



Employee recognition: Honoring your impact

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

As this year's Employee Recognition Program (June 9-20) begins, I want to take a moment to thank each of you. Whether caring for patients, guiding learners, advancing discovery, or supporting essential operations, your work drives our mission and helps shape the future of UT Southwestern.

I would like to especially recognize the 213 employees who have reached significant career milestones in their years of service at UT Southwestern. Among them, 127 will be inducted into the Quarter Century Club (QCC) for 25 years of UT System service, raising the number of QCC members at UTSW to nearly 700 within our campus community. And for the first time, this long-standing tradition now includes our faculty in addition to our staff – an inspiring reminder of the longevity and impact found across UT Southwestern. Many other colleagues are being celebrated for impressive 30-, 35-, 40-, 45-, and even 60-year service anniversaries.

These longtime employees will be appropriately recognized for their dedicated service during a breakfast and luncheon that I will have the privilege to host on June 10 and 11, with their supervisors, fellow honorees, and executive leadership in attendance. I encourage you to read more about the honorees and their varied responsibilities and interests in [Center Times Plus](#) and in the June/July print edition of *Center Times*, available later this week.

As a very special part of this year's recognition program, I am delighted to also invite each of you to attend the inaugural **UT Southwestern Pinnacle Awards** ceremony on **June 17 at 4:30 p.m.** in the **Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium**, followed by a reception on **McDermott Plaza**. These new awards honor individuals and teams whose exceptional contributions embody innovation, compassion, collaboration, and excellence across all areas of our mission. I hope you will join us in celebrating this year's recipients, announced in a [message last month](#).

Employee recognition is a time to celebrate more than milestones. It's a moment to acknowledge the people whose dedication to teaching, mentoring, research, care, and service brings our mission to life every day.

Your efforts not only define who we are today – they shape who we will become. I'm honored to be on this journey with you.

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