

Weekly Update | , 2024

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dear Faculty and Staff,

I hope you are having a restful and productive summer. Whether you are teaching, conducting research, or preparing exhibits or performances, your contributions are greatly appreciated and valued in our quest for even greater academic quality. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to SMU's academic mission.

As mentioned in the [final Weekly](#) of the spring 2024 semester, I plan to send these updates twice each month during June and July and once in August prior to the start of the fall semester. If you have suggestions for what we should include in future communications, please submit your ideas through the "Submit Your Story" button below. Suggestions received before noon on Tuesday will be r

[The Common Curriculum Reading](#) is open to all SMU undergraduate students but will target juniors and seniors who have not completed their [Civics & Individual Ethics](#) Proficiency and Experience requirement. Students who opt-in to the program will engage in eight reading group meetings and discussions with peers and program facilitators from areas across campus, including the University Advising Center, Cox School of Business, the Registrar's Office and Student Academic Success Programs.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to promote the program to their undergraduate students. Learn more about the program on the [Common Curriculum Reading blog post](#).

Road to R1: Research and Scholarly/Creative Excellence

Call for applications: Climate Science Research Fund

SMU's Earth Hazards and National Security Faculty Research Cluster is pleased to announce a call for applications for

Three Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies students awarded prestigious fellowships

The Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies is pleased to recognize recipients of several prestigious national and international fellowships:

These findings were published recently in _____ and further support the need to examine nature's impact on food choices, especially since 68% of the world's population is expected to live in urban areas by 2050. The study offers practical insights for consumers, parents, food manufacturers, schools and employers.

Award-winning conference paper by SMU faculty members available on the American Society for Engineering Education website

Two Meadows School of the Arts voice students selected as Rising Star performers in upcoming Dallas-based music festival

The annual [Basically Beethoven Festival](#), formerly known as the Fine Arts Chamber Players, will host its 43rd iteration this July. The festival includes three chamber music concerts that will feature many of Dallas' top professional musicians as well as pre-professional rising stars.

This year, two of Meadows School's voice students, Diego Roberts Buceta and Lexi Cook, have been selected as the "Rising Star" performers for the July 21 concert. Buceta and Cook will each sing two arias from their repertoire that showcase their voices and personalities. Buceta will perform arias from Bellini's *Bianca e Fernando* and Donizetti's *The Daughter of the Regiment*, while Cook will perform arias from Strauss' *Die Fledermaus* and Puccini's