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TCU's Board of Trustees decided to reduce its spending and keep tuition the same for the next academic year.

## TCU will not raise tuition for the 2021-22 academic year

By **RENEE UMSTED**  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR, TCU 360

For the first time in at least 20 years, TCU's Board of Trustees decided not to raise tuition for the next academic year.

The news came Friday in an email from Chancellor Victor Boschini to the TCU community.

The COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic meltdown have left universities across the country cutting spending to offset lost revenue.

During the summer, TCU reduced its operating budget for this year by \$57 million from \$551.5 million to \$493.8 million. Another round of cuts is underway.

Boschini wrote that before the pandemic emerged, the university was working to become more affordable by increasing the endowment and

optimizing the budget.

"The board conveys its profound gratitude to the entire TCU community for working together to navigate the way through this unprecedented time in our history to ensure that TCU will not just remain sustainable, but continue to flourish," wrote Mark Johnson, the chairman of the board, in a resolution included in the email.

In addition to the tuition freeze, TCU is in the process of reducing its spending by 12%.

Provost Teresa Dahlberg said in a Faculty Senate meeting Oct. 29 that this year's budget for academic affairs is about \$171.2 million, so a 12% reduction is about \$20.5 million. The savings from these cuts will go toward the permanent allocation of \$65 million to financial aid.

Academic deans had to turn in the first draft of their four-year plan

to the provost's office by Nov. 6. The four-year plan details each college's budget for the current and the next three fiscal years.

But not all departments within academic affairs are being asked for equivalent reductions. For example, the AddRan College of Liberal Arts and the School of Interdisciplinary Studies, which Dahlberg said are "less well-resourced than other units," are only expected to cut 9% of their budgets.

The Mary Coats Burnett Library, on the other hand, is being asked to reduce its budget by 16%.

An additional reduction of about \$1 million, less than 1% from across academic affairs, will be used to fund the VITAE Target of Opportunity Hiring program to hire members of underrepresented groups to tenure and

tenure-track positions.

Dahlberg also talked about teaching modalities for the spring. Next semester, 54% of classes will be taught in person, an 8 percentage point increase from this semester.

Throughout the semester, administration officials and students appealed to faculty to teach more classes in person. In an email sent in October, Dahlberg encouraged faculty to teach in person "as much as possible."

And the Student Government Association passed a referendum in September to support more in-person classes. This came after a survey done by the Office of Quality Enhancement, in which 72.5% of undergraduate student respondents said their online class experience was very poor, poor or fair.



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## CAMPUS NEWS

# COVID-19 cases increase as semester comes to an end

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TCU officials are asking students to get tested for COVID-19 before they travel for the winter holiday, as cases have increased to almost 100 over the past week.

As of Tuesday, there have been 105 confirmed new cases at TCU, more than the total recorded new cases for the entire month of October.

The spike in cases on campus corresponds to the situation in Tarrant County. The number of newly reported cases each week has been on the rise since September.

The week ending Nov. 7 marked a peak of weekly cases in the county, with 4,341 new confirmed cases and



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A medical worker stands at a COVID-19 state drive-thru testing site at UTEP on Oct. 26 in El Paso, Texas. The site is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

1,062 probable cases. Cases in Tarrant County have overtaken what the initial peak was in July.

This comes as the U.S. surpassed 10 million cases and is setting

single-day records for new cases.

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, TCU is offering free, rapid testing across campus for all students

before the semester ends.

“With COVID-19, there are so few things that we know for sure, one of the things that we do know for sure, that health experts agree

on, is that the more you travel, the more opportunity you have to spread or catch the virus,” Chancellor Victor Boschini said.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Kathy Cavins-Tull said, “We ask all of our students to get tested and limit close contact with anyone before they travel home to help keep themselves, their families and the communities they are traveling to healthy.”

The process takes about 20 seconds. The test administrator will swab each cheek, the upper and lower gums, underneath the tongue and on the roof of the mouth.

Administrators are encouraging students to schedule appointments

in advance to keep lines down and allow any student who wants a test to get one. Students will be required to show their driver’s license and to wear a mask before and after the test.

