

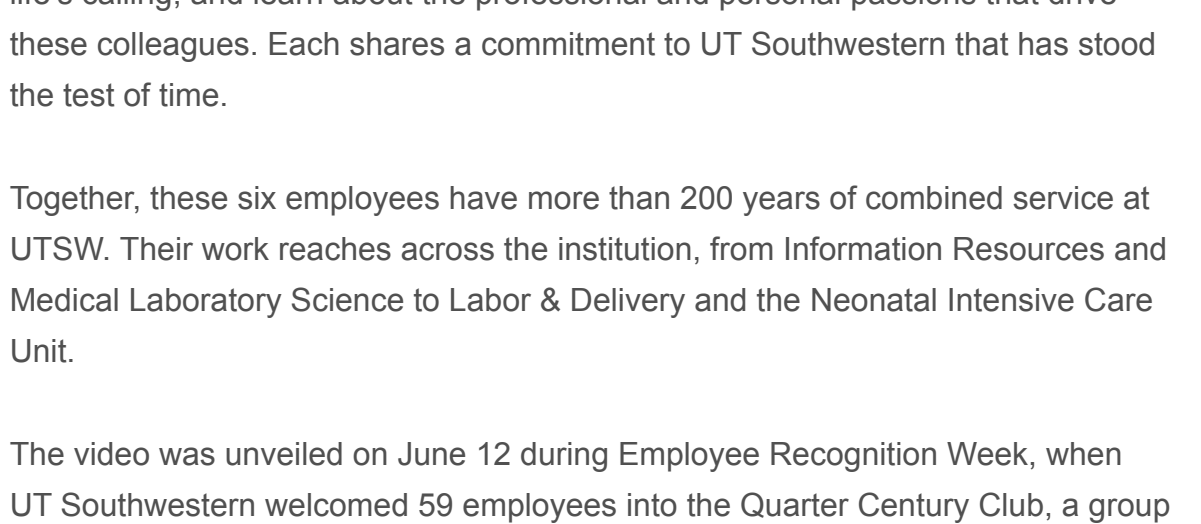
## Employee Advisory Council nominations open

Are you looking to make a difference at UT Southwestern? Consider nominating yourself or a colleague to serve on the [Employee Advisory Council](#) (on-campus network or VPN connection required), a peer-nominated group of employees designed to enhance employee communication and build community. Council members represent five different districts across UTSW to ensure the diverse voices of all employees are heard.

Visit this [EAC page](#) to submit nominations for your district by **Friday, July 5**. Please be sure your entries are complete; once you hit "Submit," you won't be able to make any revisions or nominate anyone else. Voting for candidates will take place July 29 through Aug. 16.

**We're seeking council members from all districts, so make your nominations today!**

For more information, check out the [membership and nomination criteria](#) (on-campus network or VPN connection required) on the Employee Advisory Council website.



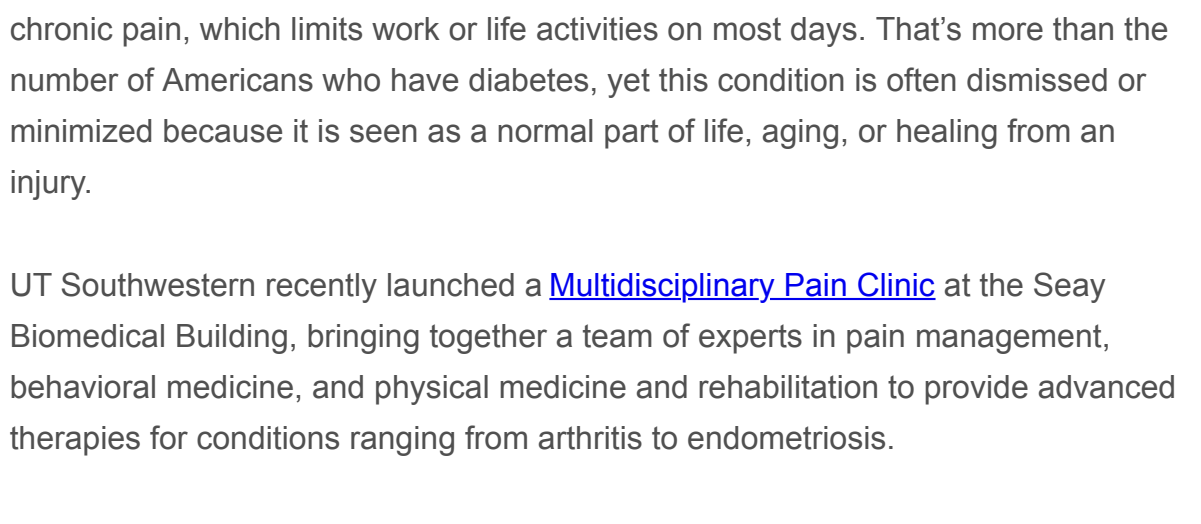
## Video: Longtime employees tell their UTSW stories

