

Celebration of Employee Service and Dedication

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

As we mark the beginning of Employee Recognition Week today, I write to thank each of you for the contributions that you make on a daily basis. We will be giving special recognition over the next five days to colleagues who have reached milestone years of service, but this is a week to celebrate the contributions that each of you make, in whatever job you hold, to advancing our mission of promoting health and a healthy society that enables achievement of full human potential.

For those of you who will be inducted this year into UT Southwestern's Quarter Century Club, I look forward to seeing you at the luncheon on May 14 and to being able to congratulate you in person for your 25 years of service. You and those who have already passed the 25-year mark serve as an example and inspiration for others, and your institutional knowledge and long-standing dedication are vital to our ongoing success.

I encourage everyone in the UT Southwestern community to read the *Center Times* Employee Recognition issue, which will be available throughout the campus or online here. In it, we honor those being recognized this year for 45, 40, 35, and 30 years of dedicated service, as well as the 34 new members of the Quarter Century Club. The profiles illustrate some of the many paths to fulfilling career aspirations at UT Southwestern, and I think you will find many of the stories truly inspiring.

Again, thank you for all that you do – this week and throughout the year. Every employee is in a position to make a difference and to contribute to UT Southwestern's reputation for excellence. The quality and commitment of our employees make UT Southwestern the special community that it is for all of us.

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