“It is imperative that our community remain vigilant and proactive in our efforts to stay healthy. Remember to wear a mask, avoid large social gatherings, wash your hands and stay six feet apart,” Cavins-Tull said.

Testing will be held in the Lot 6 parking lot and will run 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Friday until Dec. 4. Results will be available to students between 24 and 48 hours after the test and will be delivered through either a text message or an email.

## SPORTS

## Equestrian named to NCHA Youth Hall of Fame

By **CAROLINE GARLAND**

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It was a dream come true for a horseback rider who has been riding for as long as she can remember.

Mattie Dukes, a Western rider on the TCU equestrian team, competes in the Horsemanship and Reigning events; she is also a team captain this year for the Horsemanship event.

Dukes, a sophomore psychology and communications double major, was named to the National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) Youth Hall of Fame as a

2020 inductee.

“You get inducted into the Hall of Fame through horse accomplishments and leadership accomplishments,” said Dukes. “I was the president of the National Youth Cutting Horse Association for two years, vice president for one year, and area director for three years.”

Dukes also said she has been very involved in community service and cites that as one of the things that helped her achieve this honor.

Haley Schoolfield, the director of the equestrian team, had nothing but positive words about Dukes. She described

Dukes as powerful in the equestrian world.

“Mattie is a peacemaker, she is an empathetic rider, she is a talented rider and she gives 100 percent in everything she does,” said Schoolfield. “Mattie is such a humble person, she just puts her head down and does her work and tries to get better and better each day.”

Dukes said being inducted into the NCHA Youth Hall of Fame was a dream come true. However, she initially thought this was an unattainable goal for her because it is such a huge honor.

“I was ecstatic, I kind

of couldn’t believe it, I was really excited,” said Dukes. “I am so excited and honored to be in the Hall of Fame.”

Growing up and riding many horses, both good and bad, as well as being able to read a horse and understanding its thoughts and feelings made Dukes into the accomplished rider she is today.

“I learn something every day, and I think that is such a cool thing about this sport,” said Dukes.

Dukes said her goals for this season are learning, having fun and improving at the sport she loves.

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## COMMUNITY

# Timeka Gordon influences America's future leaders

By **DREW MITCHELL**

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Timeka Gordon has worked at TCU for 12 years. She is the director for Inclusiveness & Intercultural Services and director of the Community Scholars Program. She has spent her career inspiring young students from marginalized communities to pursue higher education to become more successful and provide themselves with a better life.

Sophomore political science major Tiony Cooper, who is Gordon's first cousin, said some people may not realize how much Gordon cares about her job and her students because she does a lot of "behind-the-scenes work" that goes unnoticed.

Jamartae Jackson, the program coordinator for the office of inclusiveness and intercultural services, echoed Cooper. He said Gordon deserves more credit for the work she does at TCU.

Jackson also said it is important for people like Gordon to be at TCU because she allows people to be themselves, and she pushes students to be better.

Recently, Gordon has been recognized for her service to students.

In 2019, Gordon received the Wassenich Award for Mentoring for mentoring students outside of her role in the IIS. She was also one of three finalists for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award in 2018.

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***"She's amazing. She will continue to reach students, faculty and staff for the rest of her career. I can only imagine the lives she'll impact in the next 10 to 20 years."***

**JAMARTAE JACKSON**

PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR  
THE OFFICE OF INCLUSIVENESS

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Gordon said her passion for students wasn't always her planned career path, but her college experience made her realize she was meant to help students. Leading up to that, though, she went through a series of life changes before deciding on her career path.

## Early childhood

Gordon was born July 26, 1979, in Texarkana, Texas, to two undergraduates at the University of North Texas. She has an identical twin sister, a younger sister and two younger brothers. Gordon and her siblings lived with her grandmother for a few years while her parents finished college at UNT.

After her parents graduated and before her

father went to seminary school, her family moved to Fort Worth, where she attended a private school for two years.

Gordon said growing up as a preacher's kid was interesting because her parents were very strict when it came to academic achievement. She said her family spent a lot of time in church, and because she was the eldest child, she was expected to be a role model for her four siblings.

"We were always told that education was important, so the expectation was that we were going to go to college. There were no ifs, ands or buts about that," she said. "My parents expected good grades, so the pressure of having to make A's and B's was always there for all of us."

