

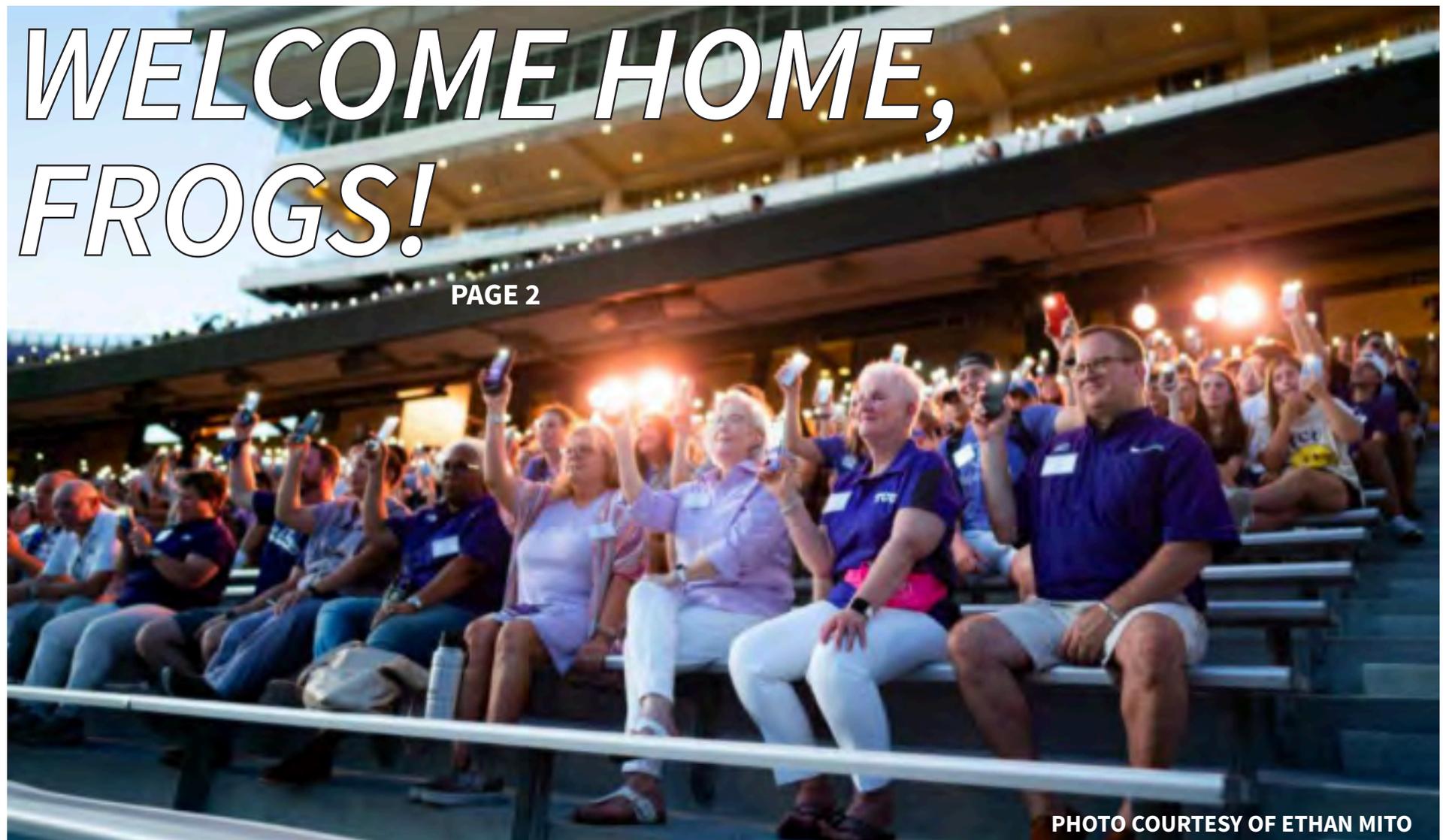
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## CAMPUS NEWS

# Students gather for Chancellor's Assembly in person for first time since pandemic

By **AMANDA VASQUEZ**  
STAFF WRITER, TCU360

First-year students and transfer students gathered in the Amon G. Carter Stadium to attend the Chancellor's Assembly for the first time since the pandemic halted all in-person gatherings.

