Homes, D.R. Horton and Gracepoint Homes). Randy sold Emerald Homes to D.R. Horton in 2001 and continued employment there for four years. Randy's greatest success in the industry was in 2005 when he led 12 homebuilding divisions, \$2.3 billion dollars in assets, that produced more than 23,000 homes in a single year. Throughout Randy's professional career, he has served his industry and alma mater. The past president of both The Greater Houston Builders Association and the Texas Association of Builders (TAB); it was the latter role where Randy met John Sharp, who prevented homebuilding labor from being taxed, keeping the cost of home ownership more attainable for Texans and the state more attractive to business.

He is a Life Director of TAB and a Senior Life Director and former National Vice President of the National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB). He spent several years as the Corp of Cadets regional recruiting coordinator. Birdwell, a long time Trustee of Asbury Theological Seminary, currently serves on the executive committee and chair of enrollment management. Upon retirement in 2018, Randy decided to invest in the future generations by sharing his expertise and knowledge as a developer and homebuilder. During summer 2018 he accepted a position at Texas A&M University as Homebuilding Industry Director and currently teaches the Residential Capstone in the Construction Science Department of the College of Architecture. A job he deems more rewarding than any previous professional position. Within this short time, he has been selected as a recipient of the G. Seagraves '80 Fellowship in Residential Construction and Fellow of the Center for Housing and Urban Development. His capstone scaffold was recently published in *Builder* magazine. Randy's academic scaffold is a visual of how his capstone builds upon itself.

Suzanne Birdwell was also deeply involved in her college community at Sam Houston State University, where she received her degree in finance in 1986. Suzanne was a Sam Houston State cheerleader and a leader in her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega, serving on both philanthropic and membership boards. After graduating, Suzanne excelled in the finance and accounting sector for 30 years, concentrating in banking and homebuilding. She has worked for both private and publicly-traded home builders and served as Executive Vice President for Gracepoint Homes before retiring in 2016. Suzanne enjoys athletic activities and has a black belt in Jiu Jitsu and has completed several marathons. Her current interests include bootcamp, in-depth bible studies and spending time with her and Randy's growing brood of grandchildren. Suzanne and a few friends are starting a new chapter of Canines for Christ in the Brazos Valley, a Christian-based canine assisted therapy ministry that uses ordinary people and their beloved dogs to share God's message of love, hope, kindness and compassion in our community.

With Suzanne by his side, Randy also serves as the Texas A&M NAHB Student Chapter Faculty Advisor and Competition Team Coach. Randy goes above and beyond in his assigned role, holding weekly Sunday dinners for his competition team at his home, which would not be possible without the endless support from Suzanne. The Birdwell's are current members of the Endowed Century Club, Champions Council and Legacy Society, as well as Eppright donors.

These two love to travel and fish the world. They have 4 children (2 Aggies), 3 grandchildren, plus twin grand babies on the way.

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 Commission 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 \$4.7 billion. Enrollment at the A&M System's 11 universities has grown to more than 153,000 and externally funded research expenditures are in excess of \$996 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 the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System. He is the former managing partner of the Houston office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. He is a nationally known securities litigator and mergers and acquisitions expert. Charles has a bachelors, masters and law degree from The University of Texas, and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School.

He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and is a Life Member of the American Law Institute. He served as the Chairman of the Board of the State Bar of Texas from 2002 to 2003. He was a Director of the State Bar from 2000 to 2004. 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. He served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable

Homer Thornberry of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Mr. Schwartz was appointed to the Board of Regents by Governor Rick Perry in 2013. He served two terms as Chairman of the Committee on Finance and served 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.

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

Billy Hamilton is Deputy 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.

Nim Kidd
Vice Chancellor for Disaster and Emergency Services
The Texas A&M University System

W. Nim Kidd serves as the Chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management and is the Vice Chancellor for Disaster and Emergency Services. In this capacity, he is responsible for the state's emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation activities. He is a Certified Emergency Manager, as well as a Texas Master Firefighter and holds Hazardous Materials and Emergency Medical Technician certifications.

