



### Longtimers to be honored

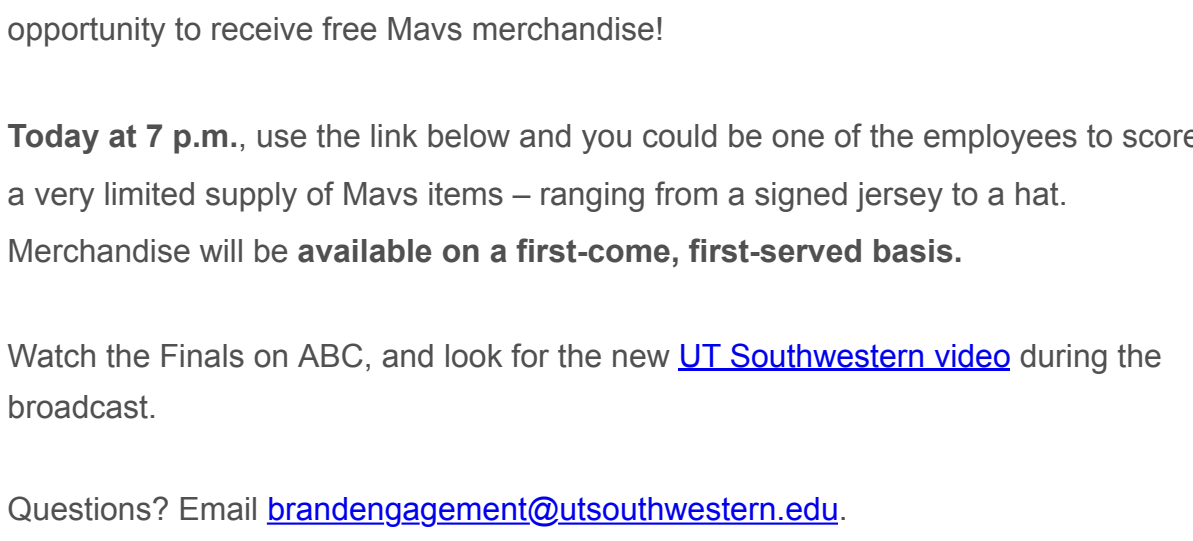
At UT Southwestern, our strength is our people – bright, innovative, loyal, and dedicated. Employees, certainly those who have been at UT Southwestern for decades, are worthy of special recognition.

On Wednesday, UTSW President **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**, will host a luncheon to honor the longest of the longtimers: employees with 50, 40, 35, and 30 years of service. He also will welcome 59 new members to the Quarter Century Club – those who have reached 25 years of service this year.

The luncheon will feature keynote speaker **Charles M. Ginsburg, M.D.**, Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics who, for half a century at UT Southwestern, played an instrumental role in shaping medical research and education, most recently as Vice Provost and Senior Associate Dean for Education.

Congratulations to those employees who are celebrating milestone service anniversaries; we are grateful for their contributions to UTSW's culture of excellence. You can learn more about them in a special collection of stories on *Center Times Plus*. Employee recognition stories can also be found in the June/July print issue of *Center Times* on campus newsstands later this week.

[Read the full story](#)



### The Finals: Let's go, Mavs!

The Dallas Mavericks are in the **NBA Finals**, and we're thrilled to root for our basketball partner as they close out the 2023-24 season.

While we do not have game tickets for the Finals, UTSW employees have an opportunity to receive free Mavs merchandise!