Speeches from the administration echoed throughout the stadium as students listened intently from the stands. Chancellor Victor Boschini spoke of his optimism for the class of 2025 in starting a new chapter of their lives at TCU.

"You are the largest and the smartest class in the history of Texas Christian University," Boschini said. "During your time at TCU, I encourage you to meet someone different from yourself, ask questions during conversations that you might not otherwise. Get to know people and be curious about their stories. Take the initiative to meet your faculty and staff. The fact is that they care about your success, they want to be part of your TCU experience."

Avery Leeper, a first-year kinesiology major, already felt welcomed on campus because of TCU's inviting atmosphere.

"I chose TCU because it's the feeling of home whenever you walk on campus and feeling like a community. I love the people here," Leeper said.

To help new students adjust to college life,



PHOTO BY ETHAN MITO

People watched a fireworks display during the first Chancellor's Assembly since the pandemic halted in-person gatherings.

Frogs First put on a weekend of activities before the semester started. Kathy Cavins-Tull, vice chancellor for student affairs, drove home the message that all students should be proud to be Horned Frogs.

"Before you're a member of a sports team or the honors program or a greek organization, you're a Horned Frog and forever you'll be a Horned Frog," said Cavins-Tull. "When it all comes down to it, we're all Frogs first, which is what this week is all about... Although the closing of Frogs First is tomorrow, it also signals the beginning of a lifelong journey as a Horned Frog."

Ryan Chudy, a first-year strategic communication major, knew he wanted to be a Horned Frog from the moment he stepped on campus.

"I wanted to come to

TCU because it's such a great place," said Chudy. "The first time I came here I fell in love with it. The beautiful campus, the nice people, there's nothing not to like here."

Student body president Lau'Rent Honeycutt stood before his peers to offer advice on how to reclaim their school experience after the pandemic.

"I know the last few years you guys have been greatly affected. You've missed your senior prom, homecoming and last sporting events," said Honeycutt. "Don't let this be your story. You have the opportunity to create a new chapter, a chapter where you decide what your future holds. Through whatever happens this year, I hope you fall in love with the school and its community in the same way I have."

To end the speeches, the chancellor encouraged the new students to meet

the encouraged the new students to meet the faculty, administrators, deans and staff who sat with them in the stands. Boschini explained they are all joining in becoming stewards of the light of knowledge. He then encouraged everyone to illuminate their cell phones to represent the light.

"May you strengthen this community of learners and allow the light of knowledge to forever stand against the darkness," said the chancellor. "You're a Horned Frog now and forever."

After hearing from these influential voices, the newest members of the Horned Frog family cheered as the marching band, TCU Showgirls and cheerleaders performed. With the typical TCU flair, the night came to a close with loud booms and cracks as fireworks lit up the faces sitting in the stands.



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## CAMPUS NEWS

# The do's and don'ts of living in a dorm

By **LONYAE COULTER**

SKIFF EDITOR, TCU360

Dorm life is a part of the college experience that helps students become accustomed to independent campus life, but there are do's and don'ts to it.

## Do's Get to know your Resident Assistant

Resident Assistants are there to help.

“As an RA, it's important to be welcoming and intentional,” said Helen Rieke, an RA in Wright Hall. “You want to make sure residents feel comfortable talking to you about any sort of problem they have.”

“While in a pandemic, fewer residents have attended hall programs in general, so I've tried to meet up with mine one-on-one to see how they're doing and get to know them,” said Rieke. “I would also say as an RA you don't want to

only be involved in RA activities.”

