New U.S. News and World Report Rankings Propel Simmons into Top 25 of Private Graduate Schools of Education

During these uncertain times when strengthening communities has never been more important, and every effort should contribute to the well-being of children and families, SMU’s Simmons School of Education and Human Development recognizes the collective work it takes to address challenges.

In this spirit, I wish to report a great trajectory for the Simmons School. A significant rise in U.S. News and World Report rankings places us in the top tier of graduate education schools with a new ranking of 63, a leap from last year’s 105. Among national private universities, Simmons is in the top 25.

The ranking demonstrates we are nationally competitive and perceived as a...
leader in teaching, learning, and research. This rise in rankings is particularly remarkable given the age and relative size of our school. Established in 2005, we have made tremendous strides in just 15 years.

Our faculty members understand the importance of collaborating and focusing on research that improves educational outcomes. I am proud of them and their incredible productivity. They continue to raise the bar for scholarship and contribute to the development of evidence-based practices that impact children, youth and families in Dallas and beyond.

Leon Simmons Endowed Dean


The Simmons School of Education and Human Development is changing minds – and challenging the way we think. As a transformative leader, our commitment to rigorous, research-driven programs promotes evidence-based, effective practices and policy. Fresh thinking and breakthrough research will drive meaningful change in the fields of education and human development.

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