



Dear Faculty and Staff,

These weekly updates will serve as a tool to keep you informed and engaged with SMU's Academic Affairs division as, together, we work toward achieving the goals that fall within our four priority areas through 2025: 1) Academic Excellence/ *US News and World Report* top 50, 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 ideas to this [email address](#). Previous newsletters are available [here](#).

Today's update falls into three categories: 1) Spring 2023, 2) Road to R1: Research and Scholarly/Creative Excellence, and 3) News and Noteworthy.

By tradition, SMU honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with

[Intercultural Engagement hosts Dream Week, which concludes tomorrow with a day of volunteer service for students, faculty and staff from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 22, starting at the Hughes-Trigg Student Center Ballroom A/B. This year's community service opportunity occurs in partnership with Feed Our Starving Children to pack meals for those battling hunger and food insecurity.](#)

As [announced yesterday](#), SMU's Office of Global, Online and Continuing Education (GOCE) has now moved under the Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies. Under this new structure GOCE will hire professionals with terminal degrees to lead online graduate programs, stackable certificates, and noncredit pathways in high-demand areas for adult learners in the DFW area and beyond, all under the umbrella of the Moody School.

SMU GO will still partner with academic units across campus to support the development and delivery of their online graduate programs, and SMU Continuing and Professional Education (CAPE) will continue to offer a wide range of on campus and online noncredit programs and courses to help students advance in their careers or transition successfully to new ones.

The Office of the Provost and the SMU Faculty Senate leadership invite all faculty senators and members of the faculty to a meeting on _____ with Dr. Cheryl Matherly, Vice President and Vice Provost for International Affairs at Lehigh University. All interested faculty and faculty senators are encouraged to attend.

SMU has joined the 20th cohort of the American Council on Education (ACE) Internationalization Lab, a two-year self-study and strategic planning process designed to produce a comprehensive internationalization plan for the university, and Dr. Matherly

Projects and Contracts in the Office of Research and Innovation; and Teri Trevino, Office of Research and Innovation.