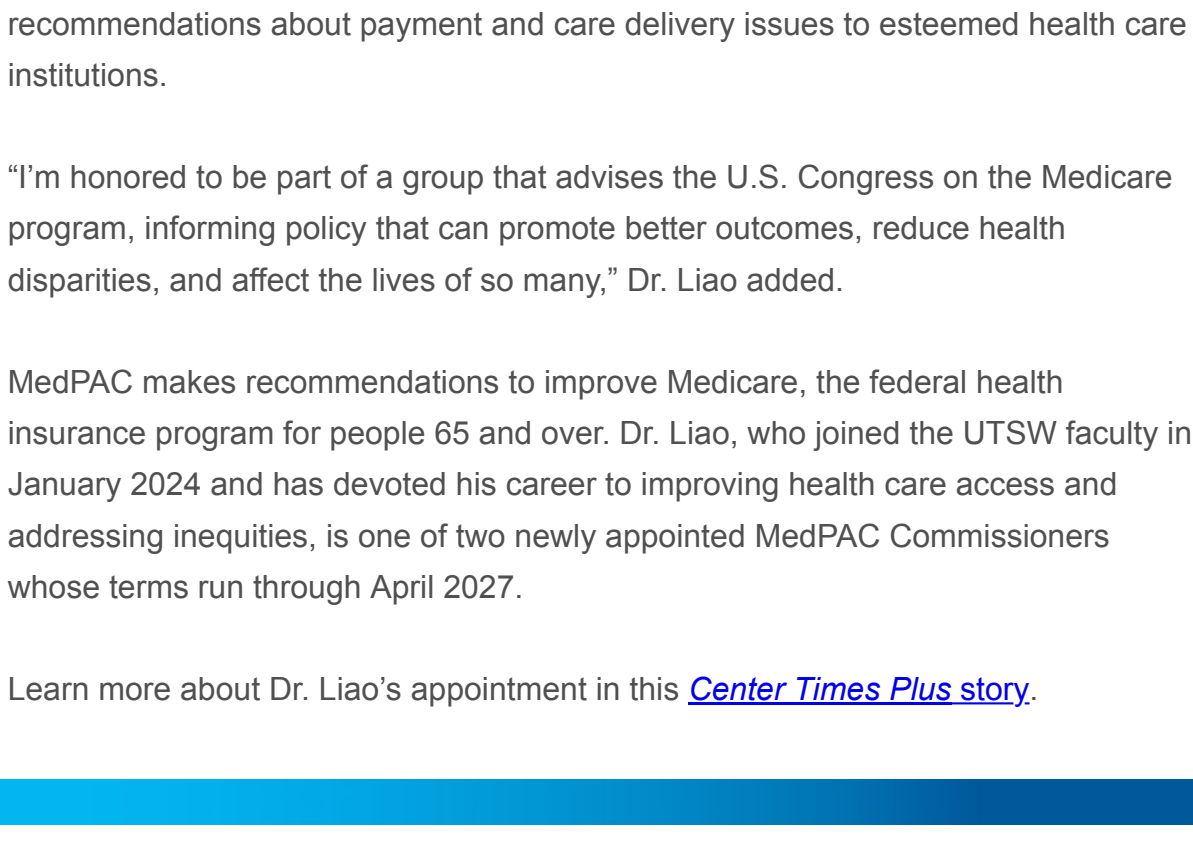
**Today at 7 p.m.**, use the link below and you could be one of the employees to score a very limited supply of Mavs items – ranging from a signed jersey to a hat. Merchandise will be **available on a first-come, first-served basis**.

Watch the Finals on ABC, and look for the new [UT Southwestern video](#) during the broadcast.

Questions? Email [brandengagement@utsouthwestern.edu](mailto:brandengagement@utsouthwestern.edu).

UT Southwestern is the Official Health Care Partner of the Dallas Mavericks. Find more playoff details at [Mavs.com](https://mavs.com).

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### Liao appointed to Medicare Payment Advisory Commission

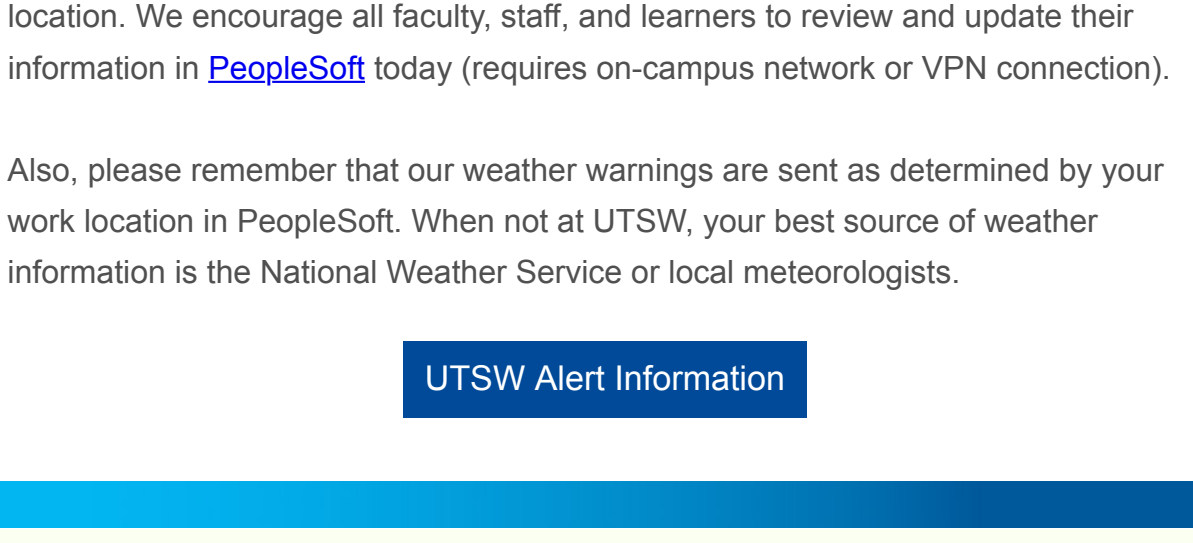
"Public policy plays a major role in driving care delivery and clinical outcomes," said **Joshua Liao, M.D., M.Sc.**, Professor and Chief of the William T. and Gay F. Solomon Division of General Internal Medicine.

Dr. Liao has been appointed to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC), a nonpartisan agency that advises Congress on payments to Medicare providers. The appointment builds on Dr. Liao's extensive experience providing recommendations about payment and care delivery issues to esteemed health care institutions.

"I'm honored to be part of a group that advises the U.S. Congress on the Medicare program, informing policy that can promote better outcomes, reduce health disparities, and affect the lives of so many," Dr. Liao added.

