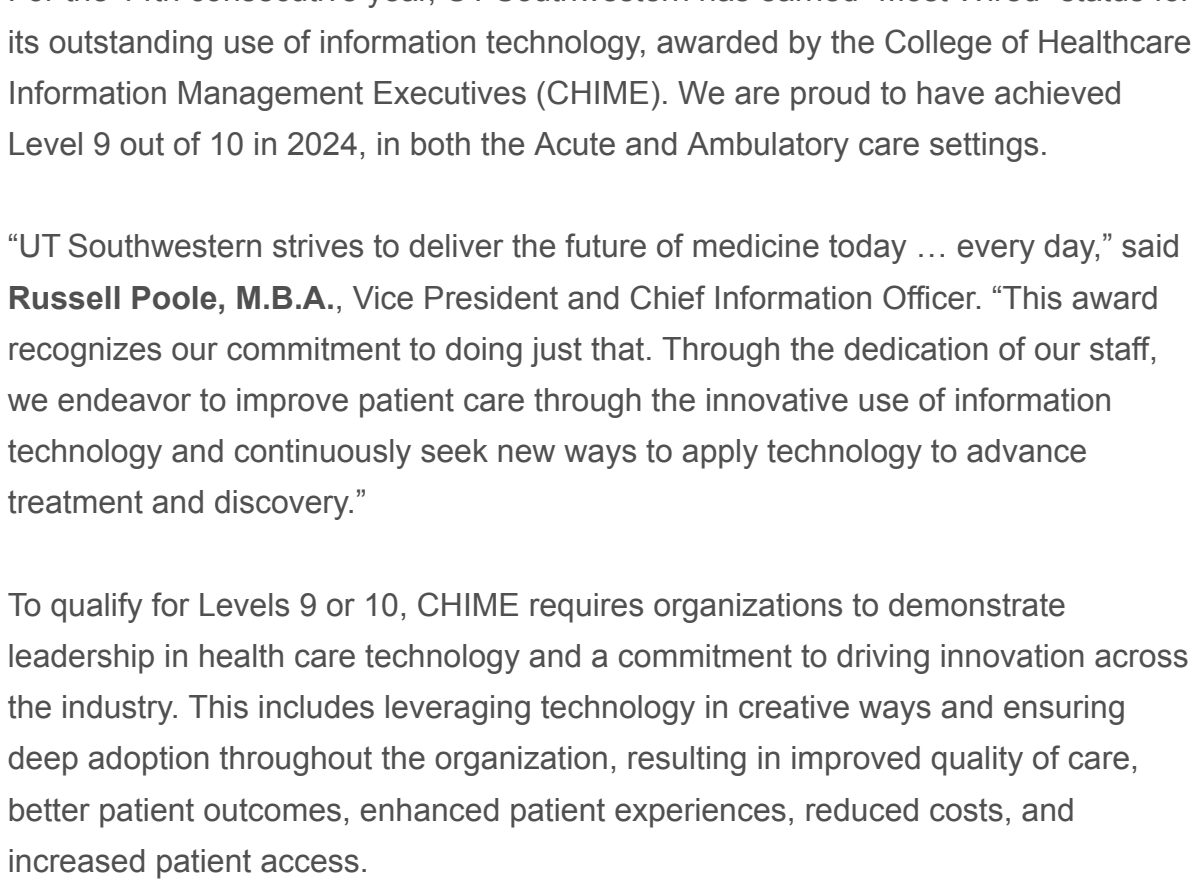


Share your gratitude this season

Has a UT Southwestern colleague brightened your day, offered a helping hand, or gone above and beyond as a teammate? This season of thanksgiving is the perfect time to recognize those who make a difference in your world, and we've made it easy to thank them!

Use the submission form below to share your message of appreciation, and we'll make sure it's sent to your recipient via email from the UTSW Insider mailbox. Submissions will be accepted through Friday, Nov. 29.

[Send your thanks](#)



UTSW is again among 'Most Wired' in IT

For the 14th consecutive year, UT Southwestern has earned "Most Wired" status for its outstanding use of information technology, awarded by the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME). We are proud to have achieved Level 9 out of 10 in 2024, in both the Acute and Ambulatory care settings.

