



Gimpel, Sulistio honored as outstanding educators by UT System Board of Regents

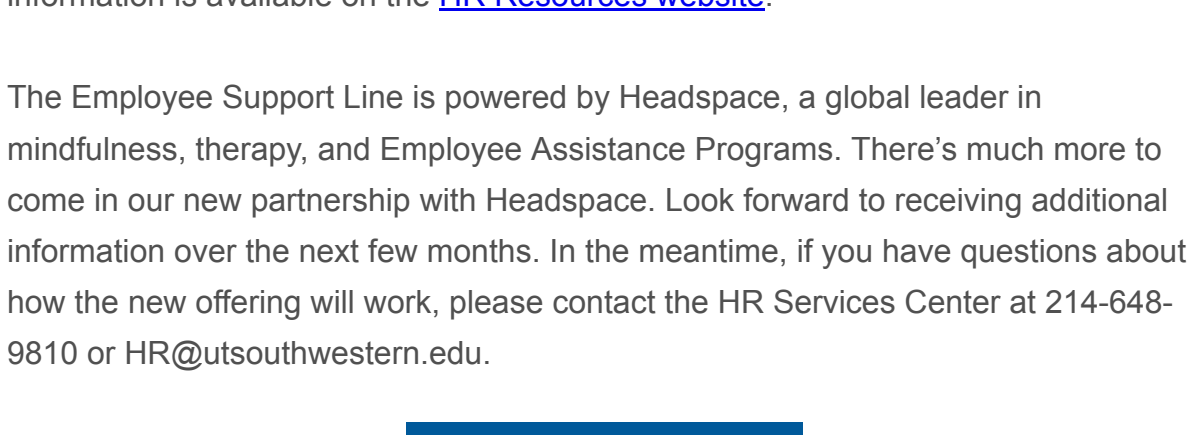
Nora Gimpel, M.D., and Melanie Sulistio, M.D., have been named recipients of the [2023 Regents' Outstanding Teaching Awards](#) (ROTA) for their commitment to excellence in medical education. This year, 14 honorees were selected from faculty across UT System academic and health institutions based on exemplary classroom teaching and dedication to innovative course development and student learning outcomes.

Dr. Gimpel, whose work focuses on community service-learning and community-based participatory research, serves as Director of the Medical School's community health scholarly activity and distinction tracks and as Director of several community health training programs, including the Community Medicine Fellowship program. She holds the Dr. John L. and Louise Roan Professorship in Family Medicine and has earned the Exemplary Teaching Award from the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Sulistio is dedicated to promoting humanity in medicine and has a long track record of education leadership. She previously served as Associate Program Director in the internal medicine residency, Associate Program Director of the cardiology fellowship, and Associate Dean of Student Affairs. Dr. Sulistio has received numerous teaching awards, including Outstanding Teacher from prior medical school classes and selection into both the Gold Humanism Honor Society and the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

Established in 2008 by the UT System Board of Regents, the ROTA program selects outstanding educators based on rigorous evaluations by peer faculty, students, and external reviewers.

[Read more](#)



