



President Smatresk on Creativity at UNT

Creativity is alive in everything we do, whether it's musical and artistic excellence or thought-provoking education, research and scholarship.

You just have to look around our campus -- and in the news -- to discover the inspiration and aspiration in our students and faculty. Or you can drop in on a [UNT Symphonic Band](#) rehearsal like I did to hear the musical genius of some amazingly talented students. I even got to do some conducting (left).

Our students exude creativity in academics too. **Lily Liu**, a second-year student in TAMS, is a [2015 Intel Science Talent Search finalist](#), one of only 40 in the nation. TAMS student **Aditya Vaidya** is another great example of UNT creativity at work. Aditya is a [budding researcher](#) and a talented violinist who is [performing at Carnegie Hall in New York](#).

Our faculty also do their part to keep the wheel of innovation turning at UNT with cutting-edge inventions and research. For instance, associate professor of chemistry **Guido Verbeck's** patented [nanomanipulator](#) can examine cancer cells at the nano level to find better treatments or identify the tiniest trace of human DNA to help our military and government solve crimes. This kind of creative spark also is why UNT is one of the nation's [top producers of U.S. Fulbright Scholars](#).

I'm proud of the originality and creativity that UNT unleashes in our students and faculty. It's why [more students are choosing](#)

our university and why more are on track to timely graduation.

UNT proud,
Neal Smatresk
President
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