Rieke suggests that it's nice to have other leadership positions or just hang out with friends off-campus to take a break from the dorm.

## Make your room feel like home

To make a dorm feel more homey, many students recommend bringing some decorations.

“A good tapestry or polaroids of your friends always helps when it comes to decorating your room,” said Rieke.

It also helps make the transition better from home to dorm living.

## Bring supplies to help with your classes

Students also recommend bringing pencils, notecards, paper, pens, highlighters and notebooks.

Rieke said to make sure you have extras of those supplies because

it makes things less stressful when you're ready to go during a late-night study session.

Students are also advised to have some sort of technology device such as a computer or tablet.

For example, students who are in the Neeley School of Business, are required to come equipped with a PC laptop instead of a MacBook laptop.

## Communicate with your roommate(s)

Communicating will help with addressing problems that arise between roommates, especially early on.

“So many times when a roommate conflict occurs, neither roommate previously addressed their concern with the other one,” said Rieke.

Rieke said RA's are also there to help in navigating the conflict.

It is also important to discuss things like cleaning and what each roommate's schedule



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Samuelson Hall is one of the residence halls that lines the Campus Commons.

looks like.

## Follow the rules for housing

Rieke also recommends following the rules that housing and residence life spells out.

“The rules are there to ensure residents are safe and that the dorms are in good shape over the years,” said Rieke.

Following the quiet hours rule will make your dorm neighbors appreciative.

“While some policies might seem trivial, they are there for a reason (often from past problems with that action),” said Rieke.

## Don'ts Don't bring too many clothes with you

When coming to college don't bring every single item in the closet.

“My freshman year, I felt like I needed to bring everything from my closet, and I didn't wear

most of it because it took up too much space,” said Rieke.

There will be times you can always swap out clothes when going home for a break as well.

“Some clothes you do want to bring to campus are definitely shorts, athleisure, hoodies, a coat, rain jacket, rain boots and an umbrella because you never know what the weather is going to be because it will change quickly,” said Ashley Parks, a senior writing and theatre double major.

## Other items to leave back at home

Items that students do not need to bring are a refrigerator and microwave as both are provided in the dorm.

Parks also wouldn't recommend bringing a printer.

“You shouldn't bring a printer because there are printing stations around on campus,” said Parks.

Cooking appliances

and any home appliances such as toasters, candles, heaters or special types of lamps like lava or halogen lamps are prohibited.

## Don't study in your room all the time

Many students have found benefits in changing locations or finding a different scenery other than their dorm while studying.

“Especially during COVID-19, when most people have online classes, it can be challenging to be in your room for so long,” said Rieke.

There are plenty of study locations on campus, whether that is going to the library, going to landing zones or even the campus commons.



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Foster Hall is a first-year residence hall on campus.

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**Nhan was nominated for his contributions in multiple areas of the criminal justice department.**

"Johnny co-created the non-profit Operation Progress with the current chief of Fort Worth Police Department," wrote one of his nominators. "This non-profit empowers underserved youth to become educated, ethical and productive adults. TCU has partnered with this non-profit to provide scholarships to some of these youth. He created the online graduate criminal justice program, which is currently ranked sixth in the country. Additionally, he created the LEAD [Leadership, Executive and Administrative Development] certification in the criminal justice graduate program, which teaches leadership to top law enforcement officials of North Texas.

**Hopper was nominated for her work in TCU's massive efforts amidst the coronavirus.**

"Rachel Anne has been indispensable in TCU's response to COVID-19," wrote one of her nominators. "She has developed plans for the care of sick students in campus housing. She has also designed the logistics for our campus vaccination partnership with [Baylor Scott White], based on the drive-through move-in process she helped create for students at the beginning of Fall 2020. COVID-19 has required many new initiatives and problem solving for TCU. Rachel has been at the forefront of managing some of our most critical projects and transforms the quality of our response to COVID-19." And, as another nominator commented, she did it all "with a smile on her face."

