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Susan Ballabina is the chief of staff to the President of Texas A&M University. In this role, she spearheads the delivery of the president's vision, working in concert with the cabinet and guiding staff of the Office of the President.

Previously, she served as external affairs officer and senior vice president for academic and strategic collaborations, leading strategic partnerships and community impact programs and initiatives for the university.

Dr. Ballabina is active in the community and has chaired the University's State Employee Charitable Campaign for the past two years. She serves on the Salvation Army Board and the Friends of Chamber Music BCS Board of Directors.

Dr. Ballabina began her career with AgriLife Extension in 1994, serving as a county extension agent in multiple counties before serving as a regional program leader. She also served as deputy vice chancellor and chief operating officer for Texas A&M AgriLife.

Ballabina was named a Regents Fellow by The Texas A&M University System in 2014 and has received the Superior Service Award from AgriLife Extension four times. Tarleton State University's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources has recognized her as a distinguished alumna.