

March 28

## Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dear Faculty and Staff,

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 [submit your ideas through this form](#). Suggestions received before noon on Tuesday will be reviewed and

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



Society (TAS) Breadth, Global Perspectives (GPS) Proficiency and Human Diversity (HD) Proficiency.

date and time on their calendars. Following the town hall, the internationalization report will be revised and presented to SMU leadership for further consideration.

### Provost monthly lunch at the Commons Table next week

On Monday, April 1, from 12-1 p.m., I will be having lunch in the Faculty-Staff Dining Room located in Umphrey Faculty Club, is designed for community members who come to meals by themselves or in small groups and wish to socialize with others to promote faculty and staff community. I look forward to seeing you there and hope you will join me for a relaxed lunch and conversation.

## Academic Excellence

### John R. Lewis Undergraduate Public Health Scholars Program

Vivian Thai, a third-year biological sciences, health and society, and human rights major, and member of the Dedman College Scholars Program and the University Honors Program, was chosen to participate in the prestigious [John R. Lewis Undergraduate Public Health](#)

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election process to become more rigorous than in previous years. AIMBE Fellows represent the top 2% of medical and biological engineers, including the most accomplished medical and biological engineers in academia, industry, education, clinical practice, and government.

Congratulations to Professor Kim on this well-deserved recognition.

### Cox School of Business faculty member and colleagues' blockchain and cryptocurrency research study published

Jingxing (Rowena) Gan, professor in the Department of Information Technology and Operations Management at Cox School of Business along with Gerry Tsoukalas of Boston University and Serguei Netessine

Platforms: Governance, Tokenomics

[Management Science](#)

[\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](#) focuses on the rapid growth of blockchain and cryptocurrencies since 2017, an important and emerging field that has been understudied to date.

## Inclusive Excellence

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Dr. Hites will be inducted on August 7, 2024, in Colorado Springs, CO as part of the annual [CIO 100 Symposium and Awards conference](#). Read more about [Dr. Hites and the CIO Hall of Fame here](#)

Congratulations, Michael, on this well-deserved accomplishment.

**SMU Guildhall launches two new student -created games on online gaming platform**

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