Her family moved to Raleigh, North Carolina, after Gordon's father received a job with American Airlines. Gordon and her siblings began attending public schools and lived in North Carolina for 11 years.

Gordon said her dad was a financial provider, but he wasn't there for her emotionally. Her mother was more of the nurturer, she said.

## High school

Gordon's family moved to Flower Mound, Texas, during her sophomore year of high school, and she began attending Lewisville High School.

As college neared, she

and her twin sister set their eyes on attending a historically Black college or university (HBCU).

"When we moved to Flower Mound from Raleigh, North Carolina, we attended a predominantly white church, so we were craving and wanting that HBCU Black culture and Black community experience," she said.

She ended up attending the University of Texas at Arlington because it was more affordable.

## College life

Gordon wanted to be a dancer when she

arrived at UTA but changed her major to radio-television-film.

She interned with record labels like Arista Records and Jive Records for three years during college and had job offers in New York City upon graduation. However, the jobs did not provide the financial security she wanted, and she found herself being more drawn to multicultural affairs.

Rather than taking a job, she decided to continue school, pursuing master's program in counseling and becoming an academic adviser at UTA.

Gordon said at the time, she was the only

Black academic adviser, so she saw all of the students of color and taught them about how to navigate college life. It was there where she said she realized the importance of having someone of color in higher education for minority students.

## Beginning a career

Gordon married her husband, Army veteran Haywood Gordon, in 2004.

She said they dated four months before they were engaged and married three months later. She also said her

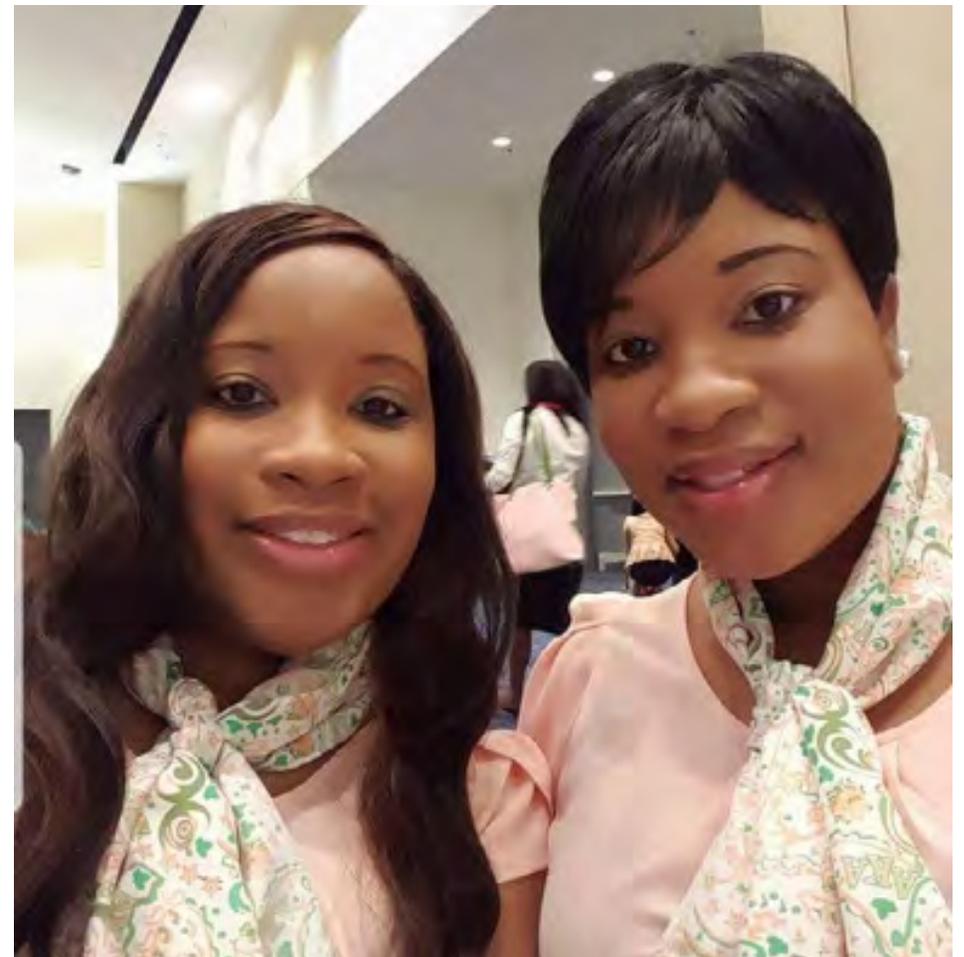


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Gordon and her twin sister, LaKeshia Brown, are both in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.



PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

Timeka Gordon talks about voting on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, when students went to vote early on a trip organized by The Office of Multicultural & International Student Services.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TIMEKA GORDON

Gordon and her husband, Haywood Gordon, at their 2004 wedding.

parents were shocked because she rarely brought her boyfriends home, but they embraced her husband because they felt he was the right person for her.

“He has a good spirit, he’s kind hearted and he’s all the things parents would want as a partner for their daughter,” Gordon said. “We didn’t need to date 50,000 years to know.”

After teaching students to navigate college life at UTA for four years, Gordon came to TCU in August 2008 as the assistant director for the IIS while also overseeing the Community Scholars Program.

Since she came to TCU, Gordon has been promoted to be the director for IIS and the Community Scholars program.

Cooper, Gordon’s first cousin, said she doesn’t remember a time Gordon wasn’t in her life. She also said Gordon acts

as a maternal figure for community scholars on campus.

“Being that she is one of my only cousins that is college educated, her and her sister have always been those people I looked to for guidance and answers,” Cooper said.

Jackson, who has worked under Gordon in the IIS since 2016, said Gordon has given him the space to be himself in his career.

“She’s an individual that, whenever you’re having a bad day, she can make it brighter, whenever you’re in a situation where you don’t know what to do, she provides direction, and whenever you’re hurting or in pain, she provides comfort,” he said.

Gordon is pursuing her Ph.D. in higher education leadership at TCU, and she said she plans on finishing soon. She said her ultimate goal is to be the president of an HBCU.

“The legacy that I hope to leave behind is one that encourages students to go beyond what they think is their limit and reach their fullest God-given potential and purpose,” she said. “To do this, you have to have a love for it because every day is not easy. It’s not for the faint of heart for sure, but you have to wake of every morning knowing that your purpose is bigger than yourself.”

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***“I was always that one friend that people came to talk to because I was a good listener.”***

**TIMEKA GORDON**  
DIRECTOR FOR INCLUSIVENESS & INTERCULTURAL SERVICES

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PHOTO COURTESY OF TIONY COOPER

A picture of Tiony Cooper and Timeka Gordon when Cooper was a baby.

# # PROTECT

## Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for  
Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020:

Magnetic, seductive and attractive -- what more could you wish for? Beware what you wish for this year. 2021 is when you get it. You excel in your challenging career and the beauty all around you. If single, you can have anyone you choose, and this year you're extremely choosy! If attached, your bond's a passionate one. Dueling is OK, because the makeup is so good. LIBRA still gives you goosebumps.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Moves are in progress. Elements of the unpredictable are at work, both within your own psyche and involving others. Release the past and be receptive. Associates are stimulating yet exasperating. Double-check legal guidelines and instructions. Tonight: Not a time to bend the rules.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Today emphasizes your physical and emotional health. Written affirmations can be very helpful for the latter, and getting several second and third opinions about health-related decisions is very helpful for the former. Tonight: Watch for an opportunity to try something new.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ The gambler and rogue within you surfaces. You'll be at the center of attention; make sure this

generates celebrity rather than notoriety. Your natural eloquence opens new doors. Romance, as well as financial situations, will be exceptionally positive. Tonight: Dance to your favorite music.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Today highlights your home and family. Redecorating, spring cleaning or a reunion can be planned successfully. A family member can be argumentative. Building repairs might be needed. Venus glides in to save the day, and misunderstandings can be resolved. Tonight: A peaceful dinner.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Allow extra time for traveling, as there could be delays. A vehicle might need service or replacement. Be aware of events in your neighborhood that could affect you. Stay on top of home repairs. A neighbor reaches out. Tonight: A fun, chatty time.