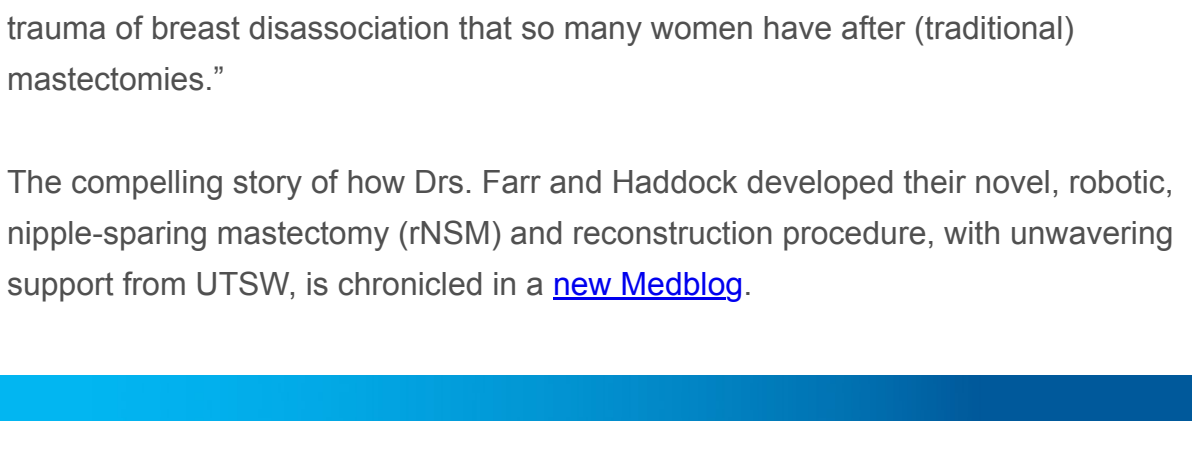
New benefit: UTSW Employee Support Line

Employees and their families can now call the UTSW Employee Support Line around the clock for connection to work-life resources. You can receive mental health support, as well as many other resources to enhance your overall well-being, 24/7, 365 days a year. The service is free, confidential, and available to all employees and their immediate families.

Add the UTSW Employee Support Line to your contacts today: **855-420-0734**. More information is available on the [HR Resources website](#).

The Employee Support Line is powered by Headspace, a global leader in mindfulness, therapy, and Employee Assistance Programs. There's much more to come in our new partnership with Headspace. Look forward to receiving additional information over the next few months. In the meantime, if you have questions about how the new offering will work, please contact the HR Services Center at 214-648-9810 or HR@utsouthwestern.edu.

[Employee Support Line](#)



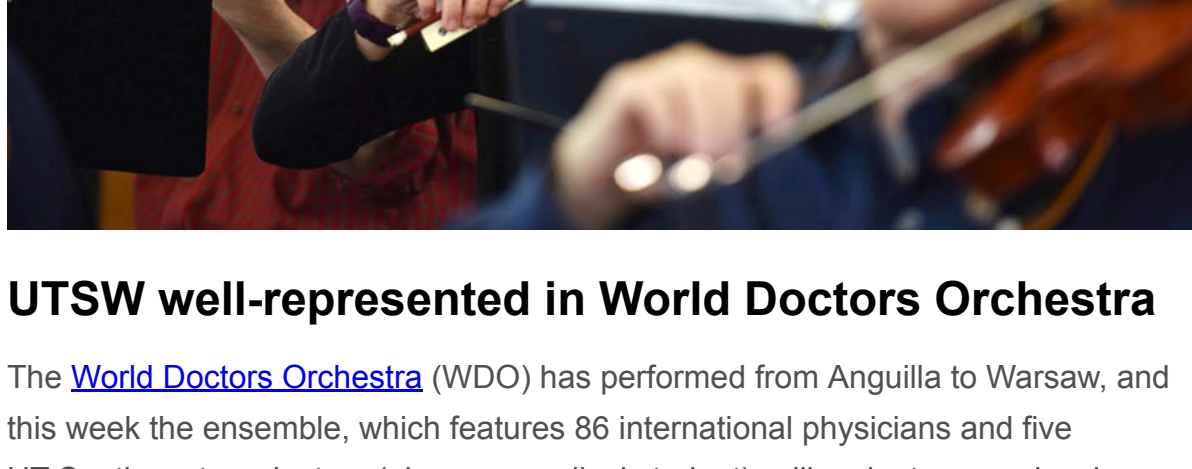
Advancing breast cancer surgery and reconstruction

Teamwork, tenacity, talent – and a little luck – all aligned for two UT Southwestern surgeons as they developed a robotic procedure that could change the landscape for modern mastectomy and breast reconstruction. Surgical oncologist **Deborah Farr, M.D.**, and plastic surgeon **Nicholas Haddock, M.D.**, are now conducting a successful clinical trial that makes their less invasive and more effective approach available to more people, producing natural-looking results while also preserving sensation in more than 88% of patients.

For Dr. Farr, the pursuit of a better breast cancer surgery was personal.

"Radical mastectomy was all there was to offer when my grandmother battled breast cancer," she said. "The super-satisfying thing for me today is when I see a patient back after one of these surgeries, and they don't have that additional emotional trauma of breast disassociation that so many women have after (traditional) mastectomies."

The compelling story of how Drs. Farr and Haddock developed their novel, robotic, nipple-sparing mastectomy (rNSM) and reconstruction procedure, with unwavering support from UTSW, is chronicled in a [new Medblog](#).



