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WISHING YOU THE WARMEST HOLIDAYS
As we wrap up the fall semester, we look back with Poinsett Prisms at the accomplishments of our faculty, staff, and students.
We feature some highlights below, and are grateful for work at the Simmons School, which encourages us to rise and meet the challenges of an ever-evolving world.

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COMPETING FOR THE ADULT LITERACY XPRIZE
Meet the adventurers above who are featured in a smartphone game that [SMU Simmons](#), [SMU Global](#) and [Literacy Instruction For Peace](#) are developing for competition in the Barbara Bush Foundation [Adult Literacy XPRIZE](#). SMU and LIT's partnership, known as [Digital Literacy](#), was created to formulate a game that helps low-literate adults learn and practice reading. The team completed the first phase of the competition December 9. [Read more.](#)



BETTY GILMORE HONORED WITH LEWRY AWARD
Betty Gilmore, director and faculty member of the [Center for Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management](#), was chosen by her peers to receive the sixth [Franklin D. Lewry Award](#). [Read more.](#)

KETTERLIN GELLER TO DIRECT NEW STEM TEACHER ACADEMY
A new SMU academy for Dallas Independent School District science teachers will help them share the wonders of science and technology with as many as 47,000 middle-school students. A \$1.7 million grant from the [Texas Instruments \(TI\) Foundation](#) will help fund the academy on campus. [Leanne Ketterlin Geller](#), Simmons Texas Instruments Endowed Chair in Education, will lead the STEM Academy. [Read more.](#)



THE SCIENCE BEHIND POGO STICK FLIPS
For fun facts, check out the KERA video narrated by [Chloe Weyand](#), Glenn Simmons Endowed Professor, as he analyzes Kengo Hida's Weyand, a member of the Applied Physiology and Wellness Department, directs the [Locomotor Performance Lab](#).

SAMPLING SIMMONS: THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
[Graduate Liberal Studies](#) hosted a successful three-part series on presidential elections with SMU political science professor, [Dennis Simps](#). Featured below is the post-election lecture.



LEADING A PATH TO COLLEGE
John Williams, Jr. was recognized by Dallas ISD's The Hub as an alumnus who gets first generation students to college. Williams is a program director for [College Access](#) at Simmons. [Read more.](#)

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