



## Message to the UT Southwestern Community

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As anticipated in my campus message last Tuesday about an investigative report commissioned by the UT System Board of Regents, there now has been more extensive media coverage focused on Dr. Kern Wildenthal and UT Southwestern. In light of this coverage, I write today to underscore the remarkable accomplishments of Dr. Wildenthal in building UT Southwestern into the institution it has become.

During Dr. Wildenthal's 30 years of leadership, first as Dean of the Medical School and then for 22 years as President, UT Southwestern evolved into a world-class academic medical center for education, research, and patient care. Under his stewardship, UT Southwestern trained generations of physicians and other care providers, attracted a world-class faculty and an outstanding staff, and established myriad innovative programs.

Dr. Wildenthal's effectiveness in garnering the support of public officials and the Dallas philanthropic community, as evidenced by a thriving campus that now stretches for a mile along Harry Hines Boulevard, is legendary. UT Southwestern has benefitted greatly from Dr. Wildenthal's vision and leadership, and he deserves our deepest gratitude for his dedication and commitment.

In addition to building an institution of renown, Dr. Wildenthal has made enormous contributions to the quality of life in Dallas through his leadership of arts organizations and his active involvement in many other dimensions of civic life.

I have learned that our five Nobel Laureates have taken the initiative to prepare and underwrite an advertisement for tomorrow's newspaper that celebrates Dr. Wildenthal's legacy, as a reflection of their support and deep admiration – feelings that I know are shared widely on the campus and beyond.

At UT Southwestern, we honor Dr. Kern Wildenthal for promoting the education and training of scientists, physicians, and other caregivers, for creating an environment where scientific discoveries have re-shaped many areas of the practice of medicine, and for building a health care system that serves the medical needs of patients from Dallas and throughout Texas. It is the foundation upon which we are creating the future of medicine, today.

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