

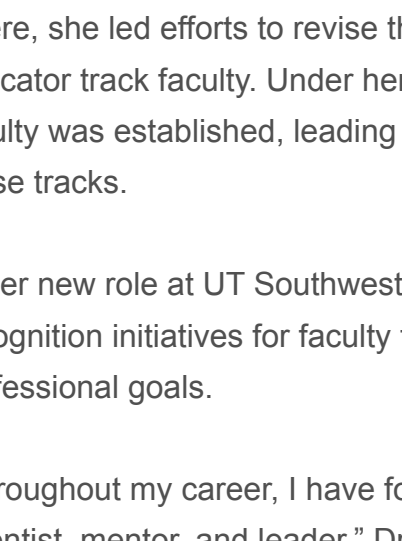


2024 Ida M. Green Award recipient working to eliminate cancer

Maggie Wang, a graduate student in the Gao lab, has a driving focus on improving human health and an innovative approach to cancer immunotherapy research, both of which have earned her the prestigious 2024 Ida M. Green Award. The award is bestowed annually to a female student in UT Southwestern's Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences who has demonstrated scholastic excellence, outstanding support of fellow students, and commitment to the UTSW community.

Ms. Wang's research focuses on therapies that target immune mechanisms mediated by the stimulator of interferon genes (STING) protein. She utilized polymeric STING-activating nanoparticles (dubbed PolySTING) in dendritic cells and found that STING signaling in a rare subset of innate immune cells – called conventional type 1 dendritic cells (cDC1s) – was essential to fight several types of cancer. She also discovered that the presence of STING-activated cDC1s correlated with better survival of cancer patients.

Learn more about Ms. Wang's research and her work as President of the Biotechnology Club in this story on [Center Times Plus](#).



Alyssa H. Hasty, Ph.D.

Vice Provost and Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Career Development

UTSW welcomes new Vice Provost and Senior Associate Dean

Join us in welcoming **Alyssa H. Hasty, Ph.D.**, to UT Southwestern as Vice Provost and Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Career Development.

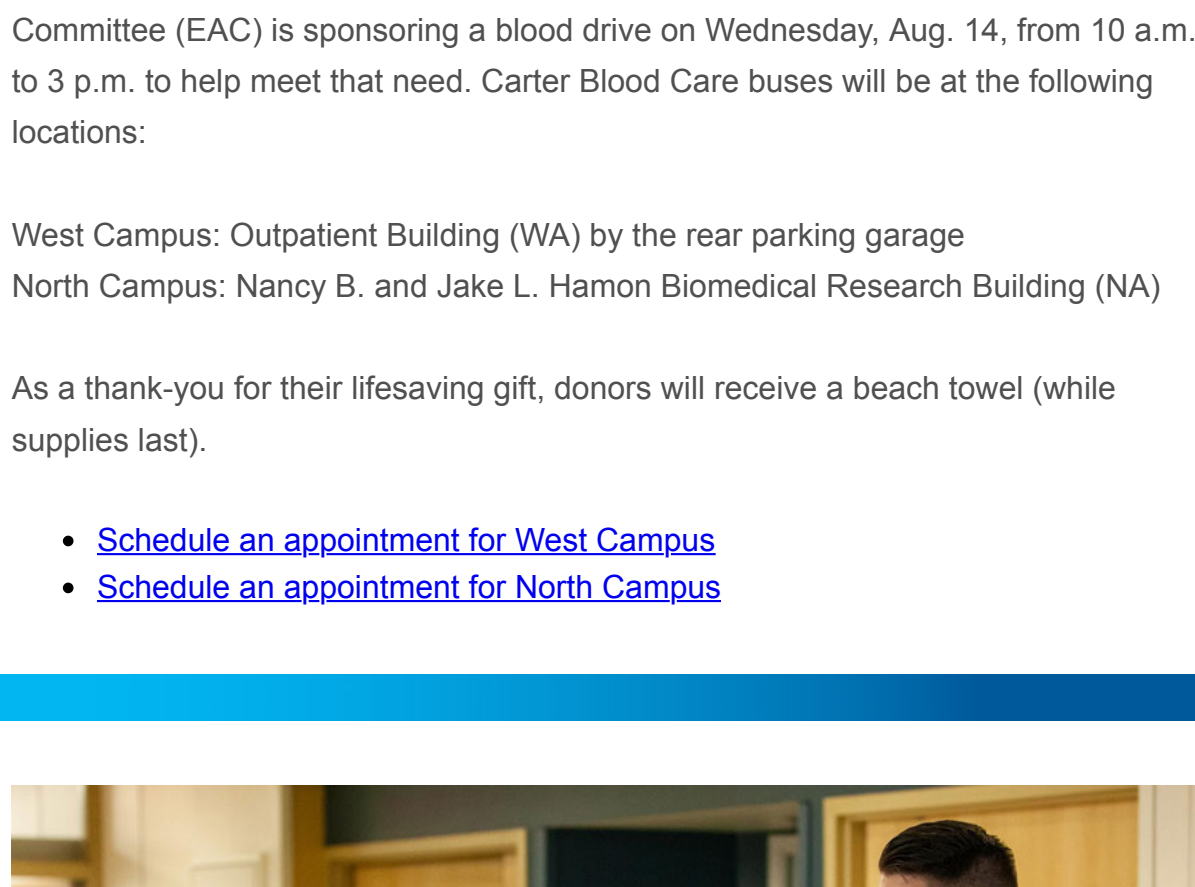
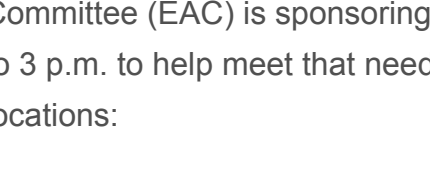
Dr. Hasty, who joined our faculty on Aug. 1, is a leader in the field of immunometabolism and comes from Vanderbilt's School of Medicine, where she served as Senior Associate Dean.

