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TXHES Appoints New Senior Application Development Analyst to Lead Information and Web Services Initiatives

The Texas Health Education Service (TXHES) announced the hiring of Gustavo Nieto to lead a new internal application development team that will support information and web services, including the application system for the Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP) and Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service (TMDSAS).

The move comes after announcing earlier this year plans to explore significant technology upgrades to the application and web services. "Bringing information and web services into our operations presents key strategic opportunities for our organization's services to member institutions, health professions advisors, and applicants. This is a significant time for our organization" said Matthew Meeks, executive director of TMDSAS, the Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP), and the Texas Health Education Service (TXHES).

Mr. Nieto previously served at The UT System Office of Information Services (OTIS) for 23 years in application development with over 12 years of business knowledge of JAMP and TMDSAS. He brings the expertise and strategic foresight to help the organization realize these goals and align the organization's information services with the needs of the pre-health community.

"From my previous experience working with JAMP and TMDSAS, my team will hit the ground running to implement innovative solutions, meet the technology challenges that will assist the pre-health community, and support our future health care providers," Mr. Nieto said.

"Our first initiative will be to reach out to stakeholders for their input to inform our plans for upgrading technology and other related services and to enhance overall user experience. To complement the initiative, surveys will be integrated directly into all TMDSAS and JAMP web portals where our stakeholders can provide immediate feedback."

ASSESSING FUTURE NEEDS

Incorporating application development services within TXHES comes at a time of unprecedented growth in the applicant pool of 22% in entry year 2021, which represents the largest single-year increase in applicants in TMDSAS history, along with the addition of new member institutions with more in progress.

As part of the strategic plan to enhance services to applicants and the pre-health community, the newly formed information and web services team will assess member institutions' needs for application, enhance data structures for reporting, and optimize the user experience for applicants to Texas dental, medical, and veterinary schools, pre-health advisors, and admissions officers at member institutions.

By having an internal development team, TXHES will more efficiently to employ valuable feedback shared from the pre-health community to support the services provided to the future health professionals of Texas.

About TMDSAS

The Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service is the centralized application processing service for applicants to the first year entering classes at all the dental, medical, and veterinary schools in the State of Texas. Under the administration of the Texas Health Education Service (TXHES), TMDSAS was first established in 1968 as The University of Texas System Medical and Dental Application Center. For a complete list of TMDSAS member institutions, please visit <u>www.tmdsas.com</u>.

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