

## Innovating to advance breast cancer care

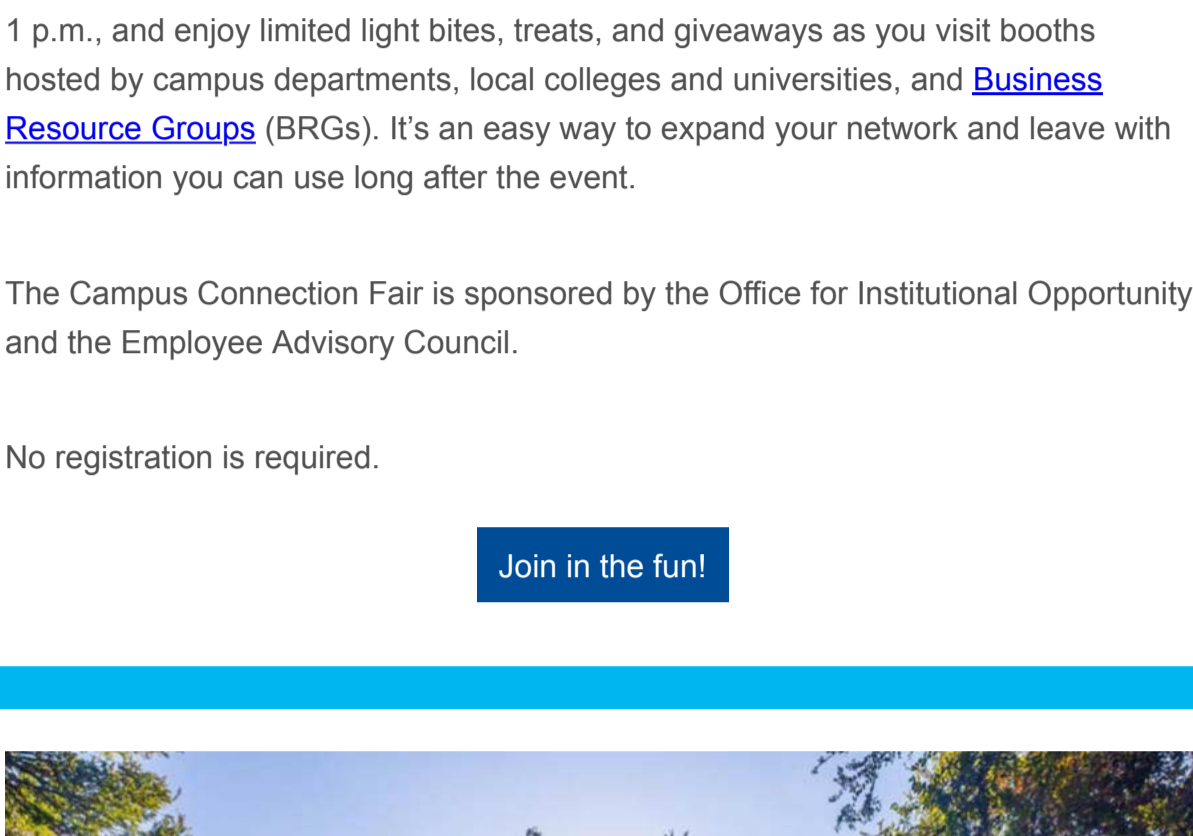
Two internationally recognized UT Southwestern cancer researchers – one who led a groundbreaking robotic surgery and the other a pioneer in the development of novel immunotherapy strategies – will talk about their work at the next President's Lecture on **April 16**.

In their presentation, "Innovations in Breast Cancer Care: Advancing the Future of Medicine and Surgery, Today," **Deborah Farr, M.D.**, Associate Professor of Surgery, and **Heather McArthur, M.D., M.P.H.**, Professor of Internal Medicine in the Division of Hematology and Oncology, and Clinical Director of the Breast Cancer Program at the Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center, will discuss the changing landscape of breast cancer treatment and innovative new options for patients diagnosed with the disease.

Learn more about Drs. Farr and McArthur and their research on [Center Times Plus](#).

The event begins at 4 p.m. in the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium, followed by a reception for the entire UT Southwestern community. A livestream option will also be available for those unable to attend in person.

[Reserve your spot today](#)



## Connecting people, teams, and resources across UTSW

There's more happening across campus than most of us see day to day, and the Campus Connection Fair puts everything on display.

This come-and-go event brings employees together to connect with colleagues, discover campus resources, and learn more about the people and groups who support our work across UT Southwestern.

Stop by the D1 area on South Campus on **Wednesday, April 22**, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and enjoy limited light bites, treats, and giveaways as you visit booths hosted by campus departments, local colleges and universities, and [Business Resource Groups](#) (BRGs). It's an easy way to expand your network and leave with information you can use long after the event.

