



- Dedman Law – The Dedman Law School ranked 52<sup>nd</sup> this year, up four places from last year's ranking of 56<sup>th</sup> among the best law schools in America. Congratulations to Dean Collins and Dedman Law's faculty, staff and students for this recognition.
- Simmons School of Education – For 2022, *US News* ranked the Simmons School 59<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Just two years ago, in the 2020 rankings, Simmons placed 105<sup>th</sup>. This noteworthy accomplishment is a credit to Dean Stephanie Knight and to Simmons' faculty, staff and students.

Reminders from previous Friday updates:

- Call for faculty engagement to discuss 3 – 5 academic areas of distinction
  - We have scheduled three Zoom calls to facilitate campus discussion this spring and summer around an initial 3-5 academic areas of distinction for SMU
  - in particular around our strengths in data science and high-performance computing. Our hope is that the ability to hire additional cluster(s) of faculty members would set SMU apart as world class in those fields. All faculty are encouraged to attend any and all sessions. The first zoom session takes place on Monday, April 5. Click [here](#) to register.
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for individuals who have already received their first shot of Pfizer or Moderna elsewhere, so please reach out to your initial vaccine provider to complete your treatment. Spouses and dependents of SMU employees and retirees are not currently eligible to register but may be at a later date.

Methodist Health System (MHS) offers SMU registration for COVID-19 vaccine – In addition to the on-campus vaccinations, all SMU students, staff and faculty may also [register for the vaccine through the Methodist Health System](#). If the MHS system is full, please check that site frequently as more appointments will become available as supplies increase. Vaccine appointments at MHS are available Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m. at Methodist Dallas Medical Center on 1441 N Beckley Ave.

**Reminder to report your COVID-19 vaccination** To tailor the University's requests for vaccine allotments each week and assess the quantity of doses that best meet the needs of our campus, it is important to know how many people have already been vaccinated or are scheduled to get either a single dose of the Johnson and Johnson or the first and/or second doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines.



SMU student receives Goldwater scholarship – Congratulations to Gabrielle Gard for receiving a prestigious Goldwater scholarship. From an estimated pool of over 5,000 college sophomores and juniors, 1,256 natural science, engineering and mathematics students were nominated by 438 academic institutions to compete for this year's Goldwater scholarships. Gabrielle was amongst the 410 students across the nation to receive this distinction. Special thanks to Dr. Sheri Kunovich, Associate Provost for Student Academic Engagement and Success, and Dr. Rachel Ball-Phillips, Director of Graduate Fellowships and Awards, for the support and mentorship provided to Gabrielle's nomination.