During his tenure as Chief of Emergency Management, the state has managed 13 Stafford Act presidential disaster declarations, 2 Stafford Act emergency declarations, 64 Fire Management Assistance Grants and over \$20 billion in federal disaster funds.

Chief Kidd was appointed to the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) in April of 1993. He was promoted through the ranks, eventually serving as Lieutenant in charge of the SAFD Technical Rescue Team and Captain of the SAFD Hazardous Materials Response Team. From 2004 to 2010, Chief Kidd served as Emergency Manager for the city of San Antonio, where he managed the city's response to over a dozen state and presidential disaster declarations.

Since 1997, Chief Kidd has been an original member of the Texas Task Force 1 Urban Search and Rescue Team and responded to the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center. Chief Kidd currently serves as chair for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Advisory Council, a group that advises the FEMA Administrator on all aspects of emergency management nationwide.

Chief Kidd holds a Masters of Public Administration from Texas State University, a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University-Commerce, and two associates' degrees. He and his wife, Emily Kidd, M.D., share three children and a beautiful granddaughter.

David Coatney
Director
Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service

David Coatney serves as the Director of the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service. He joined TEEEX in 2019 after stints as Fire Chief for the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department and as Fire Chief for the Round Rock Fire Department.

He also held several positions of progressive leadership over 25 years at the San Antonio Fire Department, including Chief of Fire Operations, Emergency Management Coordinator, Homeland Security Director and Chief of Training. In addition, he has previous experience in Emergency Medical Services and law enforcement.

Coatney is the current chair of the State of Texas Governor's First Responder Council and also serves on the FEMA Region 6 Advisory Council and the Texas Division of Emergency Management Executive Advisory Committee. In 2017, he received the Leadership Award from the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

A sought-after speaker on team-building and leadership topics, he has published and presented on Transparency in Leadership and Managing Generational Differences in the Workplace. He was the keynote speaker at the 2017 National Homeland Security Conference, discussing the "July 7th Dallas Police Shooting."

Coatney earned a bachelor's degree in Occupational Education with a major in fire science and a master's degree in Organizational Management from Wayland Baptist University. He is a graduate of the Executive Fire Officer Program of the National Fire Academy and the Executive Leaders Program in Homeland Security from the Naval Postgraduate School, and holds numerous professional certifications.

F. Dominic Dottavio
President
Tarleton State University

Since 2008, Dr. F. Dominic Dottavio's focus has been to turn Tarleton into the premier student-focused university in Texas and beyond. Because of that commitment, Tarleton's enrollment is up more than 69 percent, with four-year graduation rates nearly doubling over the last ten years. A recent report shows Tarleton seventh among the top 100 schools in America with an application increase of 131.4 percent since 2012.

President Dottavio came to Tarleton from the presidency of Heidelberg University, a private college in Tiffin, Ohio.

Prior to that, he led The Ohio State University at the Marion campus and served as chief scientist for the Southeast Region of the National Park Service, Director of the Center for Natural Areas in Washington, D.C. and Director of the Clemson University Cooperative Park Study Unit.

Dr. Dottavio served on National Academy of Sciences Committees on the restoration of the Everglades and 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, have two children: son Aaron and his wife, Lyndsey, and their two children Dominic and Abigail, of Katy, Texas; and daughter Adrea and her husband, Yiannis Papadopoulos, of Boston.

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 as a 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; College Station: Texas A&M University Press, Ellen C. Temple Classics in the Women in Texas History Series, 2016) was awarded the Texas Institute of Letters Award for Best Book by a Texas Author in 1988. She has also written numerous articles and contributed chapters to several other books.

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 two grandchildren.

Walter V. 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 came 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; a professional Master of Architecture from the University of California, Berkeley; a Bachelor of Environmental Design from Texas A&M University; and an 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 six grandchildren. They are active in their local church.

Ruth J. Simmons
President
Prairie View A&M University

Ruth J. Simmons serves as President of Prairie View A&M University. She was President and Professor of Comparative Literature and Africana Studies at 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.