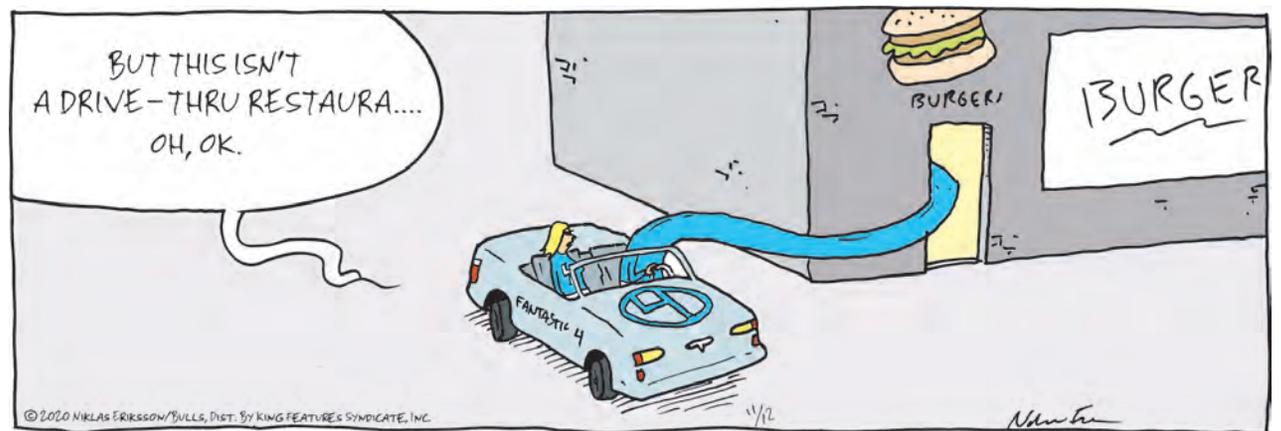
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ The changing financial structure of the world is impacting you in a very personal way. Stay alert to promising new trends in your professional sphere. Rise to meet challenges. Constructive effort on your part will bring financial rewards. Tonight: Return calls first.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Your charm and good looks open doors and make a good impression. Ask for favors. Express affection.

### Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



### Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



Associates are very focused on you, which is stimulating but a little unsettling. Encourage good-humored tolerance with those who seem too demanding. Tonight: As you like.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ It's essential for you to decide what is really important. Meditation helps you attune to subconscious needs. Helping those less fortunate can dispel personal frustration. Tonight: An early night's sleep.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Attitudes about long-term goals are changing. Your feelings about friendships are in flux. Attune to what you really want. If unsure, explore your options before finalizing anything. You mull over unresolved issues with a friend. Tonight: Online networking.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Today brings refinement and charm to your professional sphere. A fan helps brighten your

status. Career circumstances are more comfortable. Diplomacy is essential in delicate negotiations. Use care in making promises. Employ humor and perspective. Tonight: Up late.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Tone down your natural competitive and assertive traits. It's better to be a bit subtle today. Seek ways to make your work environment more wholesome and nurturing. A friendly business associate

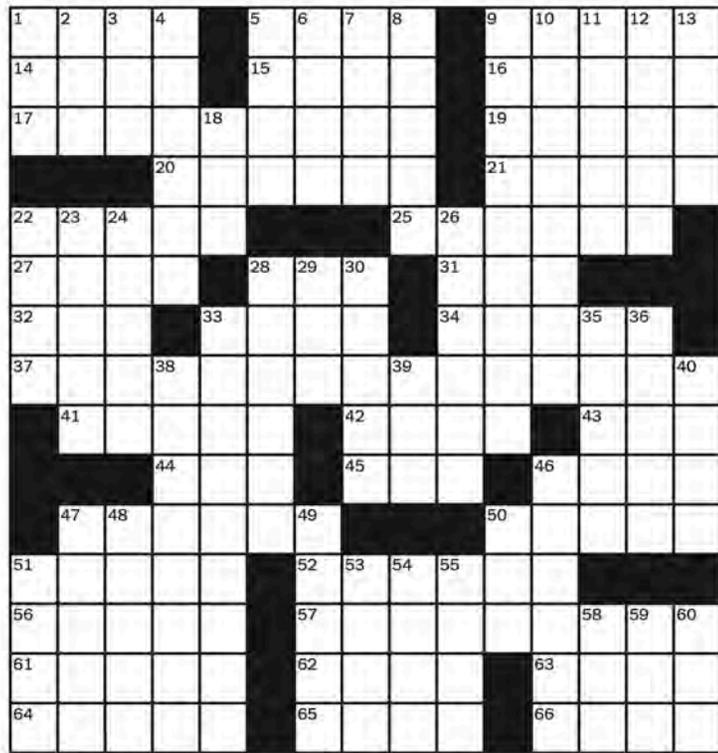
does you a favor. Tonight: Reach out to a friend who is far away.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Today promises change in your schedule, both at work and at home. Completely new long-term goals can emerge. Be progressive. Clinging to the past does not serve you well. Physical activity will uplift and improve your mind. Tonight: Try a serious meditation.

