A new year brings hope for discovery and reinvention. As we take stock of what occurred in the previous year and plan for new opportunities, we rediscover one of the great truths of humanity—each moment can be the one that enriches our lives, fulfills a dream, or benefits those around us.

Greg (HCB, ’85) and Lisa Smith, this issue’s cover subjects, dedicate much of their effort to changing the world around them for the better. Through Greg’s impactful work in the global supply chain, to the couple’s commitment to giving back to the world around them, they illustrate how there is no time like the present to make a difference.

Scott Roe (HCB, ’87) also continually looks for new opportunities to make a difference. In the lives of UT students, this occurs through his funding of entrepreneurship competitions and judging of student presentations. Roe, whose background in accounting and information management has connected him to some of the top adventure, sports, and luxury brands in the world, also supports partnerships between community colleges and universities. “I think they are a big part of the future in building the skillsets we need,” Roe says of the intersection of community and vocational schools with academia.