





## **SMU athletic teams setting program and national records this season**

As you know, SMU joined the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) this year on July 1, officially moving our athletic teams into the top tier of national athletic conferences. Our student-athletes have entered this new era with great enthusiasm and inspiring success, setting multiple program and national records. I would like to highlight a select few of our teams' accomplishments so far in this, our inaugural, ACC season.

The SMU Football team remains the only team undefeated in ACC play (currently 6-0). The team is ranked #12 in



## SMU graduate student alumni awarded inaugural Fulbright-John Lewis Award

The [Moody Fellowships Office](#) is proud to announce that SMU alumna, Jasmine Carty has been selected as one of the 23 members of the inaugural class of [John Lewis Civil Rights Fellows](#). The M.S. in counseling alumna previously won a Fulbright award, announced in May of this year, and now, from that group, has been selected as a John Lewis Civil Rights Fellow.

For her Fulbright and John Lewis Fellowship-sponsored research at the University of Luxembourg, Carty is guiding adolescents and young adults through a critical examination of their unique identity experience, resulting in a narrative expression of how the intersection of culture, migration, and public policy impacts their mental health and wellness.

This prestigious fellowship, [recently announced by President Biden](#), is a significant recognition of her dedication to civil rights and leadership in advancing social justice.

Graduate students interested in applying for external fellowships should connect with the [Moody Fellowships Office here](#).

## Winners of the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition announced

SMU's Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition organized by the Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies took place last week in Frances Anne Moody Hall. Sixteen SMU graduate students from a range of fields participated in the competition which tests students' ability to present their research clearly, concisely, and compellingly to a non-specialist audience.

The winners of this year's [3MT Competition](#) are as follows.

- *First Place*: Zahra Sadri, molecular and cellular biology Ph.D. program: "Exploring the Role of Trem2 Signaling in Epilepsy Neuropathology." As first-place winner, Sadri will now have the opportunity to compete in the [Conference of Southern Graduate Schools regional 3MT competition](#), which will be held on SMU campus during spring break 2025.
- *Runner-up*: Nicole Pinzon Hoyos, molecular and cellular biology Ph.D. program: "Linking Immunity to Seizures: The Potential Impact of Immune Complement Proteins on Epilepsy."
- Wen Fan, biostatistics Ph.D. program: "Deep Learning for Antibiotics Resistance Prediction."
- *People's Choice (tie)*: Hyung Seo "Caroline" Lee, psychology Ph.D. program: "Examining the Hierarchical Taxonomy of Psychopathology in a Nationally Representative Epidemiological Sample with a Quantitative Intersectional Approach."

Congratulations to this year's award winners and to all the students who participated in this year's competition.

## Inclusive Excellence

### SMU Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers chapter wins award at 2024 National Convention

The SMU chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) won a Silver Chapter Award at this year's [National Convention](#). Additionally, president of the SMU SHPE chapter, Katelyne