"UT Southwestern strives to deliver the future of medicine today ... every day," said **Russell Poole, M.B.A.**, Vice President and Chief Information Officer. "This award recognizes our commitment to doing just that. Through the dedication of our staff, we endeavor to improve patient care through the innovative use of information technology and continuously seek new ways to apply technology to advance treatment and discovery."

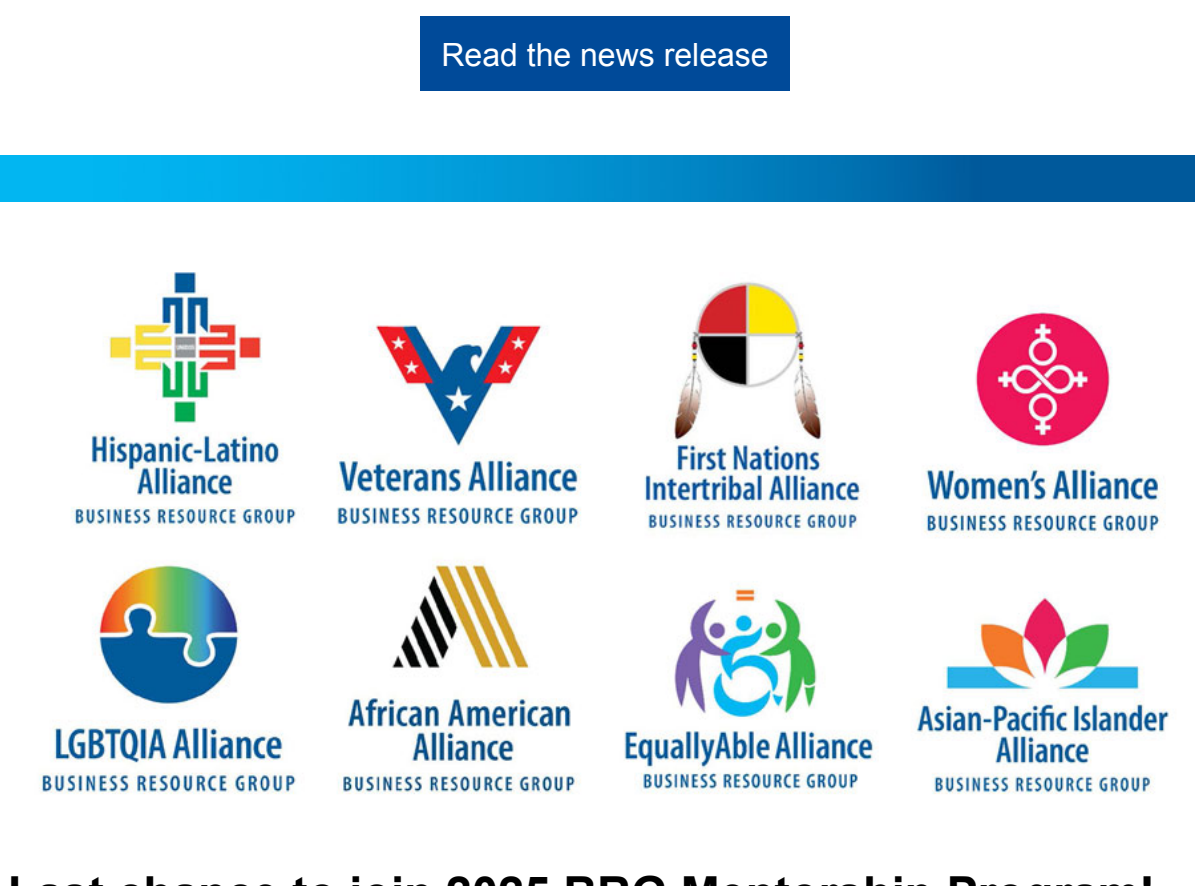
To qualify for Levels 9 or 10, CHIME requires organizations to demonstrate leadership in health care technology and a commitment to driving innovation across the industry. This includes leveraging technology in creative ways and ensuring deep adoption throughout the organization, resulting in improved quality of care, better patient outcomes, enhanced patient experiences, reduced costs, and increased patient access.

Congratulations to the team, and thanks to all who have helped elevate and sustain UTSW standards of technological excellence.



