

UT Southwestern Medical Center

Celebration of Employee Service and Dedication

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Employee Recognition Week is a special time on our campus. Over the next five days, we will recognize many of our colleagues for their exceptional service and dedication. We will also celebrate each of you — our 15,000+ member team — for the part you play in advancing our educational, clinical, and research missions.

For those of you who are marking your 25th year of state service, I hope you will plan to attend the May 11 Quarter Century Club luncheon, an annual event I consider especially meaningful for its celebration of milestone employment anniversaries. Members of the Quarter Century Club serve as role models and mentors for others, and you and your long-serving colleagues contribute significantly to UT Southwestern's success.

I urge all of you to read the special Employee Recognition issue of Center Times, available throughout the campus or [online here](#). In it, we profile employees who have reached 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of service. The profiles and comments illustrate the many paths to grow and fulfill career aspirations at UT Southwestern, and they highlight some of the reasons that this is an exceptional workplace.

I recognize that we are working through challenging times and budget constraints, but I am heartened by the positive morale and loyalty you continue to exhibit each day. Some of you have taken on unexpected roles, stretched your staff, or worked extra hours to keep the institution moving forward. It has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated.

Again, thank you for all you do to contribute to excellence here at UT Southwestern — this week and throughout the year. No matter what role you play, your contributions help make UT Southwestern the special institution we are all privileged to serve.

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