

Celebration of employee service and dedication

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As we mark the beginning of this year's Employee Recognition Week, I write to share my appreciation for the many contributions each of you make to advancing UT Southwestern's mission to promote health and a healthy society. Over the course of the past year, our campus community has faced many challenges, and I am especially proud of what we have been able to accomplish together.

On June 9, we are inducting 54 employees into the Quarter Century Club, which is a special community for those who have reached a career milestone of 25 years of service to UT Southwestern. At the Quarter Century Club event, we will also celebrate 40 colleagues who have achieved 30, 35, 40, or 45 years of service. Each Quarter Century Club member's institutional knowledge and long-standing dedication are vital to UT Southwestern's ongoing success. I am looking forward to honoring each of our colleagues.

The Quarter Century Club event will be recorded and posted online and I encourage each of you to make time to watch this special program, which will feature keynote speaker Dr. W. P. Andrew Lee, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost, and Dean of UT Southwestern Medical School.

I also encourage each of you to read the June/July issue of Center Times, which includes a special Employee Recognition section highlighting stories about this year's honorees. Copies are available on campus and <u>online</u>. Each employee's story is inspiring and provides a different perspective on the many career possibilities and opportunities available at UT Southwestern.

Thank you again for your efforts to fulfill our commitment to education, discovery, and healing. As we celebrate Employee Recognition Week, I think we are all reminded once again that every employee is in a position to positively contribute to UT Southwestern's reputation for excellence. Ultimately, it is the quality, commitment, and accomplishments of each of us that makes UT Southwestern such a special place and a beacon of hope and healing for the patients and families we serve.

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