Pediatric campus progress requires partial Forest Park Road closure Dec. 2

With construction work well underway on the new UT Southwestern pediatric campus with Children's Health, traffic around the Southwestern Medical District will continue to experience detours, reduced lanes, and street closures. Following the complete closure of Treadway Street earlier this year, crews [must now close Forest Park Road](#) between Bomar Avenue and Treadway Street starting Dec. 2 until 2027. For timely updates and related closure maps, visit the [Construction Updates webpage](#).



Former SEAL Team Six commander donates \$1M to UTSW

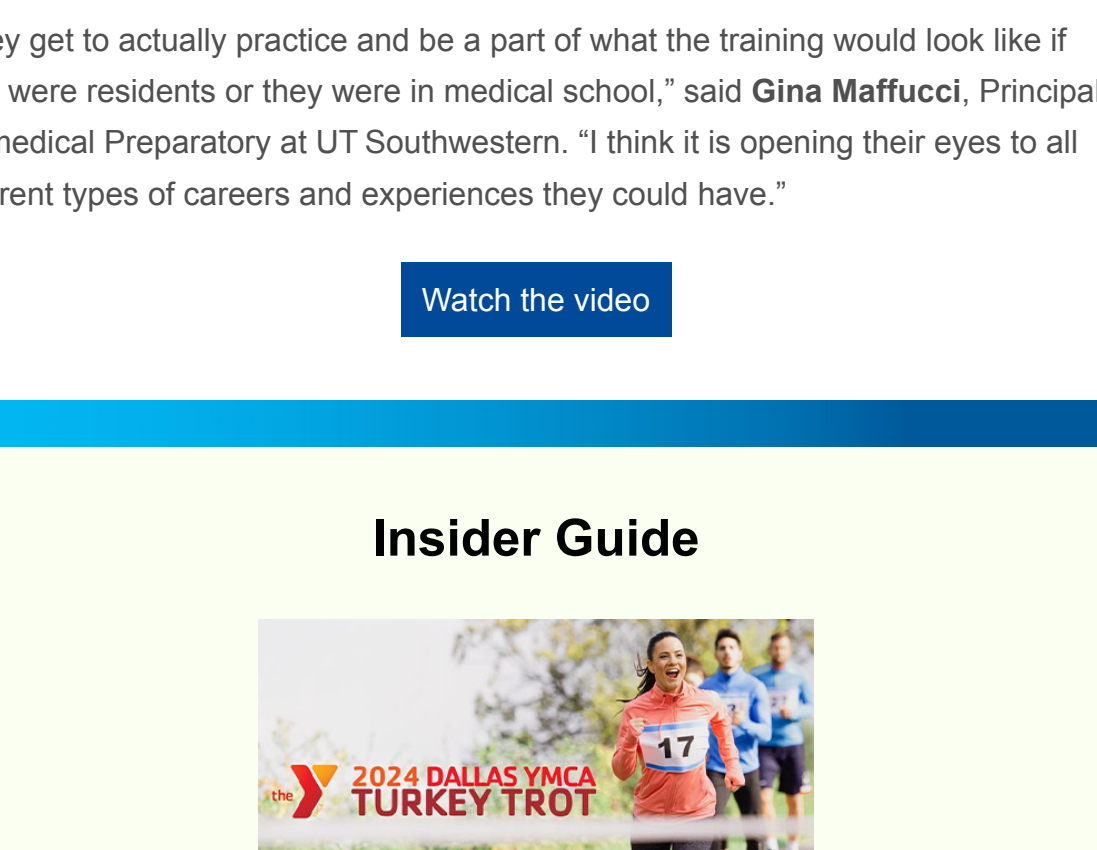
A \$1 million gift to UT Southwestern will advance research focused on Gulf War Illness and support mental health for veterans.

The donation comes from retired Navy Adm. **William McRaven**, a former commander of U.S. Special Operations and a 1977 graduate of the University of Texas, who served as UT System Chancellor from 2015 to 2018. Earlier this year, Adm. McRaven received the Bezos Courage & Civility Award, which includes a \$50 million prize that recipients can donate to organizations of their choice.

A portion of Adm. McRaven's gift will support the research of **Robert Haley, M.D.**, Professor of Internal Medicine and Public Health, who has been investigating Gulf War Illness for 30 years. His team at UTSW proved the nerve gas sarin was largely responsible for sickening tens of thousands of troops who served in the Persian Gulf War. Researchers also found genetic markers that explained why some people became ill and others did not.

