



Inaugural EquallyAble Alliance BRG meeting

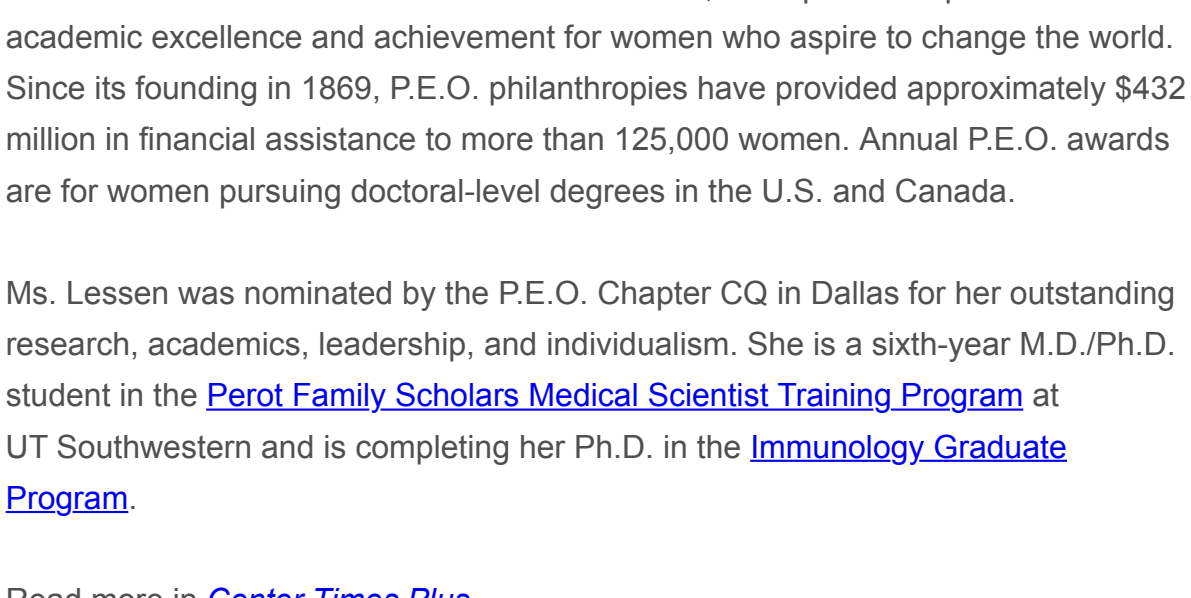
UT Southwestern is excited to launch the new EquallyAble Alliance BRG, which is dedicated to creating a nurturing community for UTSW employees who have been affected by disabilities. This includes individuals who have personal experience with disabilities or those who have supported and cared for friends, family members, or loved ones with disabilities.

We invite you to join the virtual meeting from noon to 1 p.m. on Aug. 1, where you can meet board members and help shape the impact the EquallyAble Alliance will have on our community.

The group's primary goal is to foster an inclusive atmosphere by offering support, promoting understanding, and providing accurate and reliable information. The EquallyAble Alliance BRG will strive to create an environment where all employees, regardless of their abilities, can thrive, grow, and achieve their fullest potential.

Visit the [BRG website](#) to learn more. Register below to attend the meeting.

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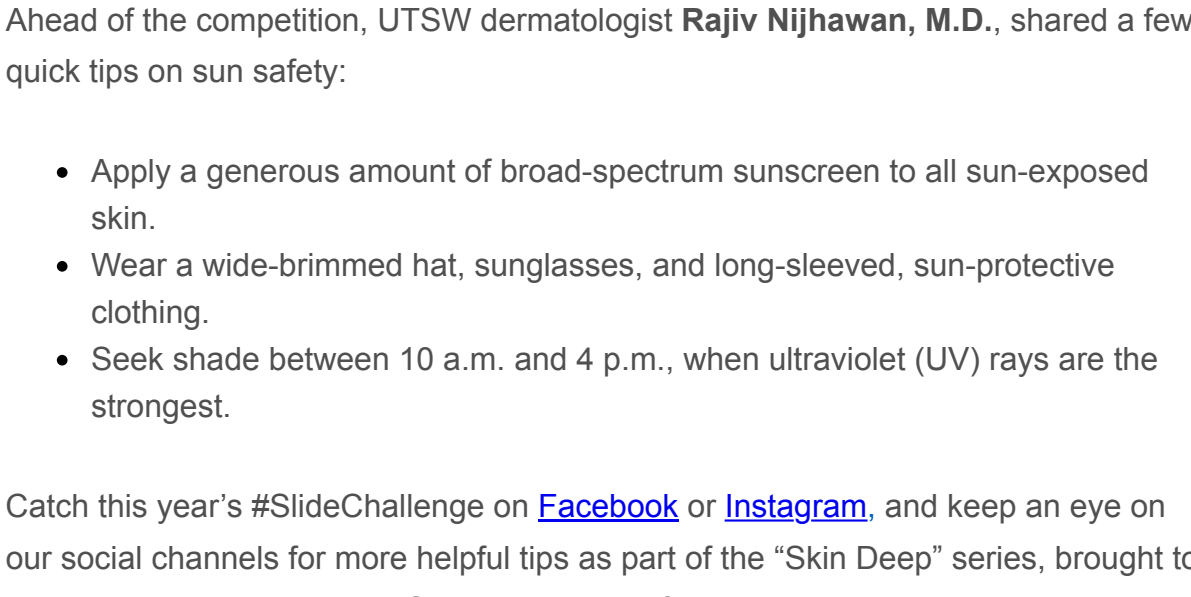


Immunology student earns national award for outstanding research and academics

Gabrielle Lessen, who works in the [Lu Lab](#) where she studies tuberculosis, has earned an elite P.E.O. Scholar Award from P.E.O., a nonprofit that promotes academic excellence and achievement for women who aspire to change the world. Since its founding in 1869, P.E.O. philanthropies have provided approximately \$432 million in financial assistance to more than 125,000 women. Annual P.E.O. awards are for women pursuing doctoral-level degrees in the U.S. and Canada.

