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Welcome Students!

As Commissioner of Higher Education for Texas, I am proud to welcome you to Texas Undergraduate Research Day at the Texas State Capitol.

Many questions, discoveries, and innovations that will determine Individual prosperity and competitiveness in the future have Texas roots. The work happening in our classrooms and laboratories fuels the global economy and expands the frontiers of human knowledge. Texas Undergraduate Research Day showcases the important legacy of innovation on Texas campuses and highlights what is on the horizon for the next generation of leaders.

As a Texas undergraduate researcher, you are working on the frontlines of exploration, and this is an exciting time as our state continues to invest in higher education research. One of the pillars of our new strategic plan, *Building a Talent Strong Texas*, prioritizes expanding research opportunities for students and scholars alike. Translating their discoveries into innovations will transform the Texas of tomorrow and open new doors to greater economic development.

It is an honor to applaud your contributions and passion and to recognize the faculty who support your undergraduate research. Your efforts are shaping the future, and I encourage you to continue pursuing excellence.

Respectfully,

Harrison Keller, Ph.D.