

#1 hospital in DFW, again, plus 11 nationally ranked specialties

For the eighth consecutive year, UT Southwestern is ranked the No. 1 hospital in Dallas-Fort Worth by *U.S. News & World Report* in its annual Best Hospitals report for 2024-2025.

More than 4,500 hospitals were reviewed by *U.S. News*, and UT Southwestern ranked among the nation's best in 11 specialties – the most of any hospital in Texas. Six specialties are in the top 25 and nine are in the top 30: Cancer; Cardiology, Heart, & Vascular Surgery; Diabetes & Endocrinology; Gastroenterology & GI Surgery; Geriatrics; Neurology & Neurosurgery; Otolaryngology – Ear, Nose & Throat; Pulmonology & Lung Surgery; and Rehabilitation.

In addition, UT Southwestern is rated "High Performing" – the highest designation – in 19 of 20 procedures and conditions, from aortic valve surgery and hip replacement to back surgery and stroke care. More details on this year's *U.S. News* rankings are available in the news release. Additionally, you can read the [message to campus](#) from **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**, President of UT Southwestern, **Jonathan Efron, M.D.**, Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs, and **W. P. Andrew Lee, M.D.**, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost, and Dean of UT Southwestern Medical School.

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Open Enrollment July 15-31

Annual Benefits Enrollment began this week and runs through July 31. This is your opportunity to make changes to your coverage (including adding or removing dependents), which will go into effect Sept. 1, 2024.

Visit the new [Annual Enrollment webpage](#) to find plan updates, rate changes, and important information and resources to support your benefits selection. There you will also find a full list of annual enrollment [events and benefits fairs](#), including:

- July 17, 10 a.m.-noon: Teacher Retirement System (TRS) information session, join in person at the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium or virtually on [Zoom](#)
- July 17, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.: In-person Employee Benefits Fair on South Campus, McDermott Lecture Halls, D1 Corridor across from the cafeteria
- July 19, 12:30-1:30 p.m.: [Virtual Ask a Benefits Representative Webinar](#), with additional sessions on [July 23](#) and [July 26](#)
- July 24, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.: In-person Employee Benefits Fair on West Campus, William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital Lecture Hall 2.138

Have questions or want more information? HR's Benefits team is here to support you. Send an [email](#) or give them a call at 214-648-9830.

Photo gallery: UTSW celebrates Juneteenth

Last month, UT Southwestern faculty, staff, and learners joined others in the North Texas community in celebrating Juneteenth, the federal holiday commemorating African Americans' freedom and the abolition of slavery in the United States.

A big thank-you to everyone who volunteered at the "Empowering You" event, which offered health care screenings, CPR education, and information on health disparities. Strong participation was also seen at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center's annual Juneteenth 4K Walk and Festival where UTSW offered everyone treats and fans to keep cool.

Visit [Center Times Plus](#) to view a gallery of memorable moments from the events.

[Juneteenth gallery](#)

Endocrinologist is knighted for his achievements

For decades, **Jaime Davidson, M.D.**, traveled to the Dominican Republic to educate physicians in endocrinology. His dedication was recently recognized when the Dominican Republic conferred on him the Heraldic Order of Christopher Columbus in the rank of Knight.

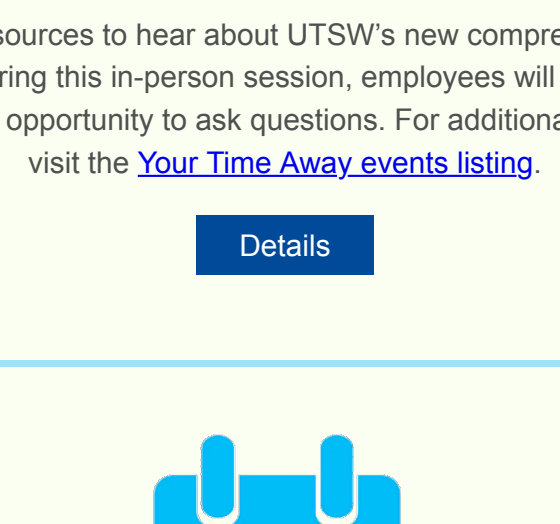
Dr. Davidson, an Adjunct Professor of Internal Medicine in UT Southwestern's Touchstone Center for Diabetes Research, thanked the Dominican Republic and expressed his appreciation to UTSW for enabling him to teach in different countries.

"I love what I do," he said. "UT Southwestern has given me the opportunity to educate people in the United States and around the world."

The Heraldic Order of Christopher Columbus is bestowed on individuals who have shown exceptional contributions in science, culture, diplomacy, and academia. A delegation personally delivered the award at a special reception on the UTSW campus in late June. Learn more about Dr. Davidson and his knighting ceremony in [Center Times Plus](#).

[Read the full story](#)

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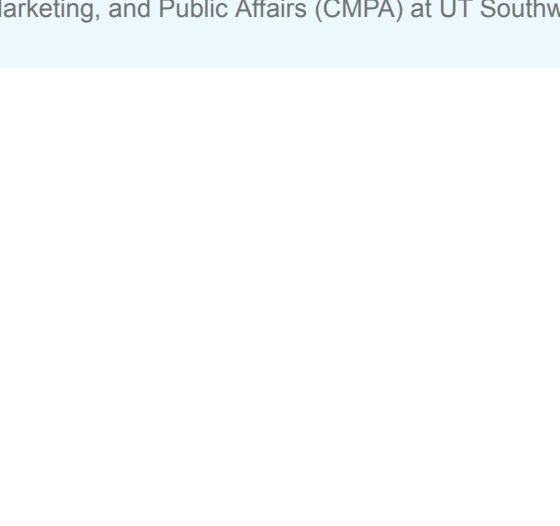


Empowerment Through Authenticity Mental Awareness Social

4:30-7 p.m., July 31 | Social Pie, 5855 Maple Ave., Dallas

The Office for Institutional Opportunity and Faculty Wellness invite you for an evening of connection. This social will close out the month's mental wellness activities that have offered educational resources and thoughtful conversations in support of mental health and wellness. Pizza will be available for attendees.

[Register to attend](#)

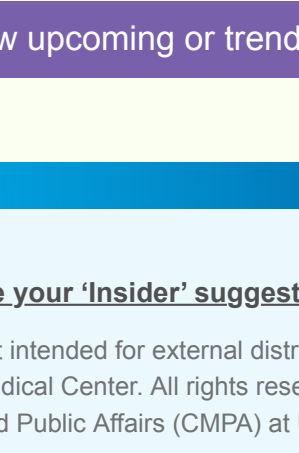


In-person Your Time Away information session

Noon-1 p.m., Aug. 6 | William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital, William T. and Gay F. Solomon Education Center (Lecture Hall 2.138)

Please join Human Resources to hear about UTSW's new comprehensive leave program: Your Time Away. During this in-person session, employees will learn more about the program and have the opportunity to ask questions. For additional information sessions, visit the [Your Time Away events listing](#).

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