

Show how much our community cares

Thanks to the generosity of 225 UTSW employees, we've raised \$105,000 for the 2024 State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC). However, with just a few weeks left before the Oct. 31 deadline, we've only reached a third of our \$300,000 goal. We need your help to close the gap.

If you haven't donated yet and are able to make even a small contribution, we encourage you to help broaden UTSW's impact.

Visit [Campus Update](#) to see which departments are leading the charge in participation and fundraising – and be inspired to join them. Have you hosted your own SECC fundraising event like some of the teams featured [here](#)? [Email](#) us your photos!

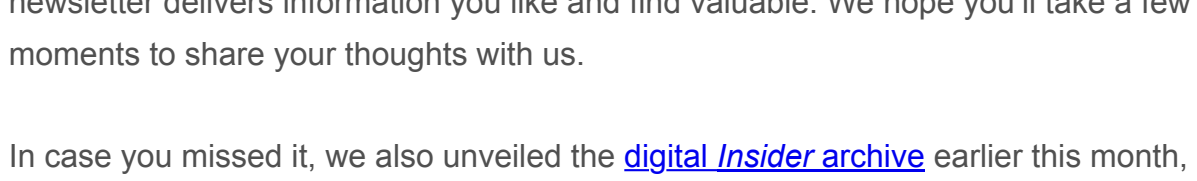
How to donate:

- [Browse the list of charities](#) to find causes you're passionate about.
- Make either a [one-time donation](#) via the new Converge Pay digital tool or a [monthly payroll deduction](#) via PeopleSoft (on-campus network or VPN required).

Don't forget, just by participating in the campaign, you could **win one of 50 prizes**, including FC Dallas and Mavs gear, LED speakers, charcuterie board sets, gift baskets, and more. Winners will be notified via email.

Help us come together for our community. Your contribution can make a lasting difference!

[Donate today](#)



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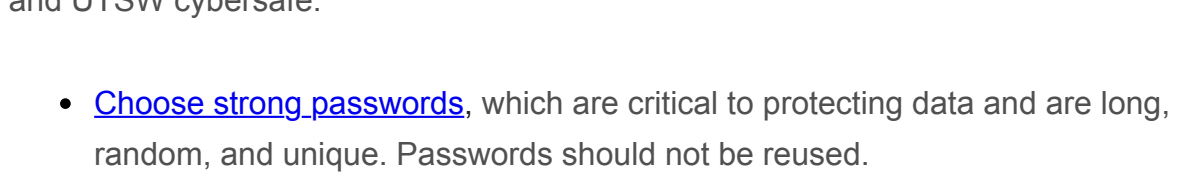
Thanks to those of you who have already provided valuable feedback through our recently launched *UTSW Insider* survey.

In recognition of the newsletter's one-year anniversary, we have five quick questions to gather your opinions on how we're doing. Your input will help us ensure the newsletter delivers information you like and find valuable. We hope you'll take a few moments to share your thoughts with us.

In case you missed it, we also unveiled the [digital Insider archive](#) earlier this month, where you can explore every past issue, starting with the inaugural edition from Sept. 6, 2023.

Thank you for your continued support and for being an active part of the UTSW community!

[Insider survey](#)



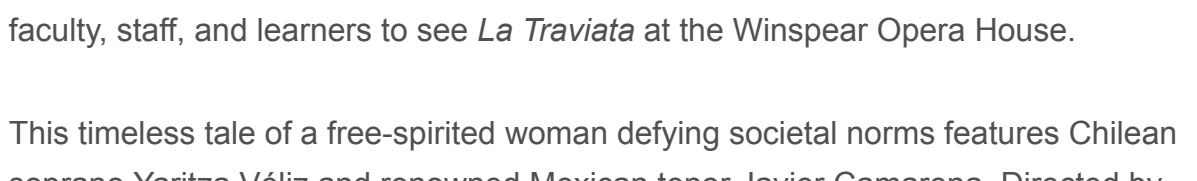
Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Now in its 21st year, Cybersecurity Awareness Month continues to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity. The UT Southwestern Information Security team recommends following these simple steps throughout the year to keep yourself and UTSW cybersafe:

- [Choose strong passwords](#), which are critical to protecting data and are long, random, and unique. Passwords should not be reused.
- [Enable multifactor authentication](#) on all your online accounts that offer it, especially email, social media, and financial accounts.
- [Recognize and report phishing attempts](#). Phishing emails, texts, and calls are the No. 1 way that data gets compromised. Be cautious of unsolicited emails, texts or calls asking for personal information.
- Enable automatic software updates where possible. Keep operating systems, antivirus software, web browsers, and applications up to date.

Questions? Email informationsecurity@utsouthwestern.edu.

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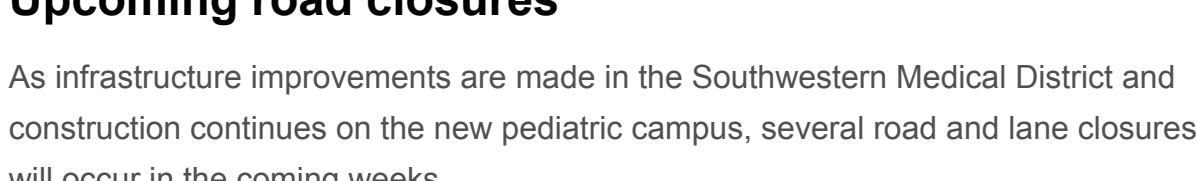
Discounted Dallas Opera tickets available

The Dallas Opera is providing a 30% discount on tickets for UT Southwestern faculty, staff, and learners to see *La Traviata* at the Winspear Opera House.

