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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)

communications, please send your ideas to this [email address](#)

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Today's update falls into three categories: 1) Fall 2022, 2) Research and Scholarly/Creative Excellence, and 3) News and Noteworthy.

Fall 2022

Willis M. Tate Distinguished Lecture series opens its 41st season – On Tuesday, September 20 the Tate Lecture Series opened its 41st season by hosting an evening with *New York Times* op-ed columnists Thomas Friedman and David Brooks. Regarded as one of the country's finest platforms for distinguished and engaging discussions, the Tate Lecture Series provides unique opportunities for student interaction, faculty discourse and community debate with world changers and raises funds for

[*Community Engagement in Higher Education: A Strategy to Transform Universities and Communities*](#). The authors will distinguish place-based community engagement as a strategy that prioritizes a campus-wide and education-centered approach, compared to other individual/office-level (e.g. service learning pedagogy) and economic (e.g. anchor institution) strategies. Plus, learn about how faculty, staff, and students at SMU can connect to [Engage Dallas](#) and build our collective capacity for community engagement on the Hilltop. [Learn more about the program sessions, dates/times, and RSVP.](#)

Reminders from last week's newsletter:

- **SMU in Four: Year one progress update taking place next week** – The SMU in Four team will host a year-one progress presentation on September 28 from 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm. [Please RSVP and join us in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center Auditorium.](#) If you would like to remain updated on SMU in Four, [we invite you to subscribe to our blog](#) or [check out our updated website.](#)
- **Backward Design, Forward Thinking: Plan Your Course with the End**

hopes of receiving an additional \$250,000 for further implementation funding.

Reminder: Moody School Doctoral Completion Grants and Dean's Postdoctoral Fellowships – Through the generosity of the Moody

be submitted to the U.S Congress as part of the FY 2024 earmark and/or appropriation process. See [this email](#) for additional information.

I would ask each of you to consid

2022 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by the General Commission on Archives and History at the agency's annual meeting on September 16, 2022. In recognizing Dr. Pope-Levison, Archives and