

Values in Practice

EXCELLENCE

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SCORE

Your voice is vital: Engagement surveys reminder

Thanks to those of you who – within two days of being sent your employee engagement survey – have already completed it. If you haven't had the chance yet, you have until **Oct. 13** to share your valuable and confidential feedback. We appreciate your effort to make time so leaders can learn from your experiences and continue to improve our culture and community.

As a reminder, this year UT Southwestern is conducting two surveys:

- Annual Values in Practice (VIP) employee engagement survey – sent to some nonfaculty employees who are outside the Health System.
- A new survey for this year called SCORE (Safety, Communication, Operational Risk, Resiliency/Burnout, and Engagement) – delivered to employees, faculty, and learners who work in clinical roles, those who support clinical areas, and individuals who interact closely with them.

Both surveys are highly important to UTSW, and your confidential responses inform what is working well and where we should focus our efforts moving forward – so let your voice be heard.

Those who are taking the VIP survey should have received an email from Glint; employees and faculty taking SCORE received an email from Vizient.

Please note: You should only have received a link to your designated survey. Do not forward your survey link to anyone else.

For more information, visit the [Engagement Surveys FAQ](#).

Still have questions?

- VIP survey: Please reach out to the [Employee Engagement team](#).
- SCORE survey: Email the [Health System Quality and Operational Excellence team](#).

Join us for National Night Out with UTSW Police

Mark your calendars for National Night Out on Oct. 1! At this annual community-building event, hosted by the UT Southwestern Police Department, there will be safety booths, fun outdoor games, and a visit from the Nacho Loco food truck.

- When: Tuesday, Oct. 1
- Time: 5:30-8 p.m.
- Where: UTSW Police Station (6010 Forest Park Road, Dallas)

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with colleagues and learn more about safety in our community. For more information, contact the UTSW Police nonemergency number at 214-648-8311 or via [email](#).

More information

Lane closures: Harry Hines at Record Crossing

Starting Sept. 23, there will be alternating lane closures at this intersection while underground utility improvements are underway. All directions of traffic on both streets will be impacted until further notice. Your patience is appreciated.

Details

Diabetes drug may protect against radiation exposure

Millions of people have prescriptions for metformin to treat Type 2 diabetes. **Jerry Shay, Ph.D.**, Professor of Cell Biology and a member of the Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center, is leading a team that's investigating the drug's ability to protect cells from radiation damage. Their findings are published in the journal *PLOS ONE*.

"This study advances the field to indicate that metformin may be a safe radioprotector for first responders to nuclear accidents and for protecting astronauts from the cancer risk and side effects of exposure to space radiation," Dr. Shay said.

"This study also suggests that metformin may be useful for treating patients with radiotherapy for cancer to reduce potential side effects."

Read the full news release

Win SMU football tickets today!

