Roslyn Goodall, Assistant Director of Community Recruitment Initiatives, was honored recently by the Texas Diversity Council with the DiversityFIRST award for her work with individuals and programs that demonstrate diversity and an inclusive environment.

“Receiving this award is such a humbling honor,” said Ms. Goodall. “The work I do is so personal to me. I believe in human kind, and I know if our employees have an opportunity to succeed, they will.”

The purpose of the DiversityFIRST award is to recognize and celebrate outstanding accomplishments and sustained commitment in the area of promoting diversity, inclusion and cultural understanding in the workplace and/or community.

At UT Southwestern, Ms. Goodall communicates to the public and those she recruits that UT Southwestern is a culturally diverse place to work and that there are many opportunities for advancement. While her main goal is to recruit a diverse group of leaders to the institution, she also attracts people who have a different way of thinking to UT Southwestern.

“I want to attract diversity of thought. It’s not just about the color of someone’s skin or ethnicity,” said Ms. Goodall. “I’m glad to be a part of this great work and have gained so much by giving people chances to participate.”

During her time away from work, Ms. Goodall supports the arts community in Dallas, having served on the boards of the Dallas Museum of Art and Dallas Symphony Association. She recently completed four terms on the Dallas Cultural Affairs Commission, where she served as Chair of the Public Arts Committee. Ms. Goodall is a long-time volunteer with the African American Museum, serving as Chair of the 2004 Gala and the Black Academy. She also is involved with educating African Americans about Alzheimer’s disease through Project ALERT (Alzheimer’s Link to Education, Research and Treatment), a collaboration between The Links, Inc. and UT Southwestern’s Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center.

“We are proud of the many cultures and ethnicities that make up UT Southwestern and strive to build upon our diverse culture,” said William Behrendt, Ph.D., Vice President for Human Resources. “Roslyn has continually contributed to our culture and the value she has added as our cultural ambassador has been widely recognized throughout the community.”

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