Among the longstanding employees interviewed for this video, you'll find a motorcycle enthusiast, a world traveler, and a restorer of old cars and golf carts. You'll see some megawatt smiles, hear emotional testimonials about finding their life's calling, and learn about the professional and personal passions that drive these colleagues. Each shares a commitment to UT Southwestern that has stood the test of time.

Together, these six employees have more than 200 years of combined service at UTSW. Their work reaches across the institution, from Information Resources and Medical Laboratory Science to Labor & Delivery and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

The video was unveiled on June 12 during Employee Recognition Week, when UT Southwestern welcomed 59 employees into the Quarter Century Club, a group of employees who have reached a career milestone of 25 years of service. At the annual event, 44 other colleagues who are already members of the club and have achieved 30, 35, 40, or 50 years of service were also honored.

Get to know these co-workers by viewing the [video on Center Times Plus](#).



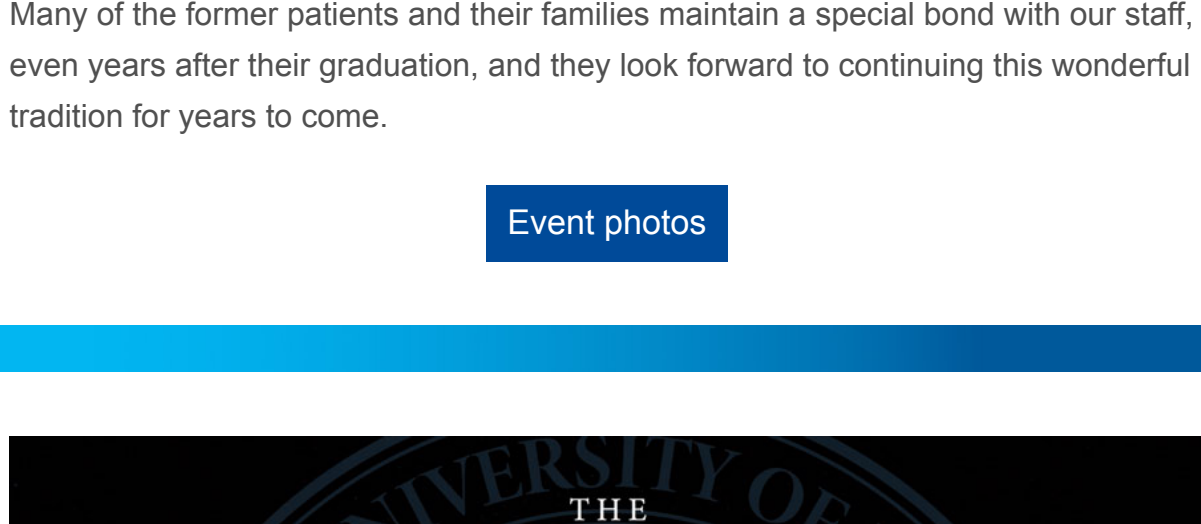
## Tackling chronic pain with head-to-toe experts

Nearly 21% of adults in the U.S. have chronic pain and 8% have high-impact chronic pain, which limits work or life activities on most days. That's more than the number of Americans who have diabetes, yet this condition is often dismissed or minimized because it is seen as a normal part of life, aging, or healing from an injury.

UT Southwestern recently launched a [Multidisciplinary Pain Clinic](#) at the Seay Biomedical Building, bringing together a team of experts in pain management, behavioral medicine, and physical medicine and rehabilitation to provide advanced therapies for conditions ranging from arthritis to endometriosis.

"We treat chronic pain from all angles – head to toe," said **Amol Patwardhan, M.D., Ph.D.**, Associate Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology & Pain Management. "We are one of a few Texas pain management centers equipped with all the onsite experts needed to diagnose the root cause of chronic pain and personalize a streamlined treatment plan that will help restore patients' function and quality of life."

Learn more about this distinctive approach to relieving chronic pain in UTSW's [MedBlog](#).



## Reuniting little miracles and caring staff

On June 8, at UT Southwestern's annual Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) reunion, former NICU patients and their families reconnected with their earliest caregiving teams to celebrate the children's progress and all they've overcome.

The fun gathering featured several games and a professional face painter, generously donated by the Kirby family, who established their [Kaylen's Fight](#) nonprofit to help support UTSW's NICU.