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Together, we can make it a great semester for the Horned Frog family.

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## CAMPUS NEWS

# TCU students and faculty mask up on first day

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SKIFF EDITOR

TCU students and faculty returned to campus last week under orders to mask up indoors.

The university said it will require face masks to be worn in all indoor campus spaces, such as classrooms, meetings and event spaces, though they may be removed when eating and drinking, as well as utilizing private areas.

Despite the masking decision, TCU announced that individuals are no longer required to physically distance for campus events and activities — both indoors and outdoors — but are encouraged to barring vaccination status.

The indoor mask requirement comes as data from Tarrant County shows community spread cases have reached high levels similar to January and contributed to a total bed occupancy of 90% this week, according to the Tarrant County website.

Coming back to some of the same rules as the previous year with some adjustments, the masking decision and other COVID-19 related updates have had a mixed reception on campus.

“I think it’s a good thing that TCU is requiring masks indoors,” said Victoria Lyons, senior managing people, and organizations major.

Lyons added that

universities in other states are mandating the COVID-19 vaccine, but she doesn’t think TCU will do that.

Jalen Chadwick, a sophomore pre-business major, said he is willing to do whatever it is to keep the community safe.

“Although sometimes it gets tiring, I feel it’s not hard to wear a mask,” said Chadwick. “We need to do this as a team, put ourselves aside, and listen to the professionals.”

Regardless of whether TCU lifts the mask requirement before the end of 2021, instructors may continue requiring mask use in their classrooms provided it is clearly stated in the syllabus, according to TCU.

Ofuchinyelu Akpom, a junior computer science and Spanish double major, said she supports leaving instructors’ mask policy to their own discretion.

“I know some professors have vulnerable people at home who can’t qualify for the vaccine and they want to do their best to protect their loved ones,” said Akpom. “Coming in contact with hundreds of scholars and returning home daily during a pandemic is nerve-racking enough.”

Akpom said she is happy to wear a mask for 50 or an hour and 20 minutes to help ensure other’s health.

Amy Roehl, Associate Professor & Interior Design Program Coordinator said the TCU mask mandate will be “a very important



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Statue in Mary Coats Burnett Library wears a purple TCU mask to remind students to stay masked up on campus.

component in protecting our TCU community this fall.”

“Having taught 100% in person this past year, I can attest to the fact that when everyone is masked we significantly reduce the spread. Although many of my students were ill with COVID-19 throughout this past year, none of the spread happened in our design studio,” said Roehl.

When asked how her classroom structure will change this fall semester, Roehl explained that the Department of Design will follow all COVID protocols and are “fortunate to have a design studio that features a garage door to enjoy an outdoor space and circulate fresh air.”

To ensure student and faculty safety, TCU has limited classroom enrollment to provide a minimum of six feet for instructors and three feet for students.



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Interior design students are able to work on group projects maskless outside the design studio

Not all students and faculty agreed with the masking decision.

Brian Gates, a junior finance major, started a petition to end the mask mandate at TCU, saying that the “freedom of choice is important for me, and I think TCU students should have that opportunity.”

Gates started a petition because he believes TCU has diminished student’s freedom of choice and they should declare whether or not they want to wear the mask.

Director of Campus Recreation Jay Iorizzo said that the members of the TCU community,

students, faculty, staff and visitors will be “the driving force to stop the spread of COVID-19 and its variants.”

TCU is offering a chance to share your status of vaccination via an online form sent out by Chancellor Victor Boschini.

CAMPUS NEWS

# Frogs cruise to third-straight victory with win over UTRGV

by **Andre Giammattei**  
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Dominance has been all that No. 6 TCU soccer has known as of late, and the Frogs kept the ball rolling with an impressive 6-0 home victory over the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley at home on Sunday.

