



## Charting the next era of education at UTSW

At the start of this month, UT Southwestern welcomed physician-scientist **Sherry C. Huang, M.D.**, as the new Vice Provost and Senior Associate Dean for Education. Dr. Huang brings a wealth of experience in cancer research and patient care, along with a deep commitment to advancing medical education. Dr. Huang succeeds **Charles Ginsburg, M.D.**, who is retiring after 50 years of dedicated service to UTSW.

Dr. Huang says her journey through the world of medicine and education was profoundly influenced by the difficult personal experience of diagnosing her father with colon cancer. That pivotal moment inspired her to become one of the world's leading genetic experts on inherited colon cancer syndromes.

More recently, Dr. Huang shifted her emphasis to education leadership, an area she expanded into during her tenure at Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences. There she served as Vice Chancellor for graduate medical education, overseeing 125 residency and fellowship programs across two medical schools and 13 hospitals.

A nationally recognized medical educator and researcher, Dr. Huang is poised to enhance UTSW's reputation as a leading institution for medical education.

Read the full story in [Center Times Plus](#).

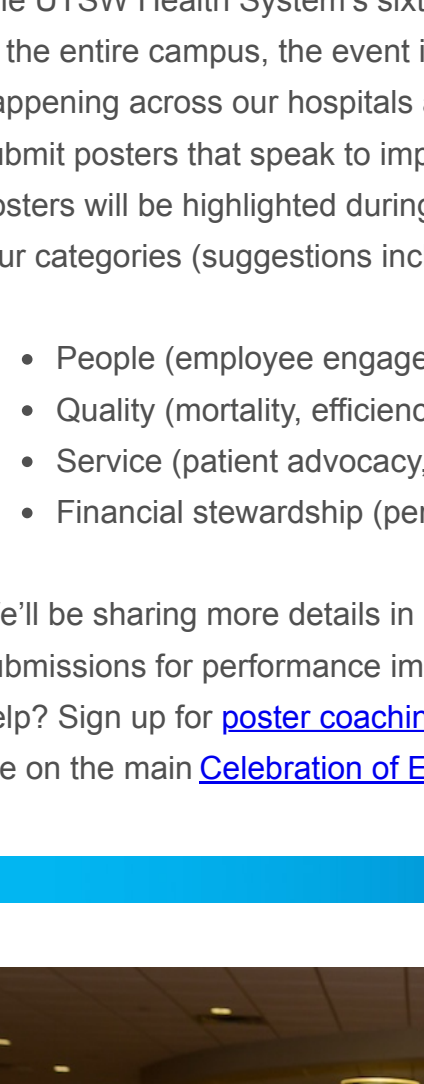
## Honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

UT Southwestern commemorated Martin Luther King Jr. Day with three meaningful events last month: [a community volunteer cleanup project](#), a presentation of student community service scholarships, and a vibrant celebration, all of which helped foster a feeling of belonging and inclusivity within the campus community.

**Michael J. Sorrell, Ed.D.**, President of Paul Quinn College, delivered an inspirational keynote at the annual event on Jan. 17, encouraging the audience to honor Dr. King's legacy by advocating for inclusion and justice.

"Make sure that the story told about your life is a book, not a page – that you were willing and had the courage to fight for what was right and not what was comfortable," Dr. Sorrell said. "Be the people we dream of on behalf of others, not the ones who only reject others."

To discover more about the inspiring speeches, awards, and performances that marked the celebration, visit [Center Times Plus](#), which also includes a video of the ceremony. There you will also find a [recap of MLK Fest](#). At that event, nearly 100 UTSW employees volunteered to clean up Dallas' historic Fair Park district and help beautify the area to honor Dr. King's legacy.



## UT Southwestern Health System's CELEBRATION of EXCELLENCE

Excellence. Innovation. Teamwork. Compassion.

### Celebration of Excellence is set for April; poster submissions due March 4

The UTSW Health System's sixth annual Celebration of Excellence is April 26. Open to the entire campus, the event is an opportunity to showcase the exceptional work happening across our hospitals and clinics every day. Staff and faculty are invited to submit posters that speak to improvement efforts in the Health System. These posters will be highlighted during the Celebration. Poster topics should fit into one of four categories (suggestions included):

- People (employee engagement, employee retention)
- Quality (mortality, efficiency, safety, access to care)
- Service (patient advocacy, patient engagement)
- Financial stewardship (performance, growth, labor efficiency)

We'll be sharing more details in coming weeks, but for now, know that poster submissions for performance improvement projects are due by March 4. Need some help? Sign up for [poster coaching sessions](#). More poster competition requirements are on the main [Celebration of Excellence website](#).

