

# Southwestern Christian College

## Office of the President



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To: SwCC National Alumni Association

RE: Our heartfelt 'thank you'

Genesis 22 is about the amazing trust Abraham had in God: unwavering, unshakeable faith. Many of you recall Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son. His faith was that strong.

Verse 13 reads, "And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him **a ram caught in a thicket by his horns**: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son." Abraham called the name of that place "the mount of the Lord," which means the Lord sees you and will provide for you. A lot of older adults in our village like to say God always has "a ram in the bush."

I wrote all of that to remind all of you we have a ram in the bush. Especially during times of sorrow, stress, and challenges that seem insurmountable. Nothing can ever be impossible when God has called us to stand strong and be brave. Today, we are thankful for the Rams across America, members of the National Alumni Association, for their generous gift this month. Every single time we wonder what must be sacrificed next, there is a ram waiting in the thicket. Thank you for being there.

As we shelter in place during these uncertain times, selflessly giving to others can provide tremendous purpose. I am inspired by each of you, your devotion to this school, **your school**, and the phenomenal work being done by your president, Vernesha Cathey, and the SwCC Alumni treasurer, Stanley Daniel. Well done, to all of you! Thank you so much for blessing our students with your financial and spiritual support.

I pray that God will continue to keep you safe, healthy, and calm. We shall get through this global pandemic together and celebrate our quiet stillness while we have remained mentally, faithfully, *on the move*.

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

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