Dear SMU friends and alumni,

Thank you for your extraordinary support of SMU and the students we serve.

As we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic and all the challenges that came with it, SMU is poised for unprecedented growth. With you by our side, we will address healthcare workforce needs and health disparities in the communities we serve.

A few highlights from 2022 include:

- For the first time in its history, Samuel Merritt University is no longer affiliated with a healthcare organization and is now an independent, self-governing, standalone university.
- Samuel Merritt University developed a strategic growth initiative that will double enrollment in the next 10 years and contribute greatly to addressing the significant shortage of healthcare workers in California and throughout the U.S.
- SMU announced plans to build a new campus headquartered in downtown Oakland with groundbreaking in 2023 and a grand opening on January 1, 2026.
- SMU received the largest gift in the University’s history — a $10 million bequest from the Estate of Dr. Russell O. Lewis and Mrs. Antoinette Lewis.

These notable initiatives and outcomes require substantial investment and will succeed, thanks in no small part to the support and leadership of our alumni and friends.

Thank you for making 2022 the most successful fundraising year in Samuel Merritt University history. We are grateful for your leadership and we greatly value your continued support in 2023 and beyond.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ching-Hua Wang
President
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My mother, wife, and an aunt were all nurses, and that left a lasting mark on me.

- Howard “Mike” Milliken, M.D.
Financial struggles among students of color continue to impact their access to nursing education and their abilities to graduate and enter the profession successfully. I want to do my part in contributing to mitigate this barrier. If I can make a difference in just one person’s life, it has given purpose to my whole life.

- Dr. Paulina R. Van

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Knowing that I’ve helped someone’s day-to-day life matters a lot to me. It’s a small thing to do, to cover their exam fees, but it can make the difference in alleviating some of the anxiety around the test.

- Shefali Parikh, MOT ’99

Helped offset the cost of registration fees for occupational therapy students to take the NBCOT Examination Relief Fund.

The impact of your generosity is especially evident in the achievements of our graduates who continue to demonstrate extraordinary talent and accomplishments, including:

- A job placement rate of over 97% within one year of graduation.
- Over 1 million clinical service hours provided by SMU students this year.
- A diverse student body that boasts 70% who are students of color and 30% who are the first in their family to attend college.
- 93% of employers report they “often to always” prefer SMU graduates over other candidates.

- Dr. Ching-Hua Wang, President