



### Black History Month: An afternoon with Opal Lee

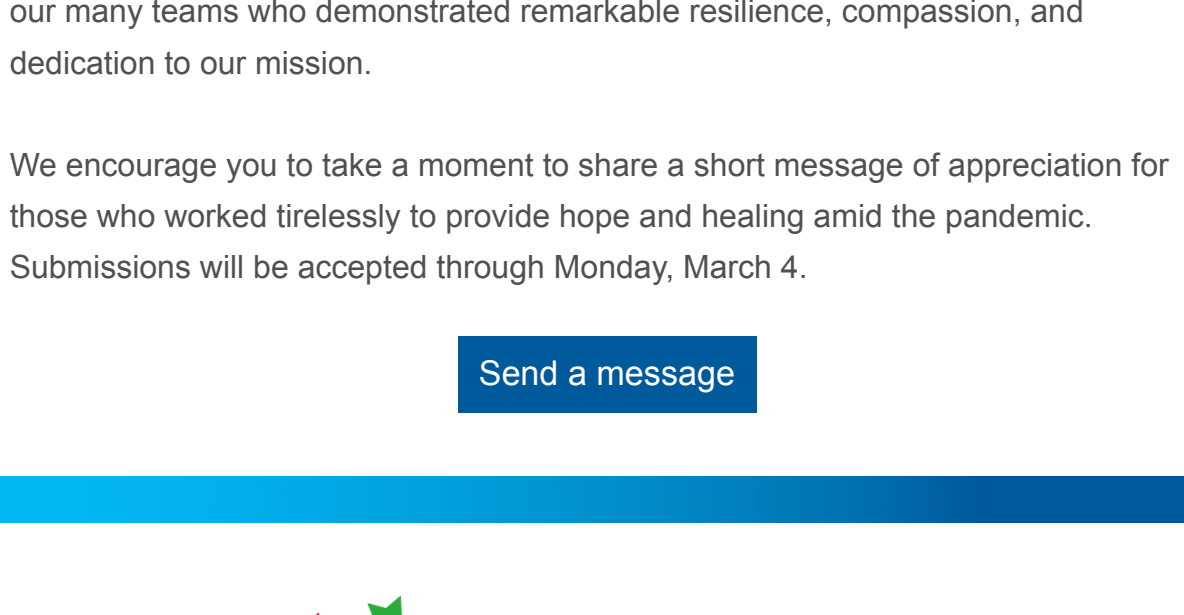
This month, UT Southwestern honored trailblazer and lifelong Texan Opal Lee, known as the “Grandmother of Juneteenth,” at its annual Black History Month Celebration. The 97-year-old activist and retired educator is recognized worldwide for spearheading the movement to establish Juneteenth as a national holiday.

In an intimate conversation, the inspirational Ms. Lee shared her personal journey of perseverance, triumph, and pushing forward in the face of adversity.

“Juneteenth means freedom for everybody,” Ms. Lee told the audience. We can all play a part. We need to become one people to help each other, because we can do so much if we put our minds to it.”

The program was hosted by the Office for Institutional Opportunity and the African American Alliance Business Resource Group.

For a recap of the Black History Month Celebration and video of the event, please visit [Center Times Plus](#).

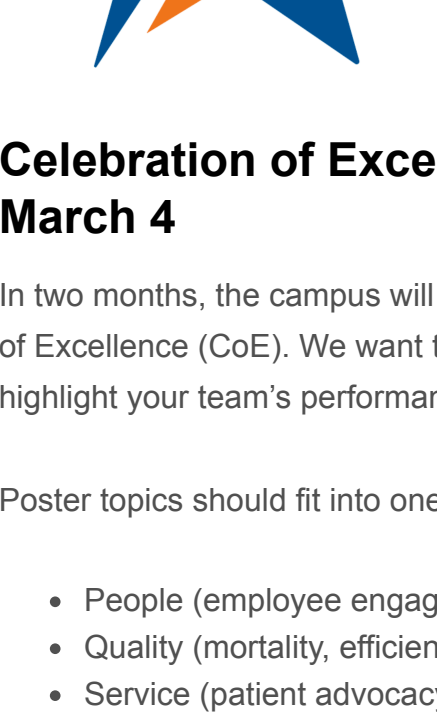


### Share a message of gratitude with our COVID-19 heroes

As UT Southwestern and hospitals across the state commemorate the inaugural COVID-19 Heroes and Memorial Day on March 4, join us in showing gratitude for our many teams who demonstrated remarkable resilience, compassion, and dedication to our mission.

We encourage you to take a moment to share a short message of appreciation for those who worked tirelessly to provide hope and healing amid the pandemic. Submissions will be accepted through Monday, March 4.

[Send a message](#)



## UT Southwestern Health System's CELEBRATION of EXCELLENCE

Excellence. Innovation. Teamwork. Compassion.

### Celebration of Excellence poster submissions due March 4

In two months, the campus will come together for the Health System's Celebration of Excellence (CoE). We want to remind you that if you'd like to submit a poster to highlight your team's performance improvement, the **deadline is March 4**.