# THE PURPLE

## The New York Times Edited by Will Shortz



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### DIRECTIONS

Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row, and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

### SOLUTION

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## TCU Trivia

In 1949, TCU became the first university in the nation to offer a four-year degree in:

### ACROSS

- 1 Grand in scale
- 5 Potentially offensive
- 9 Let the air out of
- 14 Prefix meaning one-billionth
- 15 \_\_\_ Lum, a.k.a. actress/comedian Awkwafina
- 16 Go deep
- 17 Stage a coup
- 19 Meat scraps
- 20 "The way"
- 21 Reinforces
- 22 Titular "married lady" in a "Funny Girl" song
- 25 Burns a bit
- 27 Steadfast
- 28 Pick a spread, say
- 31 Emma Stone's character in "La La Land"
- 32 Word after Scotch or duck
- 33 Sport in which rikishi wear mawashi
- 34 Fearsome beasts

### DOWN

- 37 Products since the 1960s ... on which you can see five "key" things depicted in this puzzle
- 41 Wire holder
- 42 "Law & Order: SVU" actor
- 43 Spot for a napkin
- 44 Born
- 45 Voting no
- 46 Coral island nation north of Fiji
- 47 Oft-repeated slogan
- 50 Cooped up like pigs
- 51 Coupon clipper, e.g.
- 52 Genre of "The Big Sleep" and "Kiss Me Deadly"
- 56 Instant
- 57 Fifth grader, often
- 61 Mineral in some geodes
- 62 Waterfall sound
- 63 Thick and clumpy
- 64 First name of a famous Mongol ruler
- 65 Addenda
- 66 "Twittering Machine" artist

### DOWN

- 1 Grade school subj.
- 2 Course objective
- 3 Bisected
- 4 Playground "germ"
- 5 "For \_\_\_ whomsoever much is given ...": Luke 12:48
- 6 "Me neither"
- 7 Athletes first allowed in the Olympics in 1988
- 8 Mollifies
- 9 Band with the 1970 #1 hit "Mama Told Me (Not to Come)"
- 10 French daily founded in 1826
- 11 Oscar nominee Woodard
- 12 Some paid spots
- 13 Fish whose blood is toxic to humans
- 18 "Uh-uh!" in Edinburgh
- 22 "Never mind, it's fine"
- 23 City of the Peloponnese
- 24 Discovered, as a shady past
- 26 "Throw it here!"
- 28 The usual suspect

- 29 Mopey and ultra-introspective
- 30 Vodka mixer
- 33 Substitutes for feet
- 35 Zhou in Chinese history
- 36 Co-founder of the Black Panthers
- 38 Classic checker-dropping game
- 39 Green prefix
- 40 Tater
- 46 Cassette tape predecessor
- 47 Aunt \_\_\_, despised relative of Harry Potter
- 48 Like rails and stilts
- 49 Thespians.org
- 50 Covetousness, for one
- 51 \_\_\_ beetle
- 53 Shout of victory
- 54 Material in automobile batteries
- 55 Dr. J's team
- 58 Many a hoedown participant
- 59 Scape (by)
- 60 Manhattan ingredient

### SOLUTION



### TCU TRIVIA ANSWER

Ballet

## SPORTS

# Soccer claims first Big 12 title in program history, beats Mountaineers

By **SAM FRISTACHI**

STAFF WRITER, TCU360

Sophomore Grace Collins scored her third game-winning goal of the season, and TCU soccer held on for a 1-0 victory over the No. 4 West Virginia University on Friday night to become Big 12 champions for the first time in school history.

