



SENATE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Letter in Support of Undergraduate Research Day 2021

Welcome Students!

On behalf of the Texas Senate, I would like to welcome all of you to the 2021 Texas Undergraduate Research Day. We are pleased to have this opportunity to recognize your hard work and efforts. This is an opportunity to showcase the contributions of undergraduate research to academia and the effect it has on our future workforce and innovation. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted everyone's lives and your perseverance to get your research projects completed is an indication of your upstanding character.

Higher education and our state's economic future are inseparable. Texas' response to the COVID-19 pandemic has further demonstrated that realization. It is your hard work and dedication that will attract new businesses to the state, and keep Texas number one. As research students, you are the future leaders for innovation and collaboration for our State. Together, you represent a wide variety of academic disciplines- a testament to the complexity and diversity of the Texas economy. Although your areas of research vary, the experience gained from your work will be invaluable as you begin your careers.

As Chairman of the Senate committee on Higher Education, I am committed to increasing accessibility and affordability to higher education in order to strengthen our state's future workforce. Your contributions to academia assist in our efforts to support a world-class higher education system comprised of universities, community colleges, and trade schools. This will ensure a generation capable of tackling future problems. I congratulate each one of you on your accomplishments and look forward to your future successes. I also wish to recognize faculty members, administrators and support staff for their tireless commitment to students across our state. Preparing our students for the future is a noble task, and each of us at the Capitol are grateful for the work they do every day.

We are honored to recognize your hard work and talent. I look forward to seeing what this group is able to achieve!

God bless Texas,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandon Creighton".

Senator Brandon Creighton
Chair, Senate Higher Education Committee