The Campus Connection Fair is sponsored by the Office for Institutional Opportunity and the Employee Advisory Council.

No registration is required.

[Join in the fun!](#)



## Still growing strong: UTSW earns Arbor Day recognition again

For the sixth consecutive year, UT Southwestern has been recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as an official [Tree Campus Healthcare Facility](#) – a distinction earned by only two health care facilities in Texas.

Even more impressive: Now in its second year as a [Tree Campus Higher Education Facility](#), UTSW remains the first institution to be recognized by both Arbor Day Foundation programs.

The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree Campus program recognizes institutions that make a mission-aligned impact on community wellness through tree education and investment, and that remain firmly rooted in environmental stewardship, sustainability, and community engagement.

This recognition reflects the incredible work of the UTSW Landscape Services Department, which cares for 2,967 trees across campus, representing 98 species, including live oak, bald cypress, cedar elm, and a rare upright English oak. The Department also oversees a robust replanting program, with a goal of replacing every tree that is lost.

A big round of applause to UTSW Landscape Services, whose work helps keep our campus green and healthy, year after year!



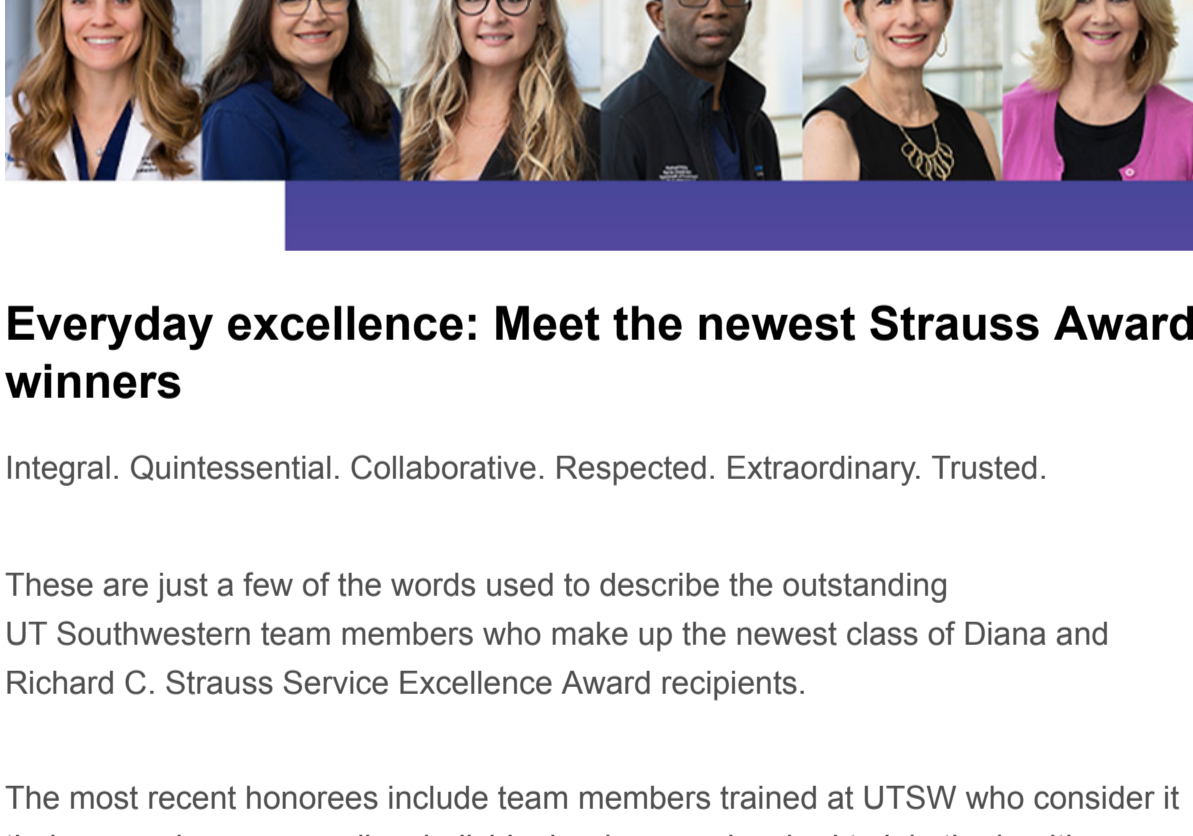
## Mandatory compliance training due Wednesday

In just two days, all employees – including faculty members, staff, and student employees – must have their mandatory compliance training completed. Those who do not finish by the April 15 deadline will have email access restricted and face disciplinary action up to termination. You should have received an email from [Taleo Learn](#) with the training link. New hires from Jan. 1, 2026, onward are exempt.

See the [Annual Compliance Training SharePoint site](#) for more information. Employees must complete all modules of the training.