The next step is the launch of clinical studies of therapeutics that have the potential to treat Gulf War Illness. "This funding is going to carry us across the finish line much sooner," Dr. Haley said.

[Read the news release](#)



Last chance to join 2025 BRG Mentorship Program!

Ready to advance your professional growth or help shape UT Southwestern's future leaders? This Wednesday is the final opportunity to sign up to become a mentor or mentee in the 2025 BRG Mentorship Program, supported by the Office for Institutional Opportunity.

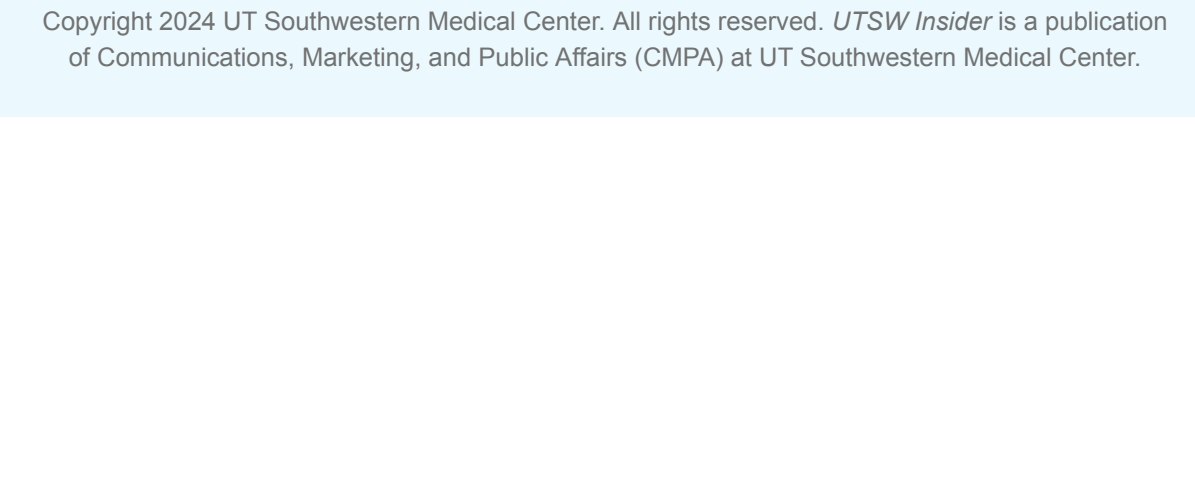
Mentees have the chance to receive guidance from experienced professionals. Mentors can enhance their own interpersonal and leadership skills and share knowledge to leave a lasting impact on the scholars of tomorrow.

This 12-month program runs from January to December and offers partnerships between colleagues across all departments to promote personal and professional development. Mentors don't need to be BRG members but must have manager/supervisor experience. Mentees should be active BRG members. All UTSW employees are welcome to join a BRG. More information is available [online](#).

Sign up by this Wednesday.

- [Mentor sign-up](#)
- [Mentee sign-up](#)

For questions, [email](#) the Office for Institutional Opportunity.



Video: Third-graders gain hands-on experience with the future of medicine

A group of UTSW students from Biomedical Preparatory at UT Southwestern took a field trip to UTSW's Simulation Center for hands-on learning at the advanced facility where medical students train.

This marks the sixth visit to the Sim Center since the elementary school opened in 2022. Biomedical Preparatory is a unique collaboration between the Dallas Independent School District and UTSW, focusing on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

This fun-filled field trip, which was captured in a video on *Center Times Plus* and a [gallery on Instagram](#), made a lasting impression on students and ignites an early curiosity about science.

"They get to actually practice and be a part of what the training would look like if they were residents or they were in medical school," said **Gina Maffucci**, Principal, Biomedical Preparatory at UT Southwestern. "I think it is opening their eyes to all different types of careers and experiences they could have."

[Watch the video](#)

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2024 YMCA Turkey Trot

8:30 a.m., Nov. 28 | Dallas City Hall (1500 Marilla St., Dallas)

The 57th annual Dallas YMCA Turkey Trot features a 5K and 8-mile course, live music, games, and a costume contest.

UT Southwestern is proud to be a sponsor and is offering a \$7 discount to registrants who use the code UTSW7 (case-sensitive). This family-friendly event is open to all ages, and leashed dogs are welcome to join the fun!

[Info and registration](#)



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