



Dear colleagues,

As of today, classes are underway at all SHSU locations. We are delighted to welcome more than 200 new faculty to the SHSU classrooms this semester, and over the summer, we welcomed 170 new staff to the Bearkat family. We are so glad you are here! Dr. Aneika Simmons, interim associate provost for faculty success, is asking all faculty to complete this [brief Qualtrics survey](#) by Sept. 30 to help shape programming for the academic year.

Prioritizing Student Success and Student Access

Official enrollment will be released in the coming weeks, but our freshman class grew this year. Much like last fall, about 1 in 4 students at SHSU are now completely online while about 1 in 3 students are completely face-to-face. To support our students academically, we have increased our UNIV 1101 enrollment for first-year students by about 40%, and we stood up the [Fixed Gene](#)