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Here are just a few examples of how *SMU Ignited* will fuel the priorities at Lyle:

Empowering outstanding students

- Enrich the Lyle student experience by giving students the opportunity to participate in cutting-edge scientific research conducted by Lyle and SMU faculty through the Undergraduate Summer Research Program.
- Embolden students of all disciplines to realize their ideas by giving them the tools and space to create beyond the bounds of the classroom through the Deason Innovation Gym.

Enriching teaching and research

- Bridge the gap between inspiration and implementation by investing in project development supported by the Research Impact Fund.
- Combine the innovative forces of Cox School of Business and Lyle School of Engineering through the Hart Institute for Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Enhancing campus and community

- Ignite creative ideas and inventions by supporting Lyle's highest-priority needs through the SMU Fund for Lyle.
- Support talented and diverse students interested in making a difference in the world through engineering with the Lyle School Diversity Scholarship.

Your belief in SMU's ability to shape world changers motivates us to achieve this and more. **This is our moment. Will you help us achieve our vision?**

A commitment of any size will help us address Lyle's current priorities this year. To make your annual gift or multiyear pledge, visit smu.edu/ignitedcampaign or return the enclosed reply card by November 15.

You are a vital member of the Lyle alumni family. I invite you to spend five minutes on our website at smu.edu/ignitedcampaign to learn more about our bold plans. *SMU Ignited* is our chance to collectively fuel the future for our current and future students and faculty. Thank you in advance for your support.

Warmest regards,

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