“It’s a big step for our program. I’m really proud of our group. It’s been a long time coming. We’ve made it to some Big 12 Tournament finals and weren’t quite able to win the games,” head coach Eric Bell said. “To be able to do it against West Virginia, who has been the perennial

power in the league, I don’t think I would have had it any other way. To beat a group that is very talented and come away with a championship is awesome.”

The intensity of the match was evident from the very beginning. West Virginia outshot TCU 5-3 in the first half, but both teams struggled to find the back of the net. Goalie Emily Alvarado came up with three huge saves to keep the game tied at zero, with her biggest coming in the 21st minute when she made a diving stop to halt a Mackenzie Aunkst attempt.

The Horned Frogs ended the first half forcing West Virginia’s

goalie to make multiple saves.

TCU carried this momentum into the second half, finding shots on goal early on. Finally, Collin’s shot on a pass from Gracie Brian found the back of the net in the 51st minute to give TCU a 1-0 lead they would not lose.

The Mountaineers were able to find seven shots in the second half but none on goal, as Collins fifth goal this season went on to be the game winner.

Alvarado recorded her seventh shutout of the season and the 20th of her career.

“It was awesome. We had people that couldn’t get in and they were



PHOTO BY JACK WALLACE

Grace Collins (9) celebrates with Gracie Brian (17) after Collin’s goal gave TCU their game-winning lead.

behind the goal outside the fence,” Bell said about the atmosphere at Garvey Rosenthal Stadium. “That’s what college sports are all

about – the home-field advantage. I think our group took advantage of it.”

TCU finishes the season undefeated at

8-0-1. The 2020 season marks the first time ever that the Frogs have remained unbeaten through a conference schedule.

# Duggan gets it done on the ground, TCU keeps Saddle Trophy in Fort Worth

By **COLIN POST**

STAFF WRITER, TCU360

On a day when TCU quarterback Max Duggan could not hit the broad side of a barn with his arm, the sophomore got it done for the Horned Frogs with his legs.

With under a minute to go in the third quarter of TCU’s matchup with Texas Tech on Saturday, Duggan saw an opening and took it, juking out the first defender before beating the rest to the end zone.

Three drives later, Duggan called “game” on the same play, but this time, it went for 81 yards and gave the Frogs a 16-point lead with 1:42 remaining in the ball game.

“He’s just a freak

athlete,” safety Tre Moehrig said of Duggan. “You’ve seen it before, and don’t think you’re going to not see it again.”

That was a lead the Frogs would not see diminished, as TCU defeated Texas Tech 34-18 to earn their second-straight win and bring the Saddle Trophy home again this year.

The win was the 200th of head coach Gary Patterson’s career in the purple and white. The 20-year coach shifted the praise for reaching the landmark on those he has had around him.

“That’s just a lot of good players over 23 years,” Patterson said. “Lot of good players. Lot of good coaches. Lot of good fans. It’s everybody.”

While Duggan was just 11-for-23 with 73 yards and an interception through the air, the young signal caller rushed for a career-high 154 yards and three touchdowns on the day.

“Tonight, I wasn’t throwing the ball great, and I need to be better about that,” Duggan said. “It was good that we were able to move the way that way [running], especially when we weren’t able to throw.”

After the game, wide receiver Derius Davis, one of the fastest players on the TCU roster, said Duggan would “for sure” beat him in a foot race.

Davis was able to use his speed to make a difference in the game as well. After taking a punt 67 yards to the



PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

TCU celebrates with the Saddle Trophy, which goes to the winner of the team’s matchup with Texas Tech every year. TCU played Texas Tech on Nov. 7.

house against Baylor, Davis had 103 punt return yards against Texas Tech, including a 50-yard return in the third quarter that set up a field goal.

The win was the first for TCU at Amon G. Carter Stadium this season, having previously been 0-3 when playing at home.

Up next, the Frogs will

head back on the road for a face off with the West Virginia Mountaineers. Kickoff in Morgantown, West Virginia, is scheduled for Saturday, at a time TBA.