

Southwestern Christian College

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As promised, my presidency will continue to be rooted in the highest level of transparency this great institution has ever seen. I want all of us to be on the same page when it comes to understanding the vision and how we get there.

During the summer break, we worked 12, sometimes, 14-hour days, and, on occasion, well into the sunset. We have tackled a long list of renovations and repairs to beautify the campus of Southwestern Christian College, to make it more conducive to the academic sanctuary that can inspire students to study, learn, *and dream*.

The following items have been completed or achieved:

- Created a strong partnership with City of Terrell officials
- Redecorated the RAM Recreation Center with new furnishings
- Located bigger new trash bins all over the campus
- Erected new lighting around the Girl's Dormitory
- Replaced 14 sinks and 8 showers with new ones for Girl's Dorm
- Installed new AC units and countertops for Girl's Dorm
- Bought new TV's, furniture and ventilation fans for Girl's Dorm
- Trimmed and sealed windows to prevent mold or mildew
- Hauled away unsightly trailer from school grounds
- Purchased new TV and furniture for the Boy's Dormitory
- Fixed AC units in Boy's Dorm and the Administrative Building
- Hired five new people who are PhDs or PhD Candidates
- Welcomed more students with 3.0 or higher GPA this semester than any other in the history of the school
- Added extra lighting for Boy's Dorm and the Parking Lot
- Repaired roof on GKF and made touch-up repairs to several others

After a long decline, Southwestern is **on the mend** because she has stayed *on the move!* The hot summer has been successful, productive, and blessed.

I would like to thank each and every one of the contractors who put in long hours to ensure the school would be in tremendous shape to welcome back our incoming students—new and returning.

After the unfortunate neglect of the past decade, SwCC is showing signs of what her future holds. This is only the beginning. But we need everyone to continue to donate, recruit, and share what is happening here. You can be a part of a reckoning and how we make it to **the mountain**.

Still ahead, we are set to repair the Learning Center roof to prevent the leaking of many years (thank you, SwCC Board). We will also install 10 additional security cameras to give SwCC students and parents another level of comfort. There will be more directional signs on campus to aid visitors and new students. We have ambitious plans to renovate the entire Dining Hall, something that will make those fabulous meals taste even better!

And, last, but not least, remember the monument in front of the school that was torn down? We are in the process of redesigning a new one to put up (thank you, SwCC Beautification Committee). I am so excited about the work that God blessed us to finish over the summer and the new projects we are determined to complete. Every step, every small thing, every large thing, gets us closer to making Southwestern live up to her glorious potential.

I'd also like to thank Vernesha Cathey for her fundraising efforts to get the money needed to start the renovations to the tennis courts. She did a social media and traditional fundraising drive to challenge people to stay involved. She has worked hard and it is most appreciated.

I am thankful for all of you. Please continue to spread the word, encourage a student to come to Southwestern, and donate funds to help us continue this great vision. We will make it. Thank you so much.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. D. Seamster". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. E. D. Seamster, Jr.
President and CEO