Five different players scored for the Horned Frogs in a game where head coach Eric Bell played 24 different players.

Junior Grace Collins would open the scoring for the Frogs with a great individual action. She dribbled to the baseline inside the box and, with almost no angle, found the net with a shot to the near post.

Collins became a protagonist for TCU again 17 minutes in, crossing a ball from the right wing to find junior Gracie Brian inside the 6-yard box for a header that would double the lead for TCU.

Both teams would lock up defensively for the rest of the half, with the Frogs carrying their 2-0 lead through the rest of the first half and the halftime rain delay.

With 30 minutes left, first-year Oli Peña found the top right corner of the net with a strike from about 25 yards out to score her first college career goal.

At the 80-minute mark, Lancaster provided her second assist of the day by swinging in a corner to the penalty spot for a header from first-year Lauren Memoly. Like Pena, the score was Memoly's first career goal at the collegiate level.

The win moves TCU to 3-0 on the season, as the Frogs try and build off their 2020 appearance in the NCAA Elite 8.

The Horned Frogs play the University of Colorado at Boulder today.

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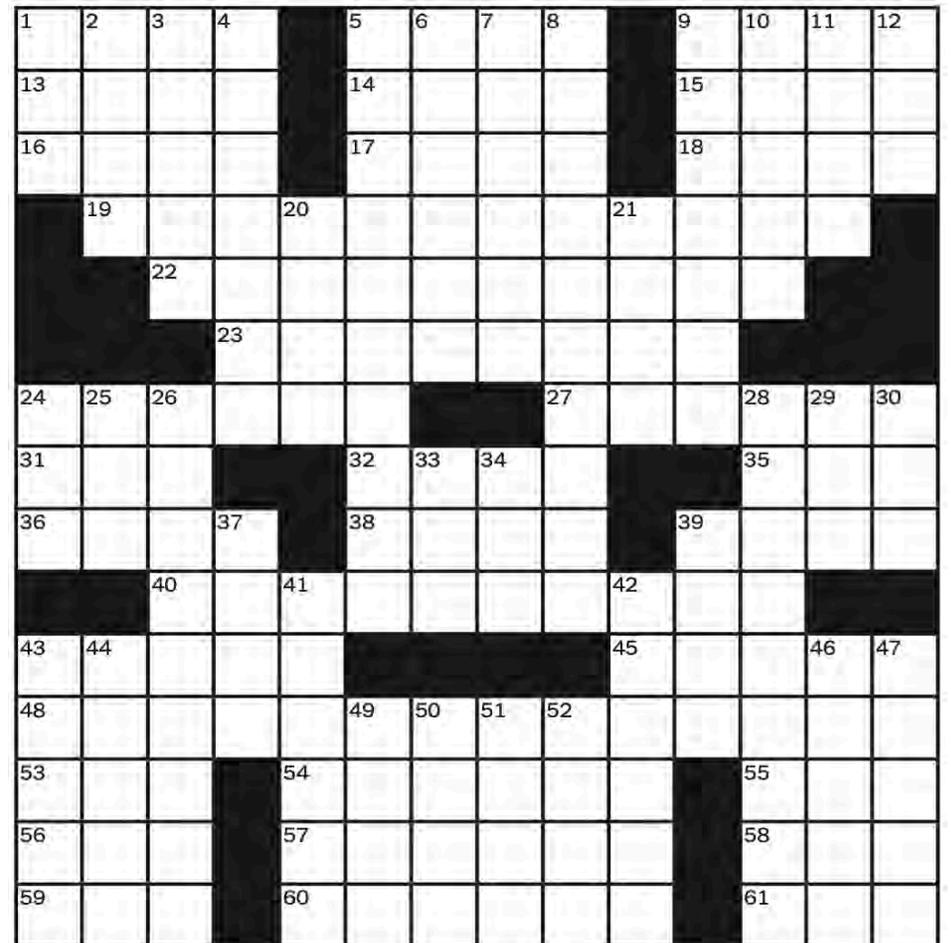
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## Horoscope

