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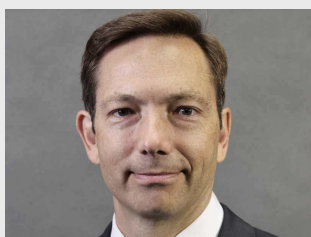
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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**UT Arlington using virtual reality to help veterans:** Coordinated by the UTA media relations team, [KXAN](#), the NBC affiliate in Austin, invited Donna Schuman (School of Social Work), pictured right, on its midday show to discuss her research using virtual reality to improve mental health care for veterans. As September is National Suicide Prevention Month, Dr. Schuman and her colleagues are using VR to train caregivers how to recognize suicide warning signs.



## EXPERT INTERVIEWS

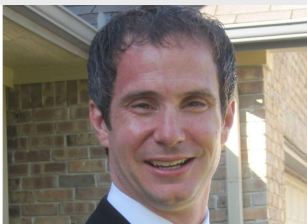


**Fort Worth's growth, data centers drive soaring power demand:** Coordinated by the media relations team, Chris Boyer (College of Engineering) spoke with the [Fort Worth Report](#) about how the increase of data centers being built in the region and how their demand for energy will impact the power grid. Grid operators may not be "set up for such rapid growth," Dr. Boyer said.

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**Could high-speed rail ease future Fort Worth traffic congestion? Data suggests benefits:** Stephen Mattingly (College of Engineering) spoke with the [Fort Worth Report](#) about how high-speed

rail could ease traffic congestion in the future. "My previous studies have indicated that high-speed rail really goes well for trips 90 minutes (to about) two, maybe three hours."



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## MORE NEWS

**UT Arlington enrollment record driven by robust freshman class:** [NBC 5](#) and [CBS 11](#) reported on UTA's record-setting enrollment, highlighted by a record freshman class of more than 5,100. UTA's preliminary total enrollment for fall 2025 is more than 42,700. "A UTA degree has never been more valued or sought after by students from across Texas and beyond," UTA President Jennifer Cowley said.

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**UTA set to open its Maverick Autonomous Vehicle Research Center:** Facilitated by the media relations team, [WFAA](#) and [D Magazine](#) reported on the Maverick Autonomous Vehicle Research Center opening this week at UTARI in Fort Worth. "A facility like this is necessary as more and more organizations move toward using autonomous vehicles," said Kate C. Miller, vice president for research and innovation. [NewsBreak](#) also shared D Magazine's article.



**Decades after UTA cut its tackle football program, it's one of the first schools to offer women's flag football:** [WFAA](#) revisited UTA closed shop on its football program decades ago and how the University is now a pioneer in the sport of women's flag football.

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**UTA President Jennifer Cowley delivers annual State of the University address:** The [Fort Worth Report](#) published an article on UTA President Jennifer Cowley's State of the University address. President Cowley spoke a variety of topics including parking, grants and investments, programs and research, student, faculty and staff support, and the start of flag football as a varsity sport.

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