



## **COSET Faculty Honored as Pioneer in Cybersecurity**

**COSET lecturer Mr. Kirk Burns, of the Department of Computer Science, was recently recognized as a 2021 Cyberscoop award winner in the category of Security Pioneer. Aside from his service to SHSU as a full-time lecturer, Mr. Burns is also the Deputy Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) for the Texas Department of Health and Human Services and is a pilot for the Texas National Guard.**

**Each year, Cyberscoop, a media company which reports on news and events impacting technology and Cybersecurity, awards 50 individuals. These selected individuals represent leaders in the governmental and the private sector who spend their time detecting foreign espionage, stopping ransomware attacks, and safeguarding data.**

**It is clear that Mr. Burns lives by the SHSU motto: “The Measure of a Life is its Service”; considering this, it is no surprise that he was recognized by Cyberscoop as a 2021 Cybersecurity Pioneer.**

**To learn more about Cyberscoop and the awarded individuals, visit:  
<https://www.cyberscoop.com/announcing-2021-cyberscoop-50-award-winners/>**