MedPAC makes recommendations to improve Medicare, the federal health insurance program for people 65 and over. Dr. Liao, who joined the UTSW faculty in January 2024 and has devoted his career to improving health care access and addressing inequities, is one of two newly appointed MedPAC Commissioners whose terms run through April 2027.

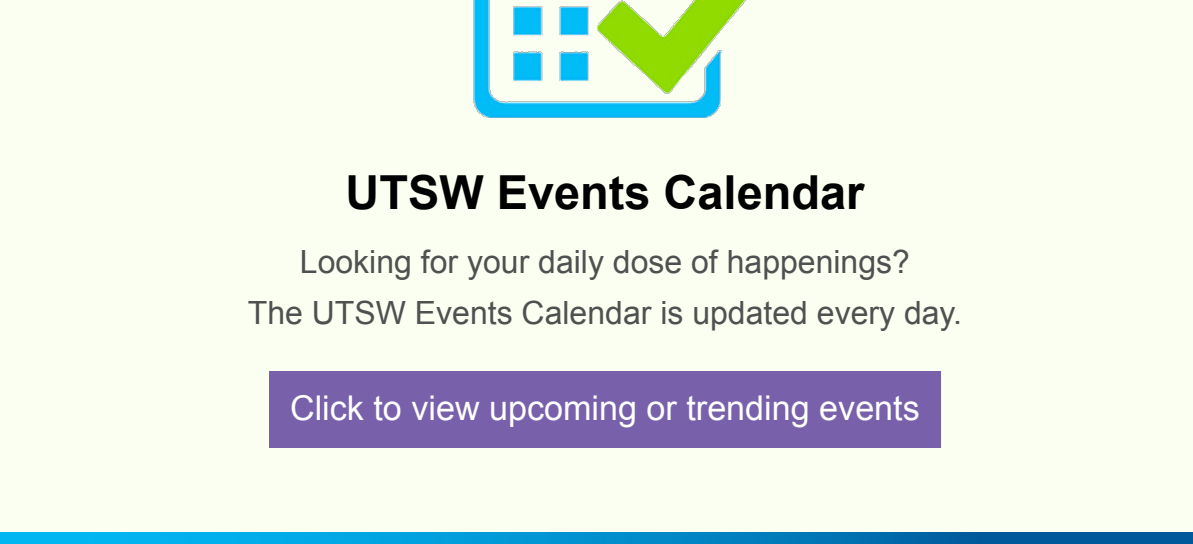
Learn more about Dr. Liao's appointment in this [Center Times Plus story](#).



### Meet the latest Strauss Award honorees

The newest recipients of UT Southwestern's Diana and Richard C. Strauss Service Excellence Awards are part of a nearly 20-year tradition that honors six Health System employees each quarter who exemplify excellence and professionalism on the job. While each of them contributes to our mission in different ways, they all share several things in common: They're exceptional at their jobs, they're role models for our next generation of employees, and they're passionate about serving our community.

Six employees who share these qualities were recently recognized during a virtual celebration hosted by **Jonathan Efron, M.D.**, Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs. What makes them stand out? Find out by visiting the story and ceremony recording on [Center Times Plus](#).



### UTSW Alerts: Why your contact info is important

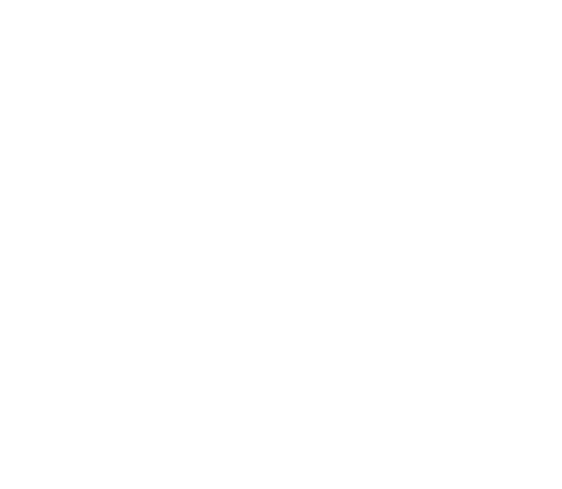
The UTSW Alert system quickly conveys official emergency information to the UT Southwestern community via email, text messaging, and phone calls, **but it's crucial that our system has your current information**, including your UTSW work location. We encourage all faculty, staff, and learners to review and update their information in [PeopleSoft](#) today (requires on-campus network or VPN connection).

Also, please remember that our weather warnings are sent as determined by your work location in PeopleSoft. When not at UTSW, your best source of weather information is the National Weather Service or local meteorologists.

[UTSW Alert Information](#)



### Insider Guide



### Employee Appreciation Event

June 10-15

The Employee Advisory Council (EAC) is celebrating you, the heart and soul of UT Southwestern, this week with fun happenings across campus and pop-up events at our satellite clinics and sites. You're invited to score some cool swag, pick up a yummy treat, and pose in front of a photo backdrop to capture memories with your co-workers.

[Schedule of events](#)



### UTSW Events Calendar

Looking for your daily dose of happenings?  
The UTSW Events Calendar is updated every day.

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