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UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

5/29: Brynn Myers-City Manager for City of Temple
6/5: n/a
6/12: Clayton Gowan, Temple HS Valedictorian
6/19: No Meeting
GREETER SCHEDULE
5/29: Mark Cermak & Dennis Arwood
6/5: Lathe Owens & Jake Herndon

HERE IS WHAT'S COMING.. BIRTHDAYS:

5/26: Carol Ann Sandlin <u>CLUB CALENDAR:</u> 5/29: TFLC Lunch Meeting (Gober) 6/5: TFLC Lunch Meeting (Gober) 6/10: Board of Directors Meeting (Cotton Patch) 6/18: TFLC Installation & Awards Banquet (Gober) 6/19: *****No Meeting*****



The TFLC had Dr. John Vassar, the UMHB Provost, come to speak with us today.

As a key member of the president's leadership team, Dr. Vassar will serve as the steward of UMHB's academic priorities, planning for the future of the university's academic programs, advocating for student success, and contributing significantly to UMHB's next strategic plan. A native of Shreveport, Vassar earned his bachelor's degree in history from LSU Shreveport, his master's degree in theology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and his Ph.D. in religious studies from Baylor University. He is the author of numerous articles in the fields of philosophy, religious studies, and film studies, as well as the book Recalling a Story Once Told: An Intertextual Reading of the Psalter and the Pentateuch. In addition to his academic work, Vassar has served churches in both Texas and Louisiana as an intentional interim minister, having undergone the training program for intentional interims through the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Dr. Vassar let us know that his dad was a Lion in McKinney Texas and

told us a funny story about the haunted house that the McKinney Lions used to run as a fundraiser. His dad was in charge of scaring people from raising out of a coffin.

He gave us an informative Snapshot of UMHB.

This last year they had largest freshman class ever at 875 (371 were first generation college students) and the largest graduating class ever.

The first generation college students are his favorites because of what they are accomplishing.

He let us know that the on campus housing is expanding. Approximately 2000 students live on campus with 31 states and 31 nations represented in student body.

New Degree Programs-Starting Occupational Therapy program in fall 2020, 2019 Supply chain and Logistics degree program & Small Business and Entrepreneurship degree and they will also be adding a Physicians Assistant program soon.

Recently New Degree Programs-Fall 2017 started School of Engineering. The program started with 42 students and now has over 100 students.

UMHB will be opening a new clinic on campus. It will provide health care for students and Counseling services as well. This will serve dual duties as it will givesclinical hours for students and faculty.

They are also implementing a new program for competency based work. It's not based on amount of time to finish, but more like a go at your own pace program.

He proudly pointed out that UHMB works closely TISD for student teaching opportunities and with Temple College so their classes will transfer to UMHB.

Economic Impact Study-UMHB HAS 193 million direct impact, multiplayer effect is 292 Million, 87 million to household earnings, total of 573 million total economic impact locally and 3500 jobs added to local economy.

Thank you Dr. Vassar!!!

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