

Statement from the Chair

Greetings, fellow TAAHP members!

I would like to encourage all of you to register for the Forty-first Annual Meeting of the Texas Association of Advisors for the Health Professions, which will be hosted by the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, from Thursday, February 11, to Saturday, February 13, 2010. Accommodations and most of the meeting events will be held at the Overton Hotel and Conference Center.

This promises to be a very interesting and exciting conference. The Overton Hotel and Conference Center is sparkling brand new, and will provide us a spacious, elegant, and up-to-date venue. For the conference itself, we have scheduled a number of interesting speakers on important health care issues affecting Texans in general, and health professions advisors and students in particular. Among the spotlight sessions scheduled, Dr. David Jones, Associate Dean of Admissions, School of Medicine, UT Health Science Center at San Antonio, will be speaking on the Impact of Socioeconomic Status on Admissions; Dr. Henry Sondheimer of AAMC will be speaking on Admissions Policies and Procedures; and the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center will spotlight its unique dual degree programs awarding the J.D./M.D., M.D./M.B.A., and M.D./Ph.D. degrees. And, as usual, we will have all the familiar highlights of TAAHP conferences such as the Updates from TMDAS and Baylor College of Medicine, Filo Maldonado's New Advisors Workshop, Scott Wright's Experienced Advisors Workshop, and of course the Dental School and Medical School Deans' Panels. Plus, our good hosts at the Texas Tech Health Science Center are planning an interesting tour of their facilities and a reception at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion on the Texas Tech University campus.

So I look forward to seeing all of you in Lubbock in February, and I hope everyone experiences an enjoyable and information conference!

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