



TI endows engineer chair

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The **Texas Instruments Foundation** has given **Southern Methodist University** \$2 million to endow a distinguished chair in engineering education, and the holder will also serve as director of the school's **Caruth Institute for Engineering Education**.

SMU has chosen a **U.S. Naval Academy** faculty member and former **Clinton administration** subcabinet member to fill the post.

Dr. Delores M. Etter, who will occupy the Texas Instruments Distinguished Chair in Engineering Education, has served as assistant secretary of the Navy for research, development and acquisition and as deputy undersecretary of Defense for science and technology.

At Annapolis, she was a member of the electrical engineering faculty and held the Office of Naval Research Distinguished Chair in Science and Technology.

Dr. Etter earned her Ph.D. from the **University of New Mexico** and is a member of the **National Academy of Engineering**, the highest recognition that can be bestowed upon an engineer in this country.

"The Caruth Institute is dedicated to increasing the number and diversity of students who graduate from U.S. high schools with both the enthusiasm and knowledge to pursue the engineering careers that are necessary for the U.S. to compete in a global economy," said **Geoffrey Orsak**, dean of the SMU School of Engineering.

Jack Swindle, chairman of the TI Foundation, concurred. "Engineering education is critical to the future of our region and country," he said.

"By funding the Texas Instruments Distinguished Chair, the TI Foundation is helping build a center of excellence in Dallas for the delivery and assessment of K-16 engineering education programs."

SMU president **R. Gerald Turner** said that Dr. Etter will lead an effort that will have a lasting and vital impact on the U.S. and its economy.

Dr. Turner also cited previous TI Foundation contributions to SMU support programs that break through roadblocks to diversity and introduce a new wave of innovation into engineering education.

U.S. Sen. **Kay Bailey Hutchison** helped SMU establish what is now the Caruth Institute for Engineering Education in 2002 through a federal grant. Texas Instruments has worked with the institute since then, sponsoring a program for math and science teachers, a gender parity program and an "engineer for a day" program for middle school students.

"These K-12 and early college programs will be greatly expanded within the Caruth Institute for Engineering Education, endowed in October with a \$10.1 million gift from the W.W. Caruth Foundation at Communities Foundation of Texas," Dr. Turner said.

"The new TI Foundation gift guarantees outstanding leadership for this new national institute.

"It is yet another example of TI's leadership in finding solutions to challenges in education ... enabling us to appoint a leader who brings with her extensive experience in education, public service and research a combination that uniquely suits the goal of advancing engineering education."