This timeless tale of a free-spirited woman defying societal norms features Chilean soprano Yaritza Véliz and renowned Mexican tenor Javier Camarena. Directed by Louisa Muller and designed by Tony Award-winner Christopher Oram, the production includes performances by the Dallas Opera Orchestra and Chorus.

Performances are scheduled for Oct. 18, 20, 23, 26, and 27. Prior to the Oct. 23 show, there will be a special Pride celebration in recognition of LGBT History Month. Use code ADC30 on the Dallas Opera website to purchase your discounted tickets.

['La Traviata' tickets](#)



Upcoming road closures

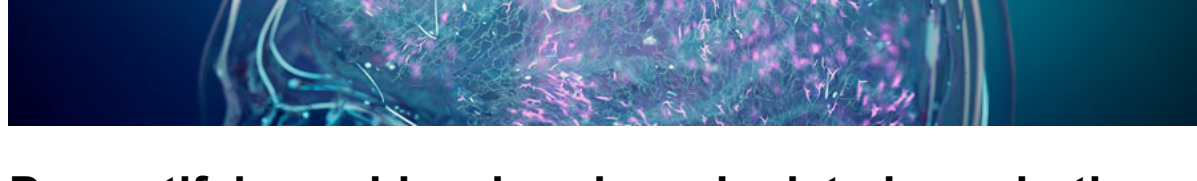
As infrastructure improvements are made in the Southwestern Medical District and construction continues on the new pediatric campus, several road and lane closures will occur in the coming weeks.

Starting Oct. 7, the far-right lane on westbound Paul M. Bass Way near the Cancer Care Outpatient Building (NM) will be closed until further notice.

Starting Oct. 13 and through Dec. 7, UT Southwestern Drive will be closed to through traffic between Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison Drive and Southwestern Medical Avenue as buried utility pipes are replaced. A new pedestrian pathway route to the Skillern Building (M), the Student Support Services building (S), the Jonsson Building (K), and the Moss Building (J) will be added. UTSW shuttles and other UTSW vehicles will still have access to the Facilities Management Building (P) service yard. Access to the loading docks of the Moss and the Jonsson buildings will be available for deliveries only coming from Southwestern Medical Avenue to the south.

For the latest information and detailed maps of the affected areas, visit the [Construction Updates](#) webpage.

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Demystifying schizophrenia and related psychotic disorders

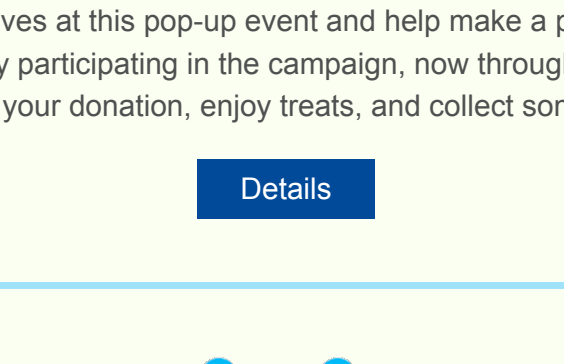
Developing effective treatments for schizophrenia and related psychotic disorders is a lengthy and demanding process.

Elena Ivleva, M.D., Ph.D., an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry's Division of Translational Neuroscience Research in Schizophrenia and Director of the Early Psychosis Clinical and Research (HOPE) Program, hopes to provide new insight for providers through her clinical and translational biomarker research efforts within the Peter O'Donnell Jr. Brain Institute.

Using advanced neuroimaging and cognitive studies, Dr. Ivleva and her team are identifying brain-based biomarkers to distinguish schizophrenia and related psychotic disorder subtypes to improve diagnosis and inform novel targets for intervention. In the realm of patient care, Dr. Ivleva's work through the HOPE Program provides innovative and comprehensive intervention for early psychosis in a compassionate, collaborative environment.

Learn more about her work to uncover new therapeutic targets and improve diagnostic approaches in the inaugural [Field Reports from the O'Donnell Brain Institute](#).

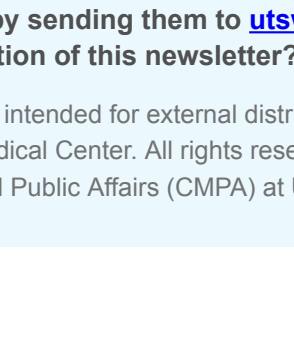
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State Employee Charitable Campaign pop-up

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 10 | UTSW at Richardson/Plano, Multipurpose conference room 109 Join SECC representatives at this pop-up event and help make a profound impact on the lives of those in need by participating in the campaign, now through Oct. 31. You'll be able to get help with making your donation, enjoy treats, and collect some swag!

[Details](#)



UTSW Events Calendar

Looking for your daily dose of happenings?
The UTSW Events Calendar is updated every day.

[Click to view upcoming or trending events](#)

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