

WELCOME

PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020

17TH ANNUAL STUDENT RESEARCH AND IDEAS FAIR



We are very proud to host our seventeenth annual Student Research and Ideas Fair.

As senior students, you know that our university is a vibrant and diverse community of people, each with a variety of aspirations and goals, each with a unique perspective. It is a place where we challenge you to meet our goals of a liberal education:

- An independent, inquiring mind;
- A breadth of knowledge and depth of understanding;
- An awareness of the perennial questions and new challenges confronting humanity;
- A depth and consistency of moral judgement;
- An ability to write and speak with clarity and precision.

Every year at this Fair, students gather to share their ideas, research, and discoveries with their fellow students and faculty mentors. The Student Research and Ideas Fair truly demonstrates the best that St. Thomas has to offer: the unique student experience, faculty engagement and our emphasis on excellence and open-minded inquiry.

I want to congratulate the students who are participating in this year's Fair.

The liberal arts explore controversial and competing ideas in ways that demand informed, careful and considered judgement. Your participation in our Fair demonstrates that you are up to that challenge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn Russell".

Dawn Russell
President and Vice-Chancellor