Poster topics should fit into one of four categories:

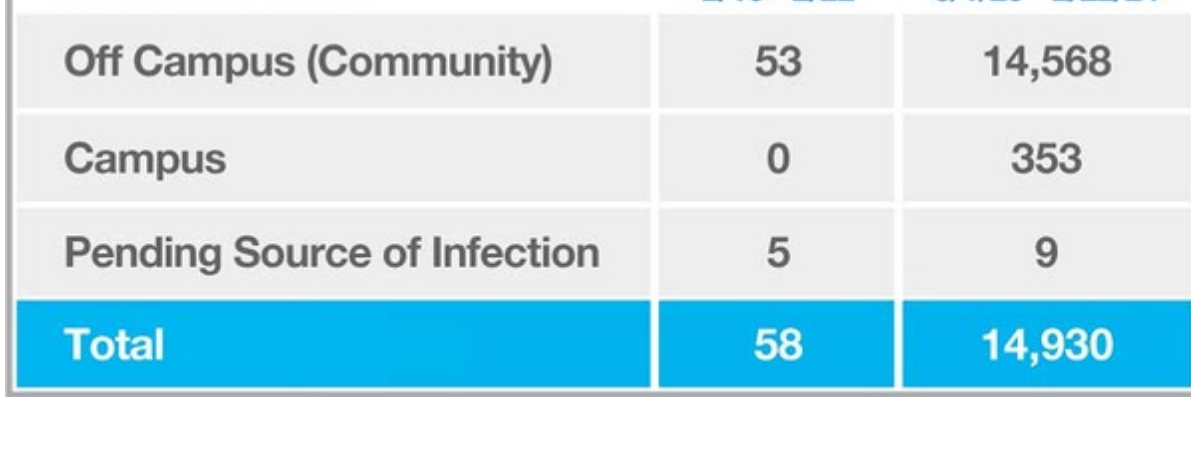
- People (employee engagement, employee retention)
- Quality (mortality, efficiency, safety, access to care)
- Service (patient advocacy, patient engagement)
- Financial stewardship (performance, growth, productivity)

Visit the [Celebration of Excellence website](#) for submission requirements and more details.

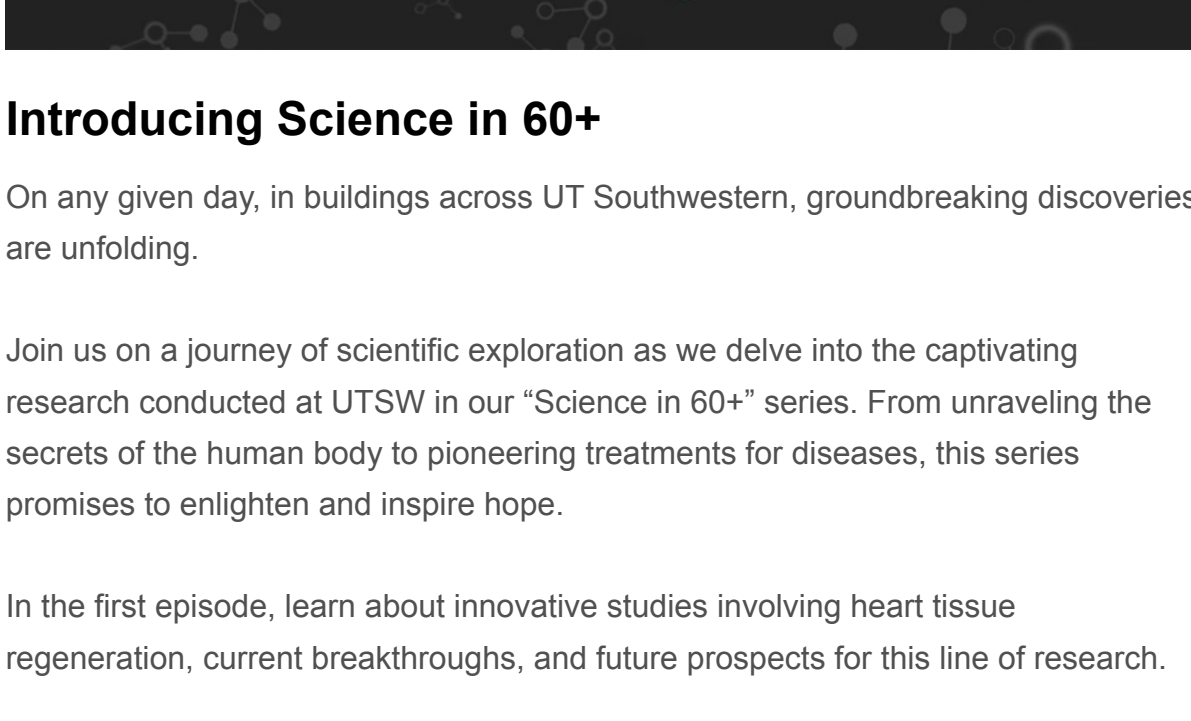
The CoE on April 26 is open to the entire campus to showcase the Health System's accomplishments. This year's keynote speaker is **Amy C. Edmondson, Ph.D.**, an expert in high reliability and psychosocial safety and the Novartis Professor of Leadership and Management at the Harvard Business School.

