

**Weekly Update | , 2023**

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### **2023 Dallas County Day event**

The Office of Undergraduate Admission hosted its annual Dallas County Day on Saturday, December 2. This event provided opportunities to connect prospective students and families from Dallas County with SMU's Undergraduate Admission team and to learn more about our world-class university in their own backyard. During the program, families learned more about \_\_\_\_\_ as well as other programs designed for our local students.

## **News and Noteworthy**

### **The G. William Jones Film & Video Collection gifted film materials and memorabilia from the collection of the late Robert Holladay**

The G. William Jones Film & Video Collection in Hamon Arts Library is pleased to announce a new donation of film materials and memorabilia, including rare laserdiscs, from the \_\_\_\_\_ (1940-2019). Known as "Mr. Paramount of Abilene," Holladay was the Film Director of the historic \_\_\_\_\_ in Abilene, TX. He was passionate about film and the theatre, a scholar with a vast knowledge which he shared with countless students in his 42 years as a high school teacher in Abilene.

## **Simmons School of Education and Human Development partnered with talkSTEM and the Dallas Zoo to host Mathfinder Camp for grade school students**

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, Simmons School of Education and Human Development partnered with \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ to bring the *Mathfinder* Camp to the Dallas Zoo. Students from throughout the Dallas area enjoyed exploring the lives of animals through the lens of mathematics at no cost thanks to funding provided by the \_\_\_\_\_ (NSF).

More than 60 children, age 8-12, attended the educational camp and had the chance to explore an exciting new math app that is currently in development. The *Mathfinder* app, a collaborative effort between Simmons School and talkSTEM, is designed to make math fun while sparking curiosity and creativity and instilling a lifelong love for learning in children.

Thanks to the efforts of SMU's own Candace Walkington, Annette and Harold Simmons Centennial Chair and Gerald J. Ford Research Fellow in the Department of Teaching and Learning at the Simmons School, the *Mathfinder* team plans to run additional camps in the Spring and Summer of 2024 at the Dallas Arboretum.

Sincerely,



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