

Weekly Update | September 6, 2024

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

lockdown. Therefore, all services offered in the Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center (A-LEC) will be offered today as virtual options only, since all A-LEC staff will be remote. Tutoring services are canceled, but all other services (i.e., Writing Center, Disability Accommodation and Success Strategies services, and academic counseling) will operate as scheduled. Please check with your respective staff member for the specific online modality (Zoom or Teams) to support virtual sessions.

New SMU Express Shuttle tracking app and safety escort now available

program.

The new Passio GO! app is available now and free to download in the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). With this app, you can see shut

[Safety](#)

[Escort](#)

main campus for up to two students or employees from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m., seven days a week while classes are in session.

[Read more details here.](#)

[resources available to the SMU community](#)

- Download the SMU Aware Safety App - This intuitive mobile app offers real-time emergency notifications and quick access to essential campus safety resources. You can make calls from the app directly to SMU Police and to other emergency and non-emergency assistance services, q campus. Download the SMU Aware Safety app in the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).
- Be prepared for any situation, including an active threat to campus. Learn the "Avoid, Deny, Defend" response model that SMU has adopted. Check out [this video](#) for more on these crucial survival strategies.
- Stay informed with SMU Aware - The [SMU Aware website](#) is your go-to source for information during an emergency or extreme weather event.

The Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility invites you and your students to register to vote. Dallas County representatives will be on campus throughout the month of September offering faculty, staff, and students the opportunity to learn more about voter registration, absentee ballots and voting-by-mail.

Academic Excellence

Generative AI in the classroom guidance and support materials available for faculty

Over the summer, SMU faculty and staff have prepared a range of resources, including workshops, one-page guides, and other helpful materials to support greater understanding of ways to utilize Generative

Road to R1: Research and Scholarly/Creative Excellence

Lyle School of Engineering faculty members receive National Science Foundation grant to study broad area of decision-making processes in data science

Lyle School of Engineering faculty members Miju Ahn and Harsha Gangammanavar from the Department of Operations Research and Engineering Management, have received a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) in the broad area of decision-making processes in data science.

[Integrated Decision-Making in Data Science: New Models, Tractable Reformulations, and Validation through Undergraduate Projects](#)

Inclusive Excellence

The [First-Generation Initiative](#) (FGI) at SMU is excited to announce that we have been accepted as a member of the [FirstGen Forward Network](#). The FirstGen Forward Network is a program that brings

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enhance our ability to support first-generation students on campus.

Alexandra Pavlakis and Meredith Richards

Department of Education Policy & Leadership and former SMU postdoctoral fellow, Kessa Roberts, [have published a comic book](#), *Uprooted*, based on their combined 30 years of research effects on students and determining the best ways to help them succeed in school.

Their new comic aims to provide a compelling snapshot of the diverse realities that students experiencing homelessness face, countering the myths that surround them and deepening policy awareness and sensitivity to this issue. *Uprooted* is available at no cost [here](#).

News and Noteworthy

[RSVP for the event here](#)

