



First Nations Heritage Month Celebration

UT Southwestern’s inaugural First Nations Heritage Month Celebration honored Native American culture and showcased a legacy of overcoming challenges dating back generations.

Keynote speaker **Goldie Stands-Over-Bull, M.D.**, a board-certified family physician at Texas Native Health, spoke about Native American health care needs and how the available resources have evolved over the past 100 years.

[First Nations Intertribal Alliance Business Resource Group \(BRG\)](#) Chair Roland Brunette spoke to the power of representation on campus.

“Our main purpose is to educate,” said Mr. Brunette, who noted that the BRG currently has about 32 members and is hoping to expand. “We want people to know that we are still here and to share what our culture is all about. We also want people to understand some of the issues we face.”

Hosted by the Office for Institutional Opportunity, the event featured a lunch of traditional Native American food and a showstopping performance by the Anoli Dancers, a family of world champion performances of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

For a recap of the celebration and more photos, please visit [Center Times Plus](#).



Winter holiday hours

UTSW clinics and nonhospital operations will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 25, and Wednesday, Jan. 1, in observance of Christmas Day and New Year’s Day.

We wish you the spirit of the season, through Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and the new year. We hope those who are off enjoy the opportunity to spend time with their loved ones. To those working in the hospital over the holidays, and to all who will be supporting and caring for patients, we thank you for your devotion to those we serve.



Holiday spirit shines in the NICU

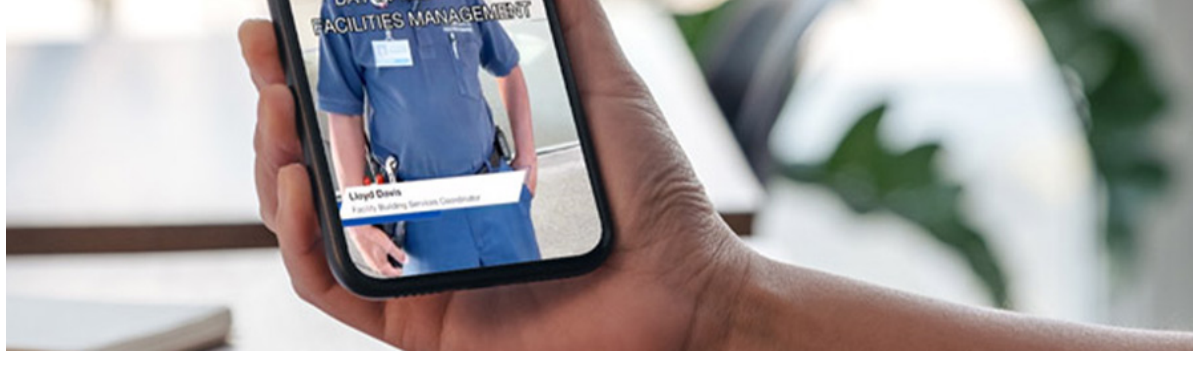
Our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) team at Clements University Hospital spread some holiday cheer by dressing their tiny patients in festive attire, from buffalo plaid to “My First Christmas” Santa hats for those who celebrate.

Additionally, [Kaylen’s Fight Foundation](#) delivered gift bags to the families of every NICU patient, and handmade blankets were provided by Project Linus. In an environment where medical journeys can be difficult, these thoughtful acts of kindness provide newborns and their families with comfort during this special time.

Many thanks to our NICU staff, who take every opportunity to mark significant milestones for the families in their care.

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Video: A day in the life of Lloyd Davis Jr.

At UT Southwestern, every person’s job connects to our mission. We see that in action as we follow Lloyd Davis Jr., a Building Service Coordinator on the Facilities Management team, through a day in his work life.

His team is responsible for everything from elevators to air conditioning to lab equipment. We might not notice them daily, but their impact is always felt. In a [short video on LinkedIn](#), Mr. Davis shared how his department keeps things at the T. Boone Pickens Building (ND) running smoothly, supporting all the essential functions of the institution.

Do you or a colleague have a passion for UT Southwestern and want to communicate that passion more broadly? If so, we’d like to hear from you. Please email the [Social team](#), and don’t miss the chance to shine and share a great story with the UTSW community!

[Watch the video](#)



Thanks for a great Compliance Month!

The Office of Institutional Compliance & Audit Services (OICAS) extends its gratitude to all who participated in Compliance Month in November. This year’s theme, “You’re a Piece of the Puzzle: Compliance at UT Southwestern,” highlighted the ways in which we all play a key role in ensuring compliance when we work together.

Thirty-two departments across UTSW engaged in friendly competition as they completed puzzles that revealed small pieces of an important message. The winning teams were Pediatrics, University Hospital Wound Care Clinic, and the Office of the President.

Check out the Compliance Month [SharePoint](#) page to see team [puzzle photos](#), watch a replay of the recorded panel discussion, and complete the [Compliance Program Survey](#). The confidential survey takes only a few minutes and is a vital tool in evaluating the compliance program. The survey will remain open until Jan. 31.

For questions or comments, please email compliance@utsouthwestern.edu.



Innovative procedure removes GI tumors with precision, not incisions

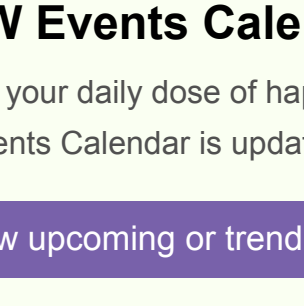
In 2021, Jorge Gómez received a shock when a routine doctor’s visit revealed a 4-centimeter growth in his esophagus. It was a grim diagnosis that held an uncertain future, but the Cuban asylum-seeker-turned-engineer and father of four knew he could overcome the odds. He simply needed the right medical team to help him.

Fortunately, he found his answer at UT Southwestern, where **Markus Goldschmiedt, M.D.**, and **Thomas Tielleman, M.D.**, were building their reputation as experts of a rare and highly specialized procedure capable of treating certain GI cancers.

This minimally invasive technique, endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD), allowed Dr. Goldschmiedt to successfully extract Mr. Gómez’s tumor without traditional surgery, and today, the patient remains in good health – something he credits to Dr. Goldschmiedt and his team.

“Dr. Markus, he was the one,” Mr. Gómez said. “Everyone told me that. So, when I looked at him, I knew, ‘You’re the one who’s gonna fix me.’ And he did!”

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