

## **UT Southwestern Launches 75th Anniversary Year of Celebration**

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

I am pleased to announce that this month marks the beginning of UT Southwestern Medical Center's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, an exciting moment in our campus life. This morning you will see banners in place around the Medical District, as one of the many ways we will be marking this important milestone.

We will commemorate this anniversary throughout 2018 by both honoring our most notable achievements over the past 75 years and looking toward the future and our potential to build on our legacy to transform the landscape of science and medicine. (For further information about plans for the year, please see the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary website at 75.utsouthwestern.edu.)

UT Southwestern Medical Center roots began with the establishment of Southwestern Medical College in 1943, when visionary Dallas civic leaders decided that Dallas needed a medical school to ensure that there would be well-trained physicians to serve the health care needs of the community.

Throughout this year, we will celebrate the foundational moments that have made it possible for us to transform medicine in today's environment, when scientific knowledge and medical innovation are expanding exponentially. Over the past several months, faculty members, employees, alumni, students, and community members have been collaborating to ensure that this celebration will capture the spirit of this concept, as well as the special spirit of our institution.

This anniversary is also an opportunity to advance the next era in UT Southwestern's journey. Building on the first 75 years, UT Southwestern in the years ahead can transform the health of our community and worldwide through the discoveries that will be made, the care delivered, and the education and training that will remain a cornerstone of our institution. Each of us at UT Southwestern is in a position to make a difference and to contribute to our commitment to excellence, compassion, innovation, and teamwork.

I look forward to seeing you in attendance at events throughout this year. Your commitment to UT Southwestern's mission and goals is what makes this such a special place. This anniversary milestone will be a celebration of what each of you and all those who had the privilege of being part of the UT Southwestern community before us have done to make our institution what it is today and will be in the future.

Please join me as we celebrate UT Southwestern's distinguished past, impressive present, and exciting future.

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