

What is today's event and who is being honored?

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So this evening, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center is celebrating our distinguished alumni. And these are alumni that are recognized by each one of our schools and vetted through a process where we look at all of their wonderful accomplishments since they graduated from our great university.

What can you tell us about the two presidential awards being presented?

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So the two Presidential Awards and being awarded this evening. One is the overall outstanding distinguished alumni awarded at the university level, and that will be going to Dr. Valerie Kiper. Valerie is a wonderful alumni of our School of Nursing. She also serves as our regional Dean in the our Amarillo campus and we are just thrilled to be able to honor her this evening.

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The second award that we are presenting this evening is really the first time we presented it for our Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. We are presenting the award for heroism. And tonight we are recognizing Dr. John Cheng, who was a physician who served out in the Southern California area, and so graciously and selflessly gave his life to protect others, at an unfortunate shooting that occurred out there several months ago.

What would you like to say to all of the awardees?

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Congratulations to all of our alumni. You are wonderful ambassadors for our university, and you exemplify everything our university is about through our values based culture and giving to others.