Video: UTSW's Health Street team heads to the barbershop

Amid the buzz of beard trimmers and casual conversations, UT Southwestern's Health Street team provided free diabetes screenings to more than 65 people at a Grand Prairie barbershop on a sunny afternoon in September. The event, called Fade Out Diabetes, is just the latest example of how our community outreach efforts are making a direct impact on people's lives.

Health Street is part of UTSW's Clinical and Translation Science Award Program (CTSA), which is dedicated to advancing the science of research translation, engaging patients and the public, and providing tools to improve the health of our communities. The next Fade Out Diabetes is slated for November. [Watch the video](#) and spread the word.

[Fade Out Diabetes](#)



UTSW well-represented in World Doctors Orchestra

The [World Doctors Orchestra](#) (WDO) has performed from Anguilla to Warsaw, and this week the ensemble, which features 86 international physicians and five UT Southwestern doctors (plus one medical student), will make two rare local appearances.

The WDO, which was founded in 2008 and includes caregivers from 60 countries, will play benefit concerts on Oct. 19 at SMU's Caruth Auditorium in Dallas at 8 p.m. and Oct. 20 at the Eisemann Center for Performing Arts in Richardson at 7:30 p.m. UTSW performers include:

- **Sing-Yi Feng, M.D.**, Professor of Pediatrics (violin)
- **Raymond Quigley, M.D.**, Professor of Pediatrics (viola)
- **Walter Kutz, M.D.**, Professor of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery and Neurological Surgery (tuba)
- **Lakshmi Ananthkrishnan, M.D.**, Associate Professor of Radiology (violin)
- **Shan Su, M.D.**, radiology resident (viola)
- **Angela Wang**, medical student (violin)

Additionally, UTSW's **Matthew Lewis, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Radiology, and **Fernando Benitez, M.D.**, Professor of Emergency Medicine, will provide audiovisual and photography support behind the scenes.

Tickets are \$10-\$40. Proceeds from the all-American program of music will offset medical care costs for those in the area who need it most.

Learn more, including ticket information, in the [Center Times Plus story](#).



Employees continue to give during SECC

The annual State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) is in full force! All around UT Southwestern, employees are showing generosity for their favorite charities with pledges via payroll deduction, or in the case of some departments, bake sales to raise money together.

The SECC offers a simple way for UTSW employees to collectively make a big difference. You can direct contributions to [broad and diverse causes](#) – from human rights and animal welfare to environmental cleanup and health care.

Can't decide which charity to help? Visit [our SECC webpage](#) (network connection or VPN required) or check out the annual SECC Fair on McDermott Plaza on Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. You can visit with representatives from participating charities, enjoy giveaways, hot dogs, popcorn, and drinks (while supplies last), and make online contributions on the spot. The campaign continues through Oct. 31.

[SECC \(VPN required\)](#)



Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with SACNAS

National Hispanic Heritage Month drew to its official close yesterday, but there's one more upcoming event we'd like you to know about. The UTSW chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences is hosting its annual [Hispanic Heritage Month Symposium](#) on Thursday, Oct. 19. The event will celebrate cultural diversity with food, stories, and science and also showcase the achievements of outstanding individuals.

Our local SACNAS chapter – 50 members strong and growing – is committed to amplifying minority voices in the scientific field and creating a diverse space where everyone can make a positive impact in their community. The group's efforts pave the way for a more inclusive and vibrant future in the world of science.

Pictured above: SACNAS officers and Araldo Diaz Vázquez, Ph.D., at last year's symposium.

[Event details](#)

Join UTSW and Mavs for Breast Health Awareness night

Root for two of your favorites on Friday when the Dallas Mavericks and UT Southwestern's Simmons Cancer Center team up for Breast Health Awareness night at American Airlines Center. During the Mavs' final preseason game against the Detroit Pistons, we will share breast health resources, celebrate the strength of local breast cancer survivors, and remember the deeply personal connection Mavs center Dwight Powell has to the disease.

Tipoff Friday is at 7 p.m. Our employees can buy [discounted tickets](#) to all home games because UTSW is the Official Health Care Partner of the Dallas Mavericks. We hope you'll enjoy seeing our brand displayed around the arena all season. Let's go, Mavs!

[Breast Health Awareness Night tickets](#)

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