After completing her Ph.D. in 1973 in Romance Languages and Literatures at Harvard University, she served in various faculty and administrative roles at the University of Southern California, Princeton University and Spelman College before her appointment in 1999 as President of Smith College, the largest women's college in the United States. She launched a number of important academic initiatives at Smith, 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, 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. She serves on the boards of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V. and Square, as well as a number of non-profit boards, including the Smithsonian National Museum of African-American History and Culture, the Holdsworth Center, and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

Awarded numerous honorary degrees, in 2011, she received the Brown faculty's highest honor: the Susan Colver Rosenberger Medal. In 2012, the president of France named her a 'chevalier' of the French Legion of Honor.

Mark Rudin
President
Texas A&M University-Commerce

Dr. Mark Rudin was appointed President of Texas A&M University-Commerce by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents on August 16, 2018. Dr. Rudin has a Bachelor of General Health Science (1983), Master of Science in Health Physics (1985) and Doctor of Philosophy in Medicinal Chemistry with a Concentration in Health Physics (1989) from Purdue University.

Student success, expanded research and economic development are among Dr. Rudin's top priorities as president. His vision for A&M-Commerce includes adapting traditional models to meet the needs of all students and providing skills development in preparation for post-graduation employment.

Prior to assuming the presidency at A&M-Commerce, Dr. Rudin served as the Vice President for Research and Economic Development at Boise State University. During his eleven-year tenure at Boise State, he played a central role in expanding research activity and developing collaborative partnerships with both public and private entities.

Dr. Rudin previously served at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in a variety of administrative roles before being named Interim Vice President for Research and Graduate Dean. He also served as a Technical/Administrative Assistant with the U.S. Department of Energy and as a Senior Program Specialist/Project Engineer with EG&G Idaho, Inc. Dr. Rudin's career in education began in Idaho where he served as an instructor in the Department of Health Physics at Idaho State University.

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.

Kelly M. Quintanilla
President
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Dr. Kelly M. Quintanilla assumed the role of President and CEO of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi in August 2017, but she is a long-time member of the Island University. She joined the A&M-Corpus faculty in 1994, having just earned her Ph.D. in Communication from Penn State.

She was a professor of communication for 16 years, teaching courses in Business and Professional Communication, Teamwork and Leadership, Organizational Communication, Public Relations and Public Speaking. She is the lead author of the textbook *Business and Professional Communication, Keys for Workplace Excellence*, which is going into its 4th edition.

Additionally, Dr. Quintanilla worked as a consultant and corporate trainer in the Coastal Bend region. Over the years, Dr. Quintanilla has received awards for her teaching, service, advising and scholarship.

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

Dr. Quintanilla is active in the community having served as a board member for the Corpus Christi United Chamber of Commerce, Citizens for Educational Excellence, the Corpus Christi Regional Economic Corporation, the Texas State Aquarium, 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 and 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 and 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, 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, a San Antonio native, is the second president of Texas A&M University-San Antonio, one of the fastest-growing universities in Texas and the only Texas 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. At A&M-SA, she has led the institution's 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 has led new strategic initiatives, including creation of the Mays Center for Experiential Learning and Community Engagement through private funding and secured Chancellor's Research funding for the Institute of Water Resource Science and Technology.

Dr. Teniente-Matson has been recognized for her leadership and service in education, including receiving the Making a Mark on the World Innovation Award from the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber and the Women's Leadership Award from the *San Antonio Business Journal*.

Dr. Teniente-Matson served as President of the San Antonio Tricentennial Commission, and she is on the boards of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce and the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. A national thought leader on higher education issues, Dr. Teniente-Matson also serves on the boards of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and of Higher Education Resource Services.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Management from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Alaska Anchorage and a doctorate in Educational Leadership from Fresno State. She and her husband, Mike, are parents to two sons, Phillip and Wyatt.

Pablo Arenaz
President
Texas A&M International University

Dr. Pablo Arenaz became the sixth president of Texas A&M International University 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. His B.S. in Education was also earned at UNR. He conducted postdoctoral research at Temple University's School of Medicine, Fels Research Institute.

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. He has been instrumental in expanding TAMIU's research profile and science degree program growth, including bold new initiatives in engineering and public health. The university's enrollment has taken an upward trajectory under his leadership, averaging a 4% increase annually. He champions the University's numerous study abroad, service-learning and community engagement efforts and feels they truly broaden the classroom experience. He is also especially committed to the recruitment and retention of high-caliber university faculty.