Ms. Lessen was nominated by the P.E.O. Chapter CQ in Dallas for her outstanding research, academics, leadership, and individualism. She is a sixth-year M.D./Ph.D. student in the [Perot Family Scholars Medical Scientist Training Program](#) at UT Southwestern and is completing her Ph.D. in the [Immunology Graduate Program](#).

Read more in [Center Times Plus](#).



UTSW faculty #SlideChallenge

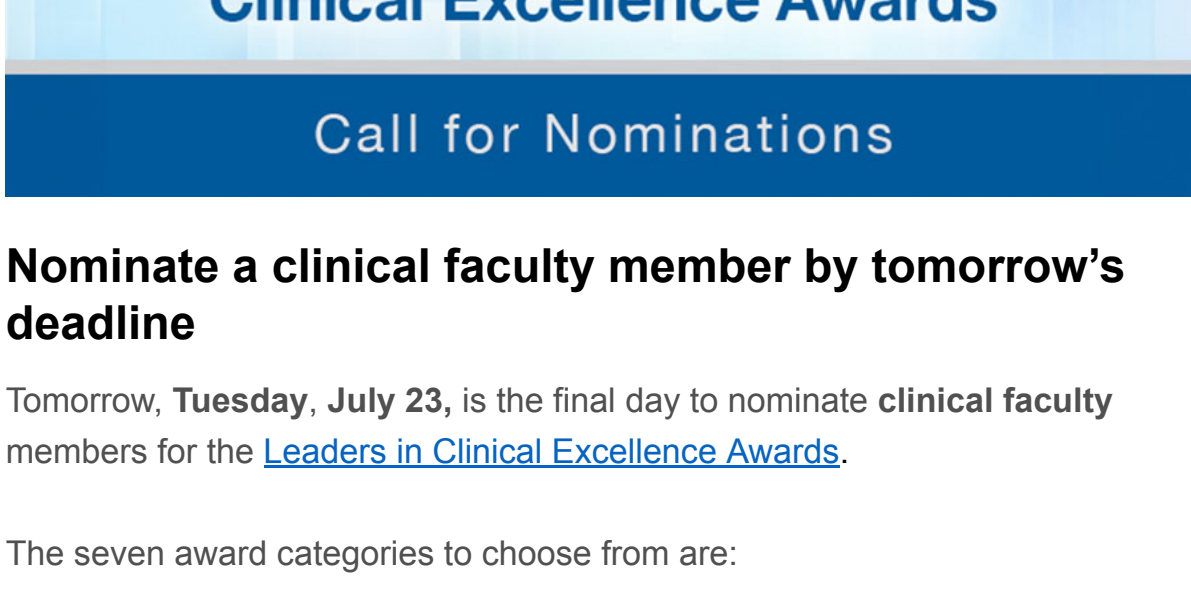
For the third consecutive summer, Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center (SCCC) took part in the Dallas Park and Recreation Board's #SlideChallenge. This splashy waterslide showdown not only beats the Texas heat and encourages use of the city's family aquatic centers but also champions sun safety during UV Safety Awareness Month.

This year's #SlideChallenge, held at the Bachman Aquatic Center in Dallas, featured **Sandi Pruitt, Ph.D.**, Associate Director of Community Outreach, Engagement, and Equity at Simmons Cancer Center.

Ahead of the competition, UTSW dermatologist **Rajiv Nijhawan, M.D.**, shared a few quick tips on sun safety:

- Apply a generous amount of broad-spectrum sunscreen to all sun-exposed skin.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses, and long-sleeved, sun-protective clothing.
- Seek shade between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when ultraviolet (UV) rays are the strongest.

Catch this year's #SlideChallenge on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#), and keep an eye on our social channels for more helpful tips as part of the "Skin Deep" series, brought to you by the experts in the UTSW Department of Dermatology.



Congratulations to the newest KL2 Scholars

The Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) Program is proud to announce two new KL2 Scholars: **Amanda Dann, M.D.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology, and **Kabir Olaniran, M.D.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Nephrology.

The two-year [KL2 Scholar Program](#) is designed for junior faculty who show great promise toward becoming successful, independently funded clinical and translational science investigators. Read more about Drs. Dann and Olaniran, including specifics about their research and their research mentors.

[KL2 Scholars](#)



Nominate a clinical faculty member by tomorrow's deadline

Tomorrow, **Tuesday, July 23**, is the final day to nominate **clinical faculty** members for the [Leaders in Clinical Excellence Awards](#).

The seven award categories to choose from are:

- The Patricia and William L. Watson Jr., M.D. Award for Excellence in Clinical Medicine
- Rising Star
- Institutional Service
- Mentoring
- Patient and Family Recognition
- Program Development
- President's Award for Diversity and Humanism in Clinical Care

We encourage you to think about which clinical faculty members should be considered from across all our sites of service, including at our affiliated partners, Parkland Health, Children's Health, the VA North Texas Health Care System, and Scottish Rite for Children.

Learn more about eligibility and award categories and submit your candidates by tomorrow's deadline.

[Clinical Faculty Awards](#)



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