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★ It's curious, but even though you have had energy to get things done, today you feel like you're losing steam. Your energy might feel lower, especially regarding your work. This is temporary. Tonight: No worries.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Although you have been vigorous with social activities recently, today your energy is flagging. Your enthusiasm for sports, social activities, the arts is a bit less and even confused. This is temporary. Tonight: Relax.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Increased chaos and activity on the homefront

have kept you hopping! Today, however, you feel unsure about something at home or within the family. You might hide your feelings or your actions to avoid an uncomfortable confrontation. Tonight: Courage.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Lately, you have been proactive and eager to communicate to others and state your case or your beliefs. Today, however, you feel less sure of things. You might not know what to do. Fortunately, this is a fleeting influence. Tonight: Relax.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ This is a poor day for important financial decisions, because some deceit might be in the air. Perhaps you don't have the complete picture. It's possible someone is leading you astray. Tonight: Tread carefully.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Today Mars is in your sign at odds with your ruler Neptune, which is a fuzzy combination. Even though you have had high energy lately, today -- not so much. You might feel indecisive and not sure about what to do or when to act. That's OK. This is temporary. Tonight: Lie low.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Today secrets and something going on behind the scenes might concern you. You might wonder if you are being purposely left out of the information loop. Are you being toyed with? Do you have all the facts? This is the classic day for someone to be deceptive with others. Tonight: Keep your eyes open.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You have been enthusiastic and positive in your relations with friends and groups lately. In fact, your

leadership qualities are showing! Today, however, a very different vibe is briefly present, which makes you feel unsure about directing others. Tonight: Listen to your gut.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You are enjoying great press lately because the Sun is shining down on you from the top of your chart; plus, Mars (also at the top) arouses your ambition! Today, however, you feel vaguely unsure about something. Tonight: Patience.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Travel, further education and training, plus opportunities in publishing, the media, medicine and the law are all things that interest you lately. However, today these are the very areas where you might feel confused or hesitant. Actually, you might be deceived by something. Tonight: Tread carefully.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Be careful if you are making decisions about shared property, insurance issues, inheritances, taxes and debt today, because you might not have the correct facts. Information could be wrong. An element of deceit is possible. It's best to delay these decisions for another day. Tonight: Hang tight.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Relations with partners and close friends might be a bit confusing today. This could lead to a misunderstanding. If this is the case, be aware that someone might not have the right facts. Admittedly, someone might not be 100% honest. Tonight: Stay chill.



## SPORTS

# Horned Frogs rack up preseason honors prior to 2021 season

By COLIN POST

SPORTS EDITOR, TCU 360

The Horned Frogs were not picked to win the conference in 2021. In fact, they were surprisingly picked fifth, behind teams they defeated a year ago like the University of Texas at Austin and Oklahoma State University.

Nevertheless, TCU had no lack of preseason honors in the last few months, hinting at the fact that this could be the Frogs' most successful season since their Big 12 title game appearance in 2017.

Here is a breakdown of every player who has received preseason recognition and the award for which they were recognized:

## Max Duggan

As he heads into his third season as a starter following his first-ever full offseason, quarterback Max Duggan holds more weight on his shoulders than any athlete in Fort Worth.

Though Duggan has flashed moments of real excellence, 2021 will be the year the Council Bluffs, Iowa, native proves to the nation whether he really is an elite signal caller.

On top of this, the junior has a chance to set himself apart from the TCU quarterbacks that came before him, as he was put on the watchlist for four different awards that have never been won by a Horned Frog.

Three of these awards are for quarterbacking.

The first hits close to home for Frog fans, as Duggan was placed on the watch list for the esteemed Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award, presented to the best NCAA quarterback each year.

Davey O'Brien is TCU's lone Heisman Trophy winner (1938), capturing the award in the same year he led the Horned Frogs to one of their two program national championships.

