



## Elizabeth G. Loba, Ph.D. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dear Faculty and Staff,

Academic 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 ideas to this [email address](#). Suggestions received before noon on Tuesday will be reviewed and

week. Previous newsletters are available [here](#).

Road to R1:  
Research and Scholarly/Creative Excellence, and 4) News and Noteworthy.

## Spring 2024

**Welcome back to the Hilltop**

## **Fondren Library construction update**

On December 18, [Fondren Library commenced renovations](#) to several library spaces en route to an exciting transformation. Currently, a series of small projects are underway that will enhance staff



## **SMU student-entrepreneur featured in The Dallas Morning News**

Trevor Gicheru, a computer science junior at SMU and two-time winner of the Big iDeas Pitch Competition, is making headlines with his software [Nurovant AI](#), which uses AI technology to create quizzes, flashcards, and study tools from audio recordings of lectures. Trevor's app was covered by [The Dallas Morning News](#)

**Research & Innovation Week 2024, April 1-5**

Congratulations to Professor Reyes for this recognition of her scholarly work.

Sincerely,

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