Throughout his storied career, he has secured 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 25+ publications and over 115 abstracts, his research interests focus on cell cycle regulation of DNA repair gene expression. He is personally committed to encouraging students of all ages to broaden their STEM experience and take on research opportunities, frequently visiting classrooms and labs to meet with students.

Originally from Las Vegas, Nevada, Dr. Arenaz' family traces their ancestry to the Basque Country of northern Spain. He has been married to Norma Arenaz for 31 years. The couple have four children: Jonathan, Cristina, Rebekah and Pablo III.

Mark A. Hussey
President
Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Mark A. Hussey became the 20th president of Texas A&M University-Kingsville in January 2019. Born in southern Illinois he holds a B.S. degree in Biology from the University of Illinois, M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Plant Breeding from Texas A&M University and an honorary Ph.D. from the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, India.

Prior to becoming President, Dr. Hussey served in multiple leadership roles within The Texas A&M University System, including Vice Chancellor and Dean for Agriculture and Life Sciences, interim president at Texas A&M University, Director of Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Department Head for Soil and Crop Sciences at Texas A&M University.

A passionate spokesman for the land grant university system, Dr. Hussey has served in numerous leadership roles with the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities throughout his career. A professor of plant breeding and genetics, he and his colleagues have worked to develop sustainable pasture systems for subtropical regions of the world.

He and his wife Melissa have one son who is currently pursuing a Master of Science degree in Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University.

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

M. Katherine Banks is Vice Chancellor for Engineering for The Texas A&M University System and Dean of the College of Engineering at Texas A&M University. 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 (TEEX) and the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI).

Banks is also TEES director, overseeing research administration of more than 4,800 projects and \$175 million in sponsored research.

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, with more than 20,000 students and 600 faculty.

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

Carrie L. Byington
Vice Chancellor for Health Services
Senior Vice President for Health Sciences Center
Jean and Thomas McMullin Professor and Dean, Texas A&M University College of Medicine

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

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's career accomplishments include 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 strategic program development areas: improving rural population health through innovative care delivery, providing care to active duty military and veterans, and collaborating with engineering to develop and implement new innovations to support health care in the 21st century.

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

Dr. Patrick Stover is Vice Chancellor and Dean for Agriculture and Life Sciences and also the Director of Texas A&M AgriLife Research. In these roles, he oversees the organizations' teaching, research, extension and service missions. These vital pursuits are carried out by more than 5,000 employees of the Texas A&M System's statewide agricultural agencies, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, the Texas A&M Forest Service and the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, as well as the Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. As dean of the College, Dr. Stover leads more than 7,800 students and 400 faculty members in 14 academic departments.

Dr. Stover sees the greatest opportunities for transformational advances at the borders among disciplines, such as human and animal health, environmental sustainability, economic development and social welfare. These opportunities provide incentives to strengthen collaboration across the agency's research faculty; among its research, extension, service and education programs; and with external partners all over the world. Strong collaborations and the new ideas and technologies they generate maximize the impact of AgriLife's work.

Dr. Stover's dedication to land-grant universities stems from his upbringing in rural Pennsylvania. A first-generation college student, Dr. Stover graduated from Saint Joseph's University with a bachelor's degree in chemistry, went on to earn a doctorate in biochemistry and molecular biophysics from the Medical College of Virginia, and then completed his postdoctoral studies in nutritional sciences at the University of California, Berkeley.

Mark Stone
Chief Information Officer
The Texas A&M University System

Mark A. Stone serves as the 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 \$4.7 billion. Through a statewide network of 11 universities and seven state agencies, the A&M System members educate more than 153,000 students and make more than 22 million additional educational contacts through service and outreach programs each year. System-wide research and development expenditures exceeded \$996 million in FY2017 and helped drive the state's economy. With more than 26,000 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.

Greg Winfree
Director
Texas A&M Transportation Institute

Mr. Gregory D. Winfree was appointed Agency Director of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) on December 15, 2016. TTI is a state agency and the largest and most comprehensive higher education-affiliated transportation research institute in the United States.