Many of the former patients and their families maintain a special bond with our staff, even years after their graduation, and they look forward to continuing this wonderful tradition for years to come.

[Event photos](#)

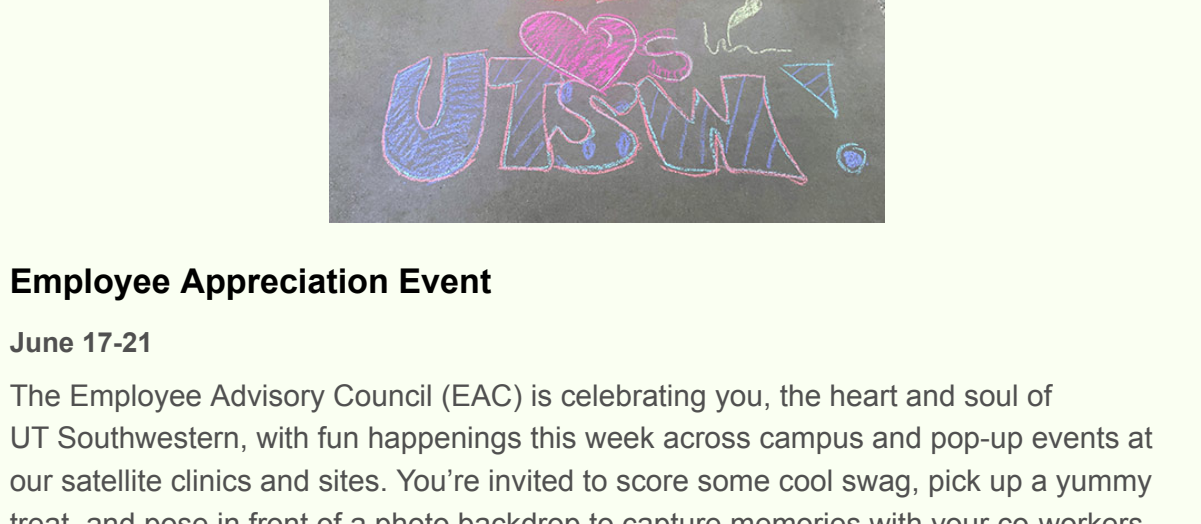


## Kudos to the grads!

Last month was filled with cheers, tears of joy, and sighs of satisfaction as graduates from the [Medical School](#) and [Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences](#) finished this phase of their academic journeys. They entered UT Southwestern as eager scholars and are leaving as well-trained physicians, scientists, and clinical psychologists, and we couldn't be prouder!

Check out the [Medical School gallery](#) and [Graduate School gallery](#) for an up-close look at the celebrations. You can also find recaps of all the excitement at @UTSWedu's social media channels, including [Instagram](#) and [X](#).

Congratulations again to all the graduates, and good luck in your future endeavors!



## Health Equity Scholar Program application deadline

Applications for the Health Equity Scholar Program, funded by UT Southwestern and Parkland Health, are due June 28 for the October 2024 program.

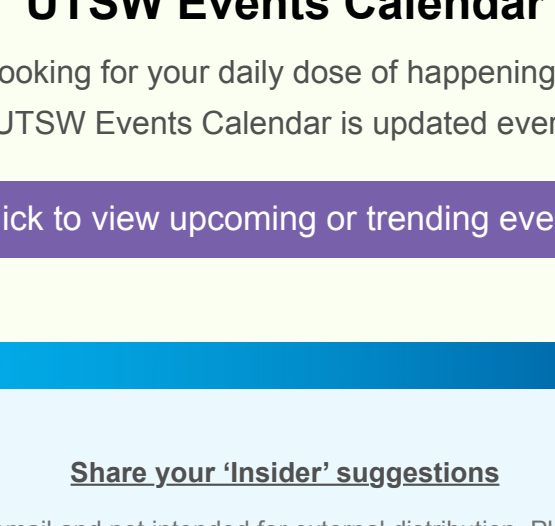
Offered through the Office for Institutional Opportunity, this program helps recruit, develop, and retain faculty members interested in health equity. It also supports initiatives to advance community health through improved clinical practice and research.

Each of the five scholars accepted will receive financial support, professional mentorship for two years, and the tools and experience to engage the community in activities that promote health and wellness.

Questions? Email the [Office for Institutional Opportunity](#).

[More information](#)

## Insider Guide



### Employee Appreciation Event

June 17-21

The Employee Advisory Council (EAC) is celebrating you, the heart and soul of UT Southwestern, with fun happenings this week 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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