Event registration details will be forthcoming.

### COVID-19: Latest Clements University Hospital (CUH) and campus numbers



Source of Infection	Week of 2/16 - 2/22	Cumulative Total 3/1/20 - 2/22/24
Off Campus (Community)	53	14,568
Campus	0	353
Pending Source of Infection	5	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>14,930</b>



### Introducing Science in 60+

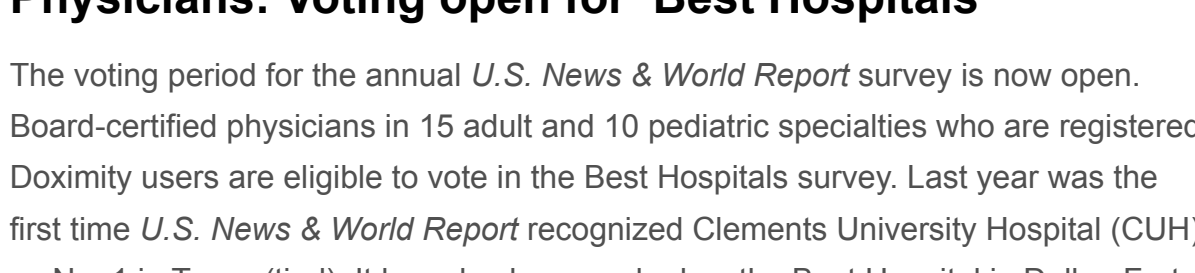
On any given day, in buildings across UT Southwestern, groundbreaking discoveries are unfolding.

Join us on a journey of scientific exploration as we delve into the captivating research conducted at UTSW in our “Science in 60+” series. From unraveling the secrets of the human body to pioneering treatments for diseases, this series promises to enlighten and inspire hope.

In the first episode, learn about innovative studies involving heart tissue regeneration, current breakthroughs, and future prospects for this line of research.

Future episodes will explore the forefront of scientific discovery at UTSW.

[Watch the video](#)



### Physicians: Voting open for ‘Best Hospitals’

The voting period for the annual *U.S. News & World Report* survey is now open. Board-certified physicians in 15 adult and 10 pediatric specialties who are registered Doximity users are eligible to vote in the Best Hospitals survey. Last year was the first time *U.S. News & World Report* recognized Clements University Hospital (CUH) as No. 1 in Texas (tied). It has also been ranked as the Best Hospital in Dallas-Fort Worth for the past seven years.

Qualifying physicians can vote by directly logging in to [Doximity.com](#) or using the [Doximity app](#). If you don't have an active Doximity account, you have until the end of the survey period in late March to activate it and cast your vote.

If you have questions about eligibility or voting details, you can find full instructions on our [Best Hospitals page](#) or send an email to [usnrwvotingquestions@utsouthwestern.edu](mailto:usnrwvotingquestions@utsouthwestern.edu).



### Back by popular demand...

Premium coffee, served by baristas, has returned to the O'Donnell Brain Institute micro-market on the third floor of the Peter O'Donnell Jr. Biomedical Research Building (NS) weekdays 8 a.m.–2 p.m. Pastries and select specialty beverages are also available and can be self-ordered via the cashless kiosks. This transition will not impede operations, and the 24/7 micro-market will remain fully functional.

If you have any questions, please [email the Auxiliary Restaurant Group](#).

### Insider Guide



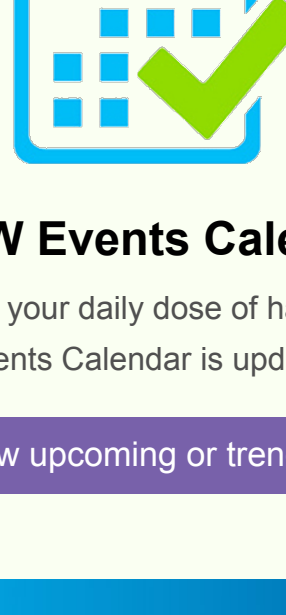
#### Rare Disease Day at the Dallas Zoo

9–11 a.m., March 2 | 650 South R.L. Thornton Fwy., Dallas, TX 75203

Join representatives of the UT Southwestern/Children's Health Rare Disease Center of Excellence at the Dallas Zoo to show your support, have some fun, and be part of a group photo at the Giraffe Drawbridge at 11 a.m. This is part of a global effort – [Rare Disease Day](#) – to increase awareness and promote change for the 300 million patients worldwide living with rare disorders, which most often have no cure.

UTSW employees, faculty, students, their families, and friends can purchase tickets for adults at the discounted rate of \$14 per person.

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