

# Weekly Update | , 2023

**Elizabeth G. Lobo, Ph.D. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs**

Dear Faculty and Staff,

These weekly

Affairs division as, together, we work toward achieving the goals that fall within our four priority areas through 2025: 1) Academic Excellence, 2) Road to R1: Research and Scholarly/Creative Excellence, 3) 2016 - 2025 Strategic Plan and 4) Inclusive Excellence.

If you have suggestions for what we should include in future communications, please send your

research, higher education and government that will support the Texoma Semiconductor Tech Hub.

Congratulations and thank you to Suku Nair, Vice Provost for Research and Innovation, and the team of SMU faculty and community partners who were the driving force behind this proposal, especially J.-C. Chiao, Mary and Richard Templeton Centennial Chair, and professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Lyle School of Engineering; Jennifer Dworak, associate director of the SMU AT&T Center for Virtualization, and professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Lyle School of Engineering; and Scott Douglas, associate chair of undergraduate studies and outreach, and professor in the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering at the Lyle School of Engineering.

You can read more about this exciting announcement at [Dallas Morning News](#), [Dallas Innovates](#), [Bloomberg](#), [The Associated Press](#), [Reuters](#), [New York Times](#) and [The Hill](#).

### **Simmons School of Education and Human Development's Department of Education Policy and Leadership has highest Scholarly Research Index in U.S.**

The Department of Education Policy and Leadership at Simmons School of Education and Human Development has the highest Scholarly Research Index in the country when compared to all other education leadership departments throughout the U.S., according to benchmarking data from Academic Analytics.

Thank you to Michael S. Harris, Chair of the Department of Education Policy and Leadership and Faculty Senate President; and Brenna Rivas, Director of Faculty Awards, for bringing this remarkable

for earning this recognition.

### **SMU lab creating large synthetic datasets to reduce bias and preserve privacy in AI facial recognition systems**

Corey Clark, assistant professor of computer science in the Lyle School of Engineering and deputy

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## Fall 2023

### Executive Board meeting recaps

*Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences*

On Thursday, I joined President Turner and Elisabeth Martin Armstrong Dean Tom DiPiero for the

for fall 2023, updated board members on the 2024 *U.S. News and World Report* rankings outcomes, and discussed some exciting advancements in research that will support our goals for even greater academic excellence, such as: 1) the \$30 million gift from the and Research Computing Institute (ODSRCI) and to support the Initiative for Digital Innovation in

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accepted, making it one of only 31 official designated U.S. Tech Hubs to spark innovation and development across the country.

*Lyle School of Engineering*

Today, I joined President Turner and Mary and Richard Templeton Dean Nader Jalili for the

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## Inclusive Excellence

### **Dedman School of Law students win prestigious scholarships at Dallas' African American bar association's gala**

[J. L. Turner Legal Association](#), the African American bar association of Dallas, hosted their Royal Scholarship Gala on October 21, 2023. We are pleased to share that during this event two of our

