

Letter from Dr. Li

It is a privilege and pleasure to introduce the sixth edition of *The Measure*. Since its inception in 2017, *The Measure* has consistently showcased the outstanding work of our talented undergraduate students and their faculty mentors in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Sam Houston State University (SHSU). This edition is no exception. The essays reflect the trajectories of our student authors' personal and professional growth, as they seek to find deeper answers to questions and issues discussed in the classroom. The knowledge and skills they gained along the way demonstrate the value of higher education and prepare them for a productive life as engaged citizens. But they did not get there all by themselves. They have been guided and encouraged by their faculty mentors, in words and by examples. Their collaborative efforts in engaging in scholarly activities and pursuing academic excellence are inspiring. We are proud of their accomplishments.

While the publication of this edition is a celebration of individual achievements, it also highlights the SHSU faculty and administration's strong commitment to student success. In fact, faculty-student collaboration in SHSU extends well beyond research to include broad educational missions in teaching, learning, innovation, and community engagement. It is this kind of transformative environment that fosters the culture of inclusive excellence, as shown in the publication of this volume.

Finally, I would like to thank Dr. Carroll Nardone, the Executive Editor, for her leadership in this effort and recognize the remarkable work from the Faculty Review Board and the editorial staff. We appreciate their support and contribution. They are the reasons for the sustained success of *The Measure*.

Sincerely,



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