

School of Health Professions commencement celebrates graduates

On Sunday, UT Southwestern's [School of Health Professions](#) honored the achievements of more than 130 students in a memorable commencement ceremony at the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium. Family, friends, faculty, and staff gathered to recognize the graduates who received degrees in seven disciplines.

Jon Williamson, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Health Professions, presided over the ceremony, which included an inspiring address by **Craig R. Jackson, J.D., M.S.W.**, a national leader in allied health and health sciences education and Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions at Loma Linda University.

Carolyn Bradley-Guidry, Dr.PH., M.P.A.S., PA-C, Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Engagement – School of Health Professions, introduced the programs, and **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**, President of UT Southwestern, conferred degrees and presented diplomas.

Five outstanding graduates and three students from the Class of 2024 earned distinguished awards: the John Schermerhorn, M.D., Student Service Award; the L. Ruth Guy, Ph.D., Student Leadership Award; the Raul Caetano, M.D., Ph.D., Student Research Award; the Gordon Green, M.D., Student Clinician Award; and the Rising Star Award.

[About the award winners](#)

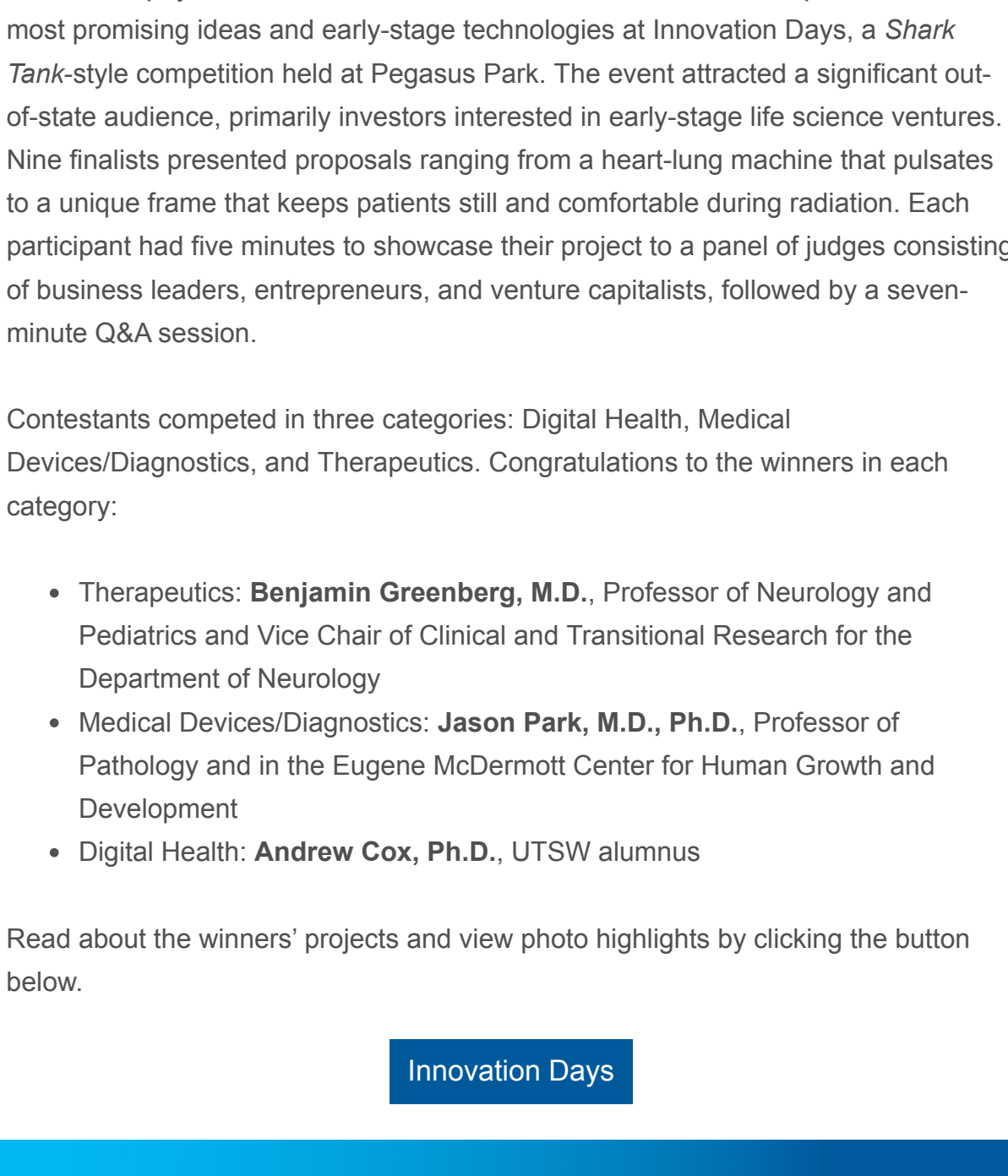
Radiation Safety transitioning to new dosimetry vendor

Starting Jan. 1, our Radiation Safety team will begin transitioning its dosimetry services to the Radiation Detection Company (RDC). This change applies to all current dosimetry badge wearers at UT Southwestern, including clinical and research groups, as well as at Parkland Health and Children's Health. These badges measure the amount of ionizing radiation wearers are exposed to and help personnel be informed about their occupational exposure and keep their dose as low as reasonably achievable.

