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### **SOUTHWESTERN UPGRADES VITAL DEPARTMENTS**

Terrell, Texas—Prior to the start of the new fall semester, Southwestern Christian College ramped up two of the school’s legacy departments that helped bring it to national prominence.

Dr. Ervin D. Seamster, President of Southwestern, recently lauded the Bible and Music Departments as the cornerstones of the institution. “We decided to strengthen those by hiring enthusiastic, well-trained professors who will have a profound impact on students,” he said.

Lyante Savala takes over as new SwCC Choral Director. An accomplished singer, Savala holds a Master’s in Music Education from renowned Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. Savala will be tasked with rebuilding the groups that represented Southwestern in tours across America. The school’s lockdown during COVID-19 resulted in the loss of most its singers. One of Savala’s many talents is his magnetic style of training. Students will also be pleased to learn Savala is a proud 2012 Southwestern graduate.

Joining him is another alumnus, Justin Felder, whose solid foundation was cemented right here in Terrell, Texas. Felder returns to Southwestern Christian College in a dual role as Bible Professor and Assistant Dean of Students. Like Savala, Felder is keenly aware of what it will

take to refurbish a staple department—one that has placed ministers in pulpits all over America and the world. “Our Bible Department has a rich tradition of nurturing ministerial students, providing them excellent training and invaluable support,” Dr. Seamster said.

Felder is a graduate of Texas A&M University-Commerce and Union Theological Seminary in New York. He brings a wealth of experiences after tutelage by some of the greatest minds and theologians in the country. A brilliant talent, Felder is finishing his studies at the prestigious Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

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