Winfree joined the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology in March 2010 as Chief Counsel and was later sworn in as the Assistant Secretary in January 2014. During his tenure, Winfree also served as Deputy Administrator and Administrator of a predecessor agency, the Research and Innovative Technology Administration.

As Assistant Secretary, he was the senior executive responsible for a \$450 million budget and oversaw more than 1,000 scientific, data analysis and administrative staff members who support USDOT's multi-modal transportation initiatives. The program offices under his purview included: the John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center; the Research, Development and Technology Coordination Office; the Bureau of Transportation Statistics; the Positioning, Navigation, Timing and Spectrum Management Office; the Intelligent Transportation Systems Joint Program Office; and the Transportation Safety Institute.

Prior to his USDOT appointments, Mr. Winfree served as Corporate Counsel for several Fortune 500 corporations for 17 years that operated in a number of technical industries.

Kelly Templin
Director
RELLIS

Kelly Templin is the Director of The Texas A&M University System's RELLIS Campus. In this role he is responsible for the planning and redevelopment of the former Riverside Campus.

Originally founded as an Army Air Base during World War II, RELLIS consists of almost two thousand acres and is home to academic programs, training grounds and testing and evaluation facilities. Blinn College's new Walter C. Schwartz Building opened on the campus this past August. The System's first academic building will open on the campus this fall and the Texas A&M Transportation Institute will occupy their new 180,000 square foot headquarters building at RELLIS this spring. Several additional buildings are under construction or planned for the near future.

Mr. Templin specializes in capital project planning and delivery and economic development. In his current role he is involved in recruiting industry and government partners to enhance the A&M System's research base.

Kelly brings over twenty-seven years of public management experience to the job. He previously served as the City Manager of the City of College Station, Texas and Seabrook, Texas. He has also worked for the cities of Auburn, Alabama and Oxford, Ohio. Mr. Templin has taught in an adjunct role at Miami University, Auburn University and Texas A&M University.

Kelly holds degrees in Architecture and Urban Planning from Texas A&M University. He is a third generation Aggie who is married to Lisette ('88) and is father to three Aggies.

Greg Hartman
Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives
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Greg Hartman is Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives with The Texas A&M University System. In that role, he works on collaborations among institutions across the System on key priorities, with a special focus on healthcare initiatives such as Healthy Texas.

Prior to joining the A&M System, Greg was with Seton Healthcare, a \$2 billion hospital system in Central Texas. There he served in a number of executive roles, including CEO of the system's two largest hospitals. While there he oversaw academic and research programs affiliated with The University of Texas System and was responsible for public partnerships and the system's foundations. He was heavily involved in the creation of a unique collaboration between Seton, The University of Texas at Austin, UT Southwestern Medical School in Dallas and the UT System to bring translational medical research and academic medicine to Austin.

Before joining Seton, Greg worked around the nation as a consultant on management and operations, strategic planning, public affairs, communications, marketing and advertising. He was a Managing Director for Public Strategies, Inc., a corporate strategy firm, and a Senior Partner with MGT of America, a national management consulting and research firm. He also served as Executive Assistant and Director of Communications for Texas State Comptroller John Sharp and worked for legislators in both the Texas Senate and House.

Jenny Jones
Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations
The Texas A&M University System

Jenny Jones was named Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations of The Texas A&M University System on December 5, 2018. The Governmental Relations office provides a coordinated, system-wide approach to support funding initiatives and achieve policy goals for system members at the federal and state level.

Ms. Jones has been with the A&M System since 2006, first as Associate Vice President for Governmental and Public Affairs with the Texas A&M Health Science Center and, for the last year, as Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations for the A&M System.

Ms. Jones has worked with the Texas Legislature since 1999 focused on health policy analysis, budget and finance issues, as well as grass-root legislative strategy. Prior to 2006, she worked for the Texas Dental Association as public affairs director and for the Texas Medical Association as legislative director.

Ms. Jones earned a bachelor's degree from Morehead State University in Kentucky and received a master's degree from Texas Tech University. She was a doctoral candidate at Texas A&M University before leaving to begin her career at the State Capitol. She is married to Stephen Jones, and together they have an eight year old daughter.