Questions? Email the [Office of Institutional Compliance & Audit Services](#) or call 214-648-6108.

[Complete your compliance training](#)



## Walk with UTSW against pancreatic cancer

UT Southwestern is proud to participate in this year's DFW PanCAN PurpleStride walk on Saturday, April 25, at 8 a.m. in Fair Park. This national event brings together pancreatic cancer survivors and families, caregivers, researchers, and supporters to increase awareness and raise funds for pancreatic cancer research and several patient-focused initiatives.

Register and learn more at the [PanCAN website](#). Be sure to visit the Simmons Cancer Center booth during the event!

[Join the UTSW team](#)



## Connecting UTSW's RNA research community

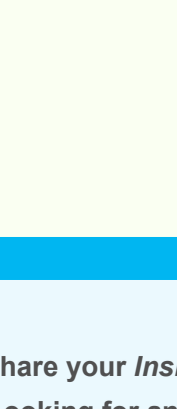
UT Southwestern is bringing the RNA research community together for a dynamic day of discovery, collaboration, and innovation at the RNA Biology and Therapy Symposium on April 23.

Highlights include a keynote lecture by Anastasia Khorova, Ph.D., Professor at UMass Chan Medical School and a leader in RNA therapeutics, oral presentations, and a poster session showcasing RNA research from across UT Southwestern.

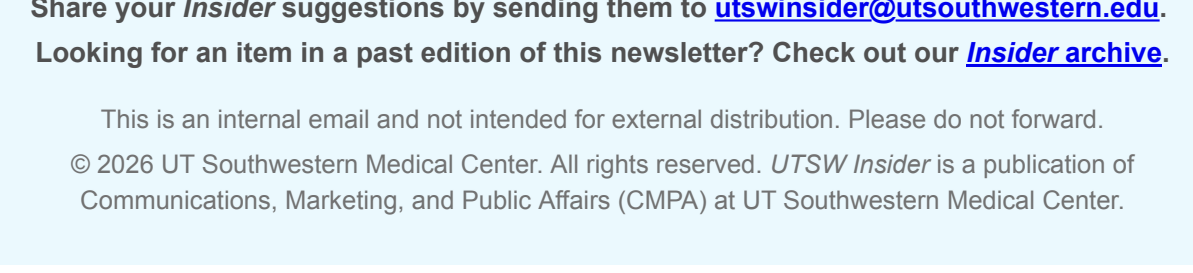
Sponsored by the RNA Biology and Therapeutics Initiative, the Provost's Office, and the Office of Basic Research, the event will connect UTSW's basic science and clinical RNA communities to elevate this rapidly advancing field and foster new basic and translational research partnerships.

Space is limited, and registration is required.

[Get the details](#)



## DIANA & RICHARD C. STRAUSS SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD



## Everyday excellence: Meet the newest Strauss Award winners

Integral. Quintessential. Collaborative. Respected. Extraordinary. Trusted.

These are just a few of the words used to describe the outstanding UT Southwestern team members who make up the newest class of Diana and Richard C. Strauss Service Excellence Award recipients.

The most recent honorees include team members trained at UTSW who consider it their career home, as well as individuals who were inspired to join the health care profession after successful careers in other fields. They care for patients on the front lines and in our operating rooms and comb through data to uncover insights that drive better, data-informed care, empowering leaders to guide our organization toward a bright future.

[Explore the impact of the awardees](#)

## Insider Guide



### Pancreatic Cancer Symposium

7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., April 18

T. Boone Pickens Medical Education & Conference Center, NG3.112

Learn the latest about evidence-based advances in pancreatic cancer care from experts. Topics include molecular profiling and targeted therapies, minimally invasive and robotic surgical techniques, evolving approaches to radiation therapy, emerging systemic treatments, and more. All health care professionals are welcome. This activity is approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s).

[Register to attend](#)



### March for Babies

9:30 a.m., April 18

Levy Event Plaza, 501 E. Las Colinas Blvd., Irving

Join the UT Southwestern Stork Squad and support the March of Dimes March for Babies! This annual walk raises funds to help prevent preterm birth, birth defects, and infant mortality. Register today to walk with UTSW's Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine team and enjoy a fun morning outdoors for a great cause. Questions? Email [Madison McEwen](#).

[Be part of the walk](#)



### Bike MS: Round-Up Ride 2026

May 2-3

RL Anderson Stadium, Mansfield

Be part of an incredible weekend ride to make a difference for people living with multiple sclerosis (MS). The UTSW MS Clinic, a National MS Society Comprehensive Care Center, is rallying riders to join its campus bike team, UT CONQUER MS. Along with nearly 75,000 cyclists nationwide, team members ride together in support of patients, research, and progress toward a future free of MS.

[Join the team](#)



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