

CAMPUS AND STUDENT LIFE

SMU fosters a sense of community and pride where high-achieving students thrive. The SMU campus is beautiful and inviting, and its environment supports students in their development and academic endeavors. Thanks to its location in Dallas and the vibrant Southwest region, SMU offers students unique cultural and professional opportunities to enrich the collegiate experience, including internships, community service and interactions with visiting scholars, artists and world leaders.

SMU's campuses in Taos, New Mexico, and Plano, Texas, coupled with its extensive study abroad offerings, add to the depth of options for students to live and learn in a whole new setting. Through campus and student life initiatives, the University strives to meet students' highest aspirations, while engendering the development of integrity, leadership and good citizenship.

CENTENNIAL DECADE PRIORITIES

STUDENT QUALITY

INCREASE STUDENT SUPPORT TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN THE MOST PROMISING SCHOLARS AND LEADERS

- Increase endowments for leadership scholarships and support, particularly for upperclass students
- Provide students with additional opportunities for community interaction through internships and community service

FACULTY AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

ATTRACT OUTSTANDING TEACHERS AND RESEARCHERS AND ENHANCE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

- Enhance international internships and education abroad offerings and support to enrich more students' educational experience
- Expand academic programs and facilities at SMU-in-Taos to support a fall academic semester
- Increase program and academic facility support for SMU-in-Legacy

CAMPUS EXPERIENCE

IMPROVE AND EXPAND STUDENT SERVICES AND ENRICH THE CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

- Develop and maintain exemplary initiatives for students that create a common set of experiences and build a cohesive community
- Establish residential commons as part of a sophomore housing requirement
- Create additional leadership development opportunities that maximize the resources of Dallas
- Create a new space to house the Mustang Band at the Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports
- Promote greater interaction among students, faculty and staff by renovating Hughes-Trigg Student Center to provide more programming space and common gathering areas
- Renovate Memorial Health Center to enhance student services in health care and wellness
- Beautify and enhance the outdoor environment on the main campus in Dallas and its facilities
- Increase funding for the Hegji Family Career Development Center, expanding career placement services for students
- Provide opportunities for physical fitness and social interactions through recreational sports

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

The Office of the Provost oversees all of the academic programs and initiatives offered by the University. In addition to its main campus in Dallas, SMU provides academic programs through SMU-in-Taos at the campus in Taos, New Mexico, and SMU-in-Legacy in Plano, Texas. SMU also provides international study around the globe for undergraduates through its 32 Education Abroad programs in 24 countries.

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

As the professors shape the students within the walls of the classrooms, the Division of Student Affairs strives to nurture the complete student outside the academic halls. Among the division's many programs, services, activities and learning opportunities are career services; health, faith and wellness; leadership development; and residential life. Through the spirited music of the Mustang Band, the thoughtful legislation of the Student Senate, the inspiring programming of the Student Foundation and Program Council, and the healthy competition on the intramural and club sports field, the overall SMU experience fosters the development of a student's integrity, responsibility and leadership ability.

CAMPUS PLANNING AND PLANT OPERATIONS

Whether walking to class on a tree-lined walkway or studying amid SMU's award-winning landscaping, students' collegiate experience is enhanced significantly by the beauty of the campus. Improvements to SMU's grounds are guided by a Master Plan, which was initiated in 1999 and is updated frequently to reflect any changes. There are many opportunities to augment the surroundings on each of SMU's three campuses. Some of the many recent improvements include green spaces and gardens; walkways and alcoves; and water features and fountains.

JOIN US

Be a part of defining the next 100 years of unbridled achievement at SMU. To get involved in The Second Century Campaign for Campus and Student Life, contact us at studentaffairsgiving@smu.edu or 214-768-9112.