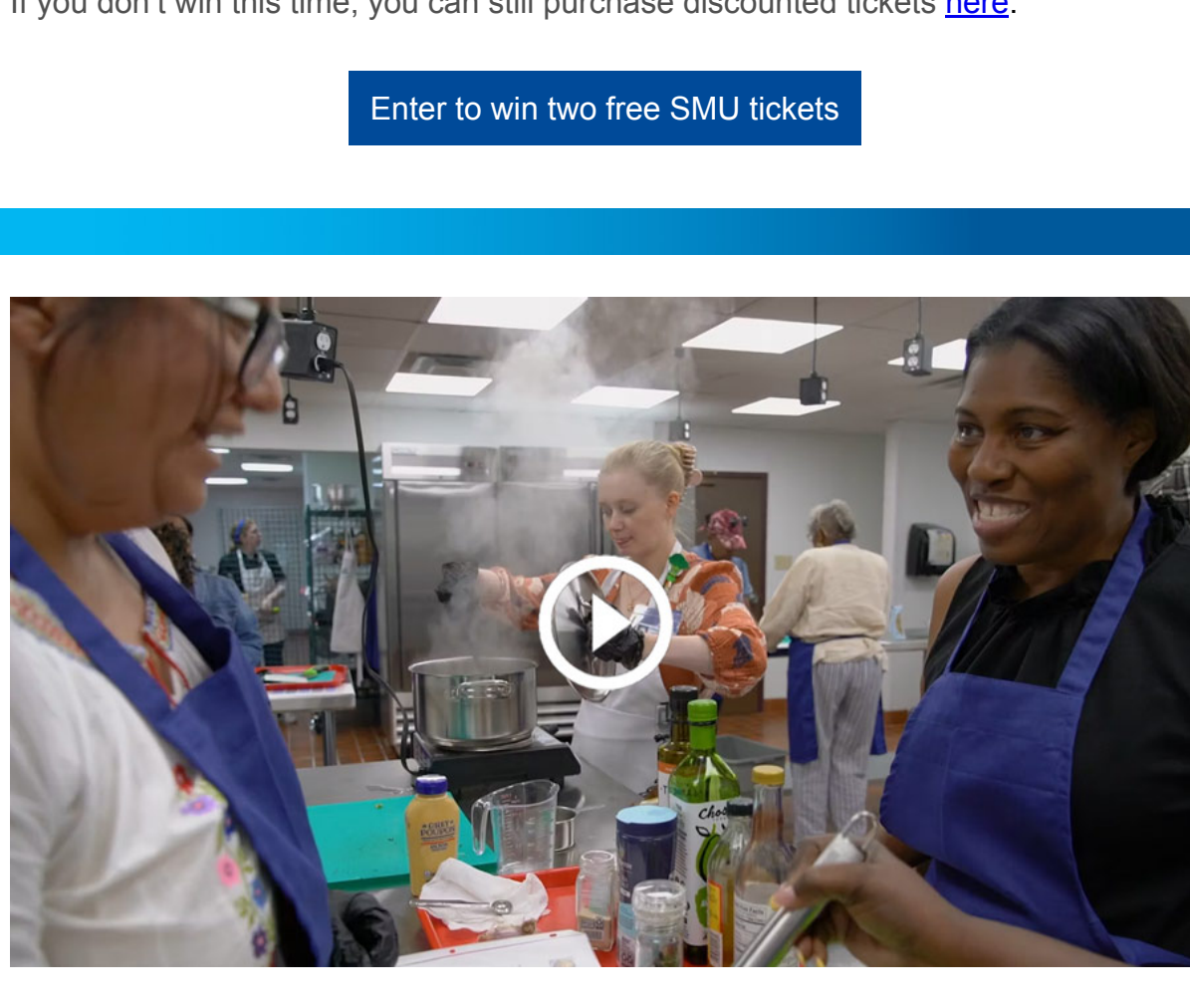
Mustang fans, today is your chance to snag two free tickets to a Southern Methodist University (SMU) home game this football season!

As the Official Health Care Partner of SMU Athletics, UT Southwestern is proud to support the team as it joins the Atlantic Coast Conference.

To enter, fill out the [form](#) below at 3 p.m. today. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so act fast! If you score tickets, you will be notified by 5 p.m. this Thursday, Sept. 19. Please note that each employee is eligible for one pair of tickets per game.

If you don't win this time, you can still purchase discounted tickets [here](#).

Enter to win two free SMU tickets



Video: Discover how Culinary Medicine is transforming lives

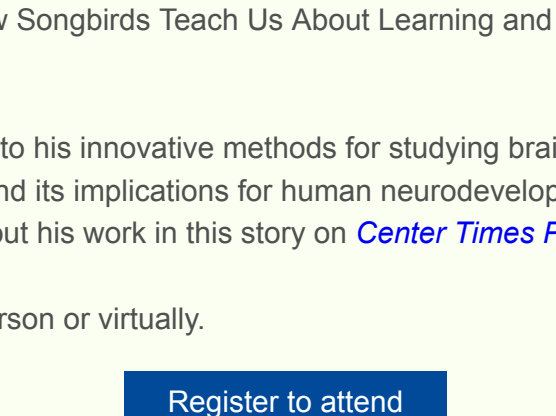
See what's cooking at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship as **Jaclyn Albin, M.D., CCMS, DipABLM**, Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Internal Medicine, and **Milette Siler, M.B.A.-HC, RD, LD, CCMS**, a UTSW registered dietitian, take UTSW's Culinary Medicine on the road.

Through this unique program, patients learn practical skills to improve their health through mindful eating and cooking. As Dr. Albin, who launched UTSW's Culinary Medicine and serves as its Director, and Ms. Siler demonstrate in the video, these lessons go beyond the kitchen, empowering patients to make lasting changes that positively impact their lives and those around them.

Don't miss this inspiring video to see how Culinary Medicine is making a difference!

Watch the video

Insider Guide



Tomorrow: President's Lecture Series with Todd F. Roberts, Ph.D.

4-5 p.m., Sept. 19 | Hybrid, Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium (C)

Todd F. Roberts, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Neuroscience and an Investigator in the Peter O'Donnell Jr. Brain Institute at UT Southwestern, will deliver an illuminating talk titled "What's in a Song? How Songbirds Teach Us About Learning and Vocal Communication."

Dr. Roberts will delve into his innovative methods for studying brain function during vocal imitation in songbirds and its implications for human neurodevelopmental disorders like autism. Learn more about his work in this story on [Center Times Plus](#).

Register to attend in person or virtually.

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