As we approach the end of 2022, we are grateful to have you in our community. As an institution we have continued to grapple with new and old challenges. In the midst of that we have seen strength, resilience and a true commitment to care. Our programs and initiatives have reached more people than ever before, and at every space we have continued to hear that our BRGs make a positive impact on belonging. Our work makes UT Southwestern's commitment to diversity and inclusion visible and vocal.

This December, we hope you will take some time to reflect on the ways that you and your BRG colleagues have been the change. Every one of our nearly 100 programs, initiatives and conversation forums highlights the tremendous work that is being done and the efforts that are still needed to build a transformational and equitable healthcare institution.

In this season of gifting and giving- give kindness as a gift too. Give it to your colleagues, your community, those who may need it more than others and those who are not expecting to receive anything. Be Kind. Show Love. Have a Wonderful Holiday Season.

- Team Diversity and Inclusion.
Join the Office of Student Diversity & Inclusion and the Office of Institutional Equity & Access' Division of Diversity & Inclusion at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 11, for UT Southwestern’s annual Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Celebration, featuring keynote speaker Cynthia “Cynt” Marshall, CEO of the Dallas Mavericks, President & CEO, Marshalling Resources Consulting. A reception will immediately follow after the event. During the Celebration, we will be honoring student recipients of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarships for Community Service.

This event will be held in person in South Campus.

About the Keynote Speaker

Cynt Marshall has been a dynamic force for inclusion and diversity within the Dallas Mavericks organization and over a 36-year career at AT&T. Prior to her joining the Mavs, Cynt founded Marshalling Resources, a consulting firm specializing in Leadership, Diversity & Inclusion, Culture Transformation and overall optimization of people resources. Widely recognized for her visionary leadership and ability to get things done, Cynt is the recipient of several honors and awards, including the 2022 Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum Hope for Humanity award. In 2021, Forbes named Cynt one of 15 of the world's most inspiring female leaders. Cynt received the 2020 Girl Scouts of America Lifetime Achievement award and was touted as one of Adweek's 30 Most Powerful Women in Sports. A graduate of the University of California-Berkeley with degrees in Business Administration and Human Resources Management, Cynt is also the recipient of four honorary doctorate degrees. She serves on four corporate boards and on several non-profit boards, including Dallas CASA where Cynt is the chair of the board.
The Division of Diversity & Inclusion is excited to release the first five episodes of its new employee podcast - "Uncovered: Discovering Courage and Healing in Sharing Our Stories."

Our episodes in November recognized Native American Heritage Month and touched on elements of inclusion - confronting bias, navigating systems and authenticity and belonging.

If you would like to share your story with us or would like to recommend a BRG colleague to be featured, please email diversityinclusion@utsouthwestern.edu

Listen to Episodes Here

2023 BRG Mentorship Program

We are looking forward to another great year of the BRG Mentorship Program. About the program:

- 12-month program (January-December)
- Open to all BRG members
- Participants commit to meeting with their mentor/mentee for a minimum of 1 hour/month.

Questions? Please contact Mary Bandoh.
UPCOMING D&I TRAINING

**Navigating a Multigenerational and Multicultural Workplace**

Jan 12
9AM-11AM

**Inclusive Team Building**

Jan 20 & 27
10:30-12PM

**Affirming Gender Identity and Expression In the Workplace**

Feb 2
9AM-11AM

**Diversity For All Staff**

Feb 17
9AM-12PM

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TRIBUTE TO VETERANS EVENT VIDEO IS NOW AVAILABLE

UT Southwestern Medical Center observed its 8th annual Tribute to Veterans. Led by the Veterans BRG, the event included remarks from President Dr. Daniel K. Podolsky; a keynote, “What Connects Us” by retired Colonel Mark Raschke - a 27-year army veteran and Manager for Leadership Development at UT Southwestern and closing remarks by Chris Rubio, Associate Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for University Hospital and Executive Sponsor of the Veterans BRG. The event also featured the Presentation of Colors by the Color Guard of Grady Spruce High School and the United States Armed Forces Medley.

Watch the Recording Here.

CONNECTING WHO WE ARE TO WHAT WE DO

VR TRAINING TOOL TO COMBAT HEALTH CARE WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

Data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show health care workers are five times more likely to experience workplace violence than employees in other industries. To assist that effort, a team of UT Southwestern Emergency Medicine physicians helped create a training tool that puts health care workers inside a virtual hospital room to practice de-escalation skills for a potentially aggressive individual. Although the VR tool was originally designed to be used by health care workers in hospitals, it can be modified for other industries and workplace settings.

Read More Here

UTSW STUDY HIGHLIGHTS RACIAL BIAS IN ACCESS TO SURGICAL CARE

The study in the Journal of Pediatric Surgery, examined surgery data for more than 200,000 children. Even after adjusting for demographic factors that might affect surgery rates such as insurance status, poverty, and citizenship, researchers found fewer surgeries reported by parents of Black, Latino, and Asian children. The study is co-authored by Ethan Sanford, M.D., Anesthesiology and Pain Management, Dr. Rasmie Nair, Department of Population and Data Sciences; Adam Alder, M.D., Department of Surgery, and Peter Szmuk, M.D., Anesthesiology and Pain Management at UT Southwestern

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AAE-BRG EVENT: THE IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY IN HEALTHCARE

Join UTSD's African American Employee-BRG and on 12/08/2022 from 12-1PM for the upcoming December Lunch and Learn: The Importance of Diversity in Healthcare. This live virtual event will offer UTSD employees information regarding diversity in healthcare. Those who attend will gain a unique prospective as the speaker outlines some of the highlights she has experienced throughout her journey. The featured speaker for this webinar event is Cynthia Hill, Nursing Director for Zale Lipsy Pavilion Here at UT Southwestern.

Read more here

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