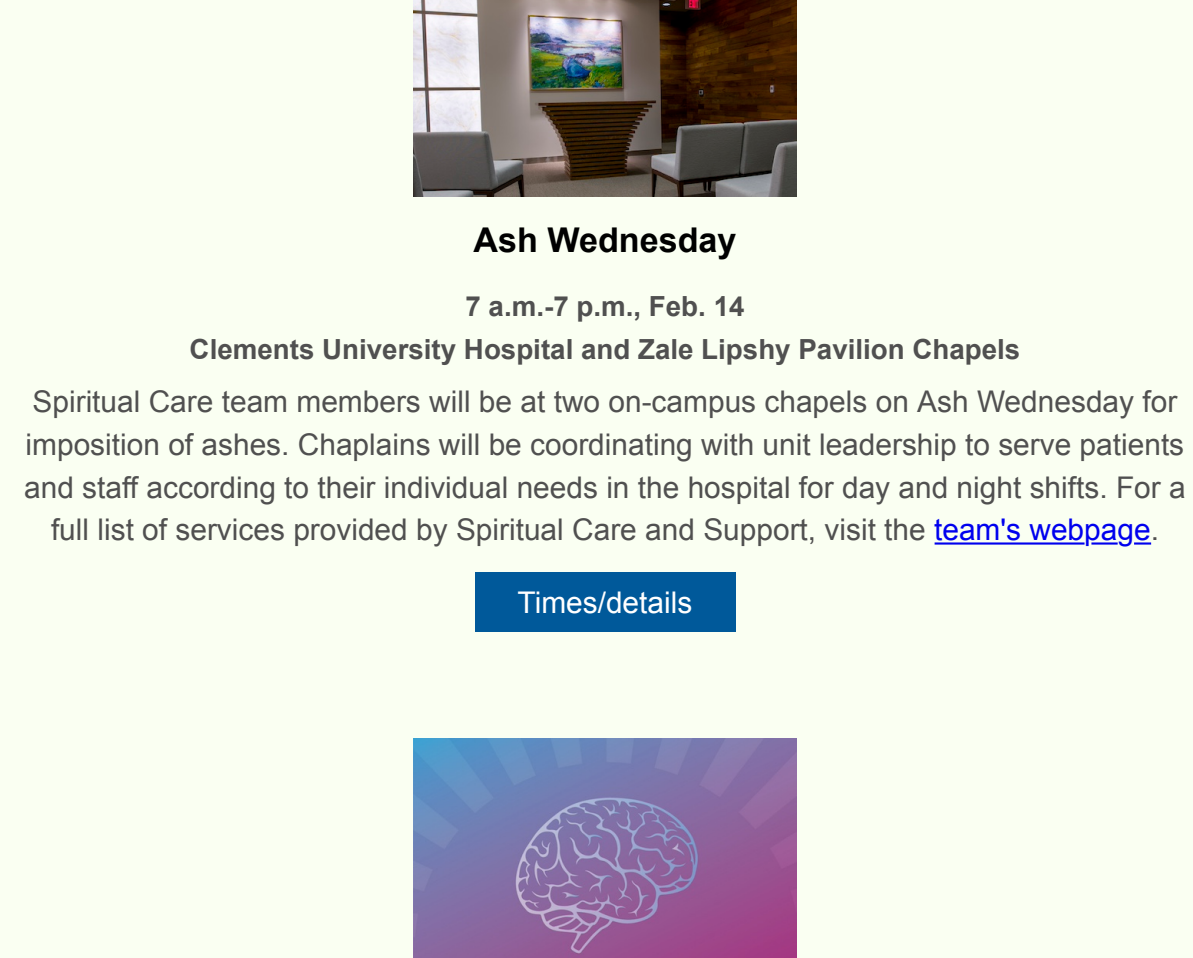


### OSPH priority deadline

The [O'Donnell School of Public Health](#) (OSPH) is looking for the next generation of public health professionals. Submit your application by Feb. 15 to receive priority admission and automatically be considered for scholarships that can be applied to the cost of tuition and fees.

OSPH offers its M.P.H. program in two formats: a full-time, two-year pathway and a part-time, three-year pathway, ensuring individuals at varying stages of their careers have the ability to achieve their academic goals. Both options have the same application process and requirements.

[Apply today](#)



### Go wild at the Dallas Zoo for Rare Disease Day

Join our Rare Disease team members at the Dallas Zoo on March 2 to celebrate and support their research, training, and education efforts.

UTSW employees, faculty, students, families, and friends can [purchase tickets for adults at the discounted rate](#) of \$14 per person. While in the park, you'll have an exclusive opportunity from 9-11 a.m. to shoot photos near the Giraffe Drawbridge, concluding with a group photo.

The zoo is home to the official mascot for rare disease: the zebra. Historically, when a patient presents with symptoms, it's most likely a common diagnosis – a horse. But geneticists and other rare disease experts are trained to search for the uncommon cause – the zebra.

UT Southwestern/Children's Health was designated a Rare Disease Center of Excellence in 2021 by the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) because of our exceptional care and commitment.

Looking to celebrate earlier? Take photos of you and your team wearing stripes to honor Rare Disease Day on Feb. 29 and send them to [social@utsouthwestern.edu](#).

[Purchase discounted zoo tickets](#)

## Insider Guide



### Opal Lee to speak at Black History Month Celebration

Noon-1 p.m., Today  
Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium

This celebration will feature an intimate conversation between retired educator Opal Lee, known as the "Grandmother of Juneteenth," and **Shawna Nesbitt, M.D., M.S.**, Vice President and Chief Institutional Opportunity Officer. Hear about Ms. Lee's personal journey and her quest to make Juneteenth a national holiday. Join in-person or virtually.

[More info and register](#)



### Ash Wednesday

7 a.m.-7 p.m., Feb. 14

Clemens University Hospital and Zale Lipshy Pavilion Chapels

Spiritual Care team members will be at two on-campus chapels on Ash Wednesday for imposition of ashes. Chaplains will be coordinating with unit leadership to serve patients and staff according to their individual needs in the hospital for day and night shifts. For a full list of services provided by Spiritual Care and Support, visit the [team's webpage](#).

[Times/details](#)



### Hope After Brain Injury Conference

8 a.m.-1 p.m., March 2

William P. Clemens Jr. University Hospital, Education and Conference Center

This annual, community-based event provides up-to-date literature and resources on living with and managing long-term traumatic brain injury, as well as social and community support for survivors and their care partners. This year's theme is "Adapting to a New Hope After Brain Injury."

[Details](#)



## UTSW Events Calendar

Looking for your daily dose of happenings?  
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