Existing dosimetry groups and request processes will remain in place, and service with the current vendor, Landauer Inc., will continue through the end of this month. Badge wearers can expect to receive new RDC badges in late December.

More details are included in the [Dosimetry Change Announcement](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the Safety and Business Continuity intranet webpage. An on-campus network or a VPN connection is required to access these resources.

If you have questions, please contact the Radiation Safety Office at RadSafe@utsouthwestern.edu or 214-645-1353.



'Innovation Days' highlights UTSW's biotech potential

In October, physician-scientists and alumni from UT Southwestern pitched their most promising ideas and early-stage technologies at Innovation Days, a *Shark Tank*-style competition held at Pegasus Park. The event attracted a significant out-of-state audience, primarily investors interested in early-stage life science ventures. Nine finalists presented proposals ranging from a heart-lung machine that pulsates to a unique frame that keeps patients still and comfortable during radiation. Each participant had five minutes to showcase their project to a panel of judges consisting of business leaders, entrepreneurs, and venture capitalists, followed by a seven-minute Q&A session.

Contestants competed in three categories: Digital Health, Medical Devices/Diagnostics, and Therapeutics. Congratulations to the winners in each category:

- Therapeutics: **Benjamin Greenberg, M.D.**, Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics and Vice Chair of Clinical and Transitional Research for the Department of Neurology
- Medical Devices/Diagnostics: **Jason Park, M.D., Ph.D.**, Professor of Pathology and in the Eugene McDermott Center for Human Growth and Development
- Digital Health: **Andrew Cox, Ph.D.**, UTSW alumnus

Read about the winners' projects and view photo highlights by clicking the button below.

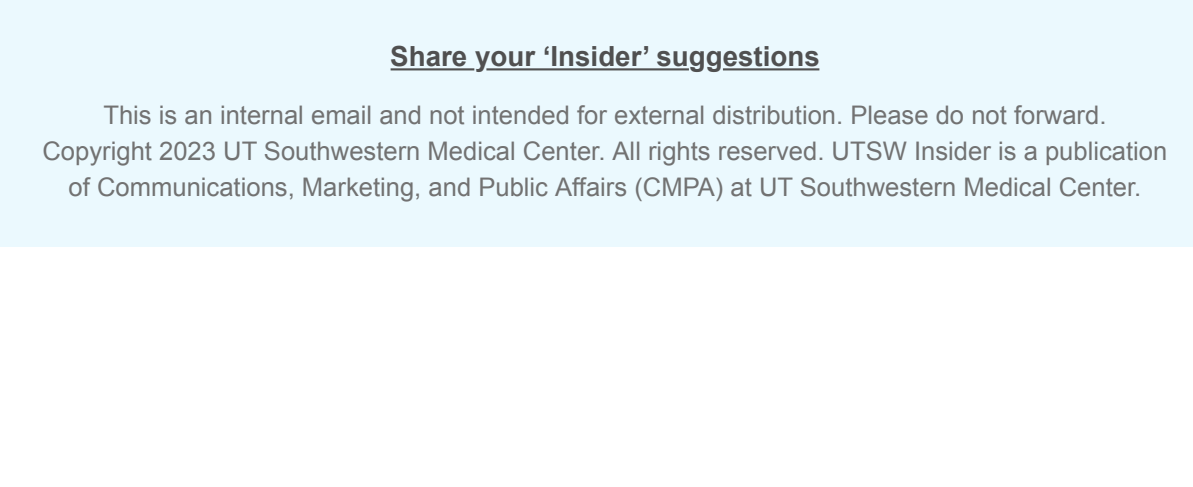
[Innovation Days](#)



MLK Fest community volunteer opportunity

Join the UT Southwestern community for a neighborhood cleanup Jan. 13 in the South Dallas-Fair Park District, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Volunteers will receive a T-shirt and breakfast and will be invited to join a lunchtime celebration with food, music, and speakers at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center after the cleanup. For additional details and the full schedule, visit [UTSW's event page](#).

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It's about to get ugly

Whether it's festooned with jingle bells, gingerbread men, or dreidels, if it's beautifully ugly, we want to see it. The Employee Advisory Council (EAC) is sponsoring a campuswide "Ugly Sweater Contest," complete with swag prizes. So, if you haven't already, pull out the best of your festive to wear, have someone take your photo, and email your ugly holiday sweater photo to EAC@utsouthwestern.edu by Dec. 24 to enter. Winners will be announced on the EAC website and by email in early January.



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