Duggan was also named to the watch lists for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award (given to the nation's top upperclassman quarterback) and the Manning Award (for the nation's top collegiate quarterback in the regular and postseasons).

Finally, the junior was added to the watch list for the Maxwell Award, which is given to the nation's top player annually.

## Ochaun Mathis

It's no coincidence the defensive player to join Duggan in going to the Big 12 media days in July was defensive end Ochaun Mathis.

After leading the team with 9.0 sacks last season, Mathis is expected to be the focal point of a TCU defense that could exceed typical expectations for a Patterson-led team in 2021.

These high expectations do not just come from within the program, though, as the junior was the lone Horned Frog

to be named an ESPN Preseason All-American.

Mathis was also named to the watch list for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy and the Chuck Bednarik Award, both of which are given to the nation's top defensive player each year.

Finally, as well as being named to the Preseason All-Big 12 team, Mathis was added to the Rotary Lombardi Award watch list, marking his dedication as a lineman to excellence on and off the field.

## Tre'Vius Hodges-Tomlinson

Few people live up to the hype of a famous last name as well as cornerback Tre'Vius Hodges-Tomlinson.

Walking in the shadow of his legendary uncle, LaDainian Tomlinson, Hodges-Tomlinson led the Big 12 with 13 passes defended while sporting a 90.6 coverage grade that led all corners nationally in 2020.

Expected to be TCU's leader in the secondary, the junior joined Mathis on the Preseason All-Big 12 team as well as the watch lists for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy and the Chuck Bednarik Award.

Not only was Hodges-Tomlinson named a Preseason All-American by Pro Football Focus and the Walter Camp Football Foundation (2nd Team), but he was also added to the watch list for the Lott IMPACT Trophy.

The award is given to the defensive player who best exemplifies great



PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

TCU running back Zach Evans stretches for extra yardage against Texas Tech during the 2020 season.

play and great character. TCU defensive end Jerry Hughes won the trophy in 2009.

## Derius Davis

A human Swiss Army knife in 2020, wide receiver Derius Davis adds flavor to a TCU offense that has struggled to find rhythm in its last three campaigns.

To go with 209 receiving yards and a score, Davis averaged 14.5 yards in the punt return game (5th nationally), while returning two punts to the house last season alone.

Because of this, it's no surprise that Davis was added to the watch list for the Paul Hornung Award, which goes to the nation's most versatile player each season.

The senior was also named a Preseason All-American by Phil Steele's 2021 College Football Preview while joining Hodges-Tomlinson on the PFF Preseason All-American team.

Both of those nods were for Davis' role as a punt returner.

## Additional individual awards

Offensive tackle Obinna Eze was named to the watch list for the Wuerffel Trophy honoring the highest-achieving player on the field, in the classroom and in the community.

Punter Jordy Sandy was named to the watch list for the Ray Guy Award for the nation's top punter.

Center Steve Avila was named to the watch list for the Dave Rimington Award for the nation's top center.

Running back Zach Evans was named to the watch list for the Doak Walker Award for the nation's top running back.

Long snapper Antonio Ortiz was named to the watch list for the Patrick Mannelly Award given to the top Football Bowl Subdivision senior Long Snapper.

Duggan, Evans and wide receiver Quentin Johnston were named to the watch list for the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award given to the player from Texas or playing at a Texas school who best exemplifies the qualities of former Texas running back Earl Campbell.

## Additional group awards

Davis, Eze, wide receiver JD Spielman, cornerback Noah Daniels and safety LaKendrick Van Zandt were named to the watch list for the Senior Bowl, the top NCAA all-star game.

Daniels, Davis and offensive guard Wes Harris were added to The Athletic sports writer Bruce Feldman's annual College Football Freaks List highlighting players with "rare physical abilities."

TCU kicks off the season at 7 pm this Saturday at home against Duquesne University.