There, she led efforts to revise the criteria for promotion for tenure, research, and educator track faculty. Under her direction, an annual evaluation for nontenure track faculty was established, leading to a doubling of annual promotions for faculty on these tracks.

In her new role at UT Southwestern, one of her goals is to amplify rewards and recognition initiatives for faculty to establish an environment conducive for achieving professional goals.

"Throughout my career, I have focused on personal growth and excellence as a scientist, mentor, and leader," Dr. Hasty said. "I enjoy connecting people to resources that promote their professional development – and if such resources are not available, creating them."

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



Blood drive comes to campus next week

There is a critical need in North Texas for blood donors, so the Employee Advisory Committee (EAC) is sponsoring a blood drive on Wednesday, Aug. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to help meet that need. Carter Blood Care buses will be at the following locations:

West Campus: Outpatient Building (WA) by the rear parking garage
 North Campus: Nancy B. and Jake L. Hamon Biomedical Research Building (NA)

As a thank-you for their lifesaving gift, donors will receive a beach towel (while supplies last).

- [Schedule an appointment for West Campus](#)
- [Schedule an appointment for North Campus](#)



UTSW police update for reporting crimes

The UT Southwestern Police Department wants to make the campus community aware of a process that should be followed for reporting crimes at any UT Southwestern site, regardless of your work location.

In the event you are a victim of or witness a crime on any UT Southwestern property – including regional clinics and buildings leased by UTSW, such as Brookriver and Pegasus Park, emergency police calls should first be made to the local agency from which the clinic operates.

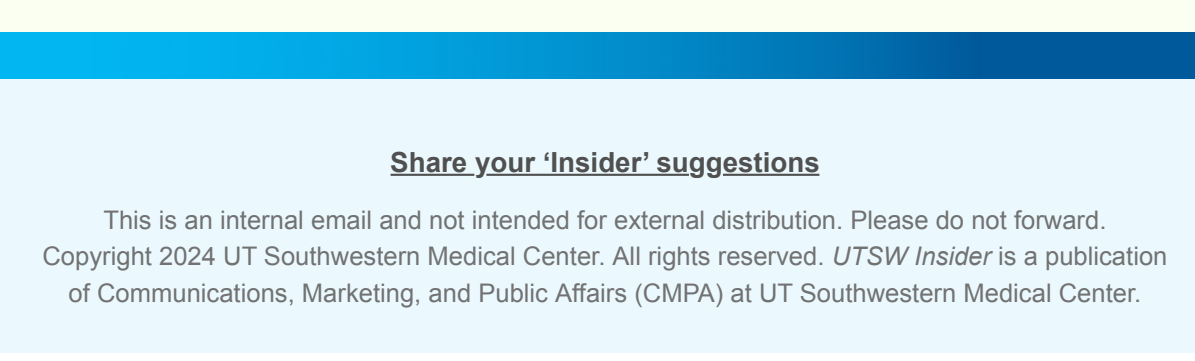
For example, for an emergency at UTSW at RedBird, you would contact the Dallas Police Department; if at UTSW at Fort Worth, you would first call the Fort Worth Police Department. Afterward, employees should also notify the UTSW University Police of any emergency reports they have made.

All non-emergency calls or not-in-progress crimes should be reported to UTSW University Police. These include theft, burglary of a motor vehicle, criminal mischief, and accidental damage.

If you haven't already, please add these University Police numbers to your phone contacts:

- Non-emergency: 214-648-8311
- Emergency (on campus): 214-648-8911

[Learn more](#)

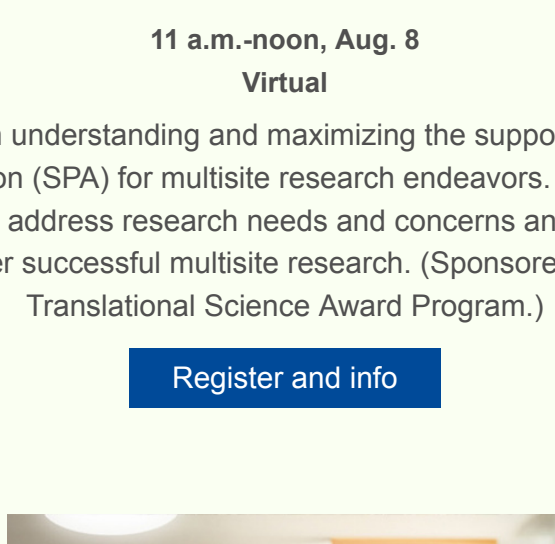


Heart MRI research participation opportunity

The Department of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery is seeking healthy volunteers for a research study on heart disease, designed to examine a new MRI imaging method of assessing heart tissue viability, which may better predict the outcome post-coronary bypass graft surgery.

Interested people, ages 20-80, who are nondiabetic and have no history of heart attack or heart surgery and no implants or metal in their bodies and who are not taking cardiac medications, are encouraged to join the study. Compensation will be provided.

If interested, please email [Sarah McNeil](#), RN, Clinical Trials Research Nurse Manager.



Strengthening the partnership: Empowering multisite research

11 a.m.-noon, Aug. 8
 Virtual

This seminar will aid in understanding and maximizing the support offered by Sponsored Programs Administration (SPA) for multisite research endeavors. Participants will engage in open dialogue to address research needs and concerns and have collaborative discussions to foster successful multisite research. (Sponsored by the Clinical and Translational Science Award Program.)

[Register and info](#)



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](#).

[Register to attend](#)



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