UT Southwestern Medical Center

Celebrating Employee Recognition Week

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

Today marks the beginning of this year's Employee Recognition Week and I write to once again express my gratitude for your commitment and dedication to UT Southwestern. Though the last two years have been challenging and an unprecedented time in our nation's history, thanks to each of you we have made tremendous progress in all facets of our mission to promote health and a healthy society.

This week we give special recognition to those who have reached major milestones in the duration of their service to our institution. Each year during Employee Recognition Week, it is my honor and privilege to induct employees to the Quarter Century Club, a unique recognition for those who have reached the career milestone of 25 years of service at UT Southwestern.

On Tuesday, June 7, we will welcome 52 employees to the Quarter Century Club and celebrate colleagues who have achieved 30, 35, 40, or 45 years of service. Quarter Century Club members epitomize the commitment to UT Southwestern that I know motivates our entire campus community. To learn more about this year's honorees, please read the June/July issue of *Center Times*. Copies are available at newsstands around campus and <u>online</u>. These stories serve as an inspiration to all of us and truly reflect the diversity of people and roles on our campus.

In honor of Employee Recognition Week, I also want to challenge each of you to take a moment to say "thank you" to a colleague who has made a positive <u>impact</u> on your journey at UT Southwestern. While our core values of excellence, innovation, teamwork, and compassion drive all that we do, gratitude and appreciation for one another enable the sense of belonging that we want each person to feel at UT Southwestern. Without each of you, the work of our institution is not possible. Again, thanks for all that you do – this week and throughout the year.

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