



## Still time to share your perspective: Engagement survey deadline extended

To encourage broader participation, UT Southwestern has extended the deadline for the annual Values in Practice employee engagement survey by an additional week. The survey now closes on **May 17**, and we want to be sure that your voice is heard.

**In just 5-7 minutes**, you can weigh in on topics such as teamwork, innovation, career development, and well-being. Responses are confidential and reviewed in aggregate, helping leaders better understand employee perspectives and identify opportunities to strengthen our culture.

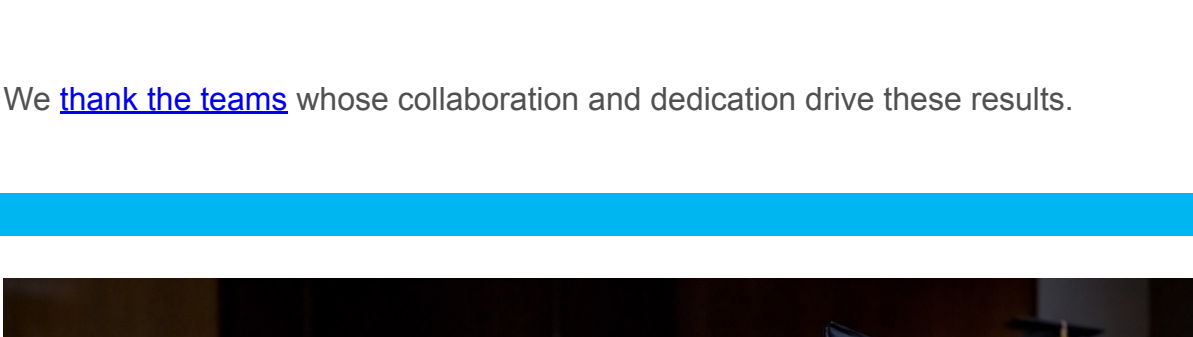
Curious where your department's participation stands when stacked up against others? Check out the [Values in Practice response rate dashboard](#), and see where there's an opportunity to move the needle.

Thank you to those who have already taken the time to fill out the survey; your participation is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet done so, please check your email for your personalized invitation from Microsoft Viva Glint (no-reply@gint.mail.microsoft) and use the link in that email to complete the survey.

Questions can be directed to the [Employee Engagement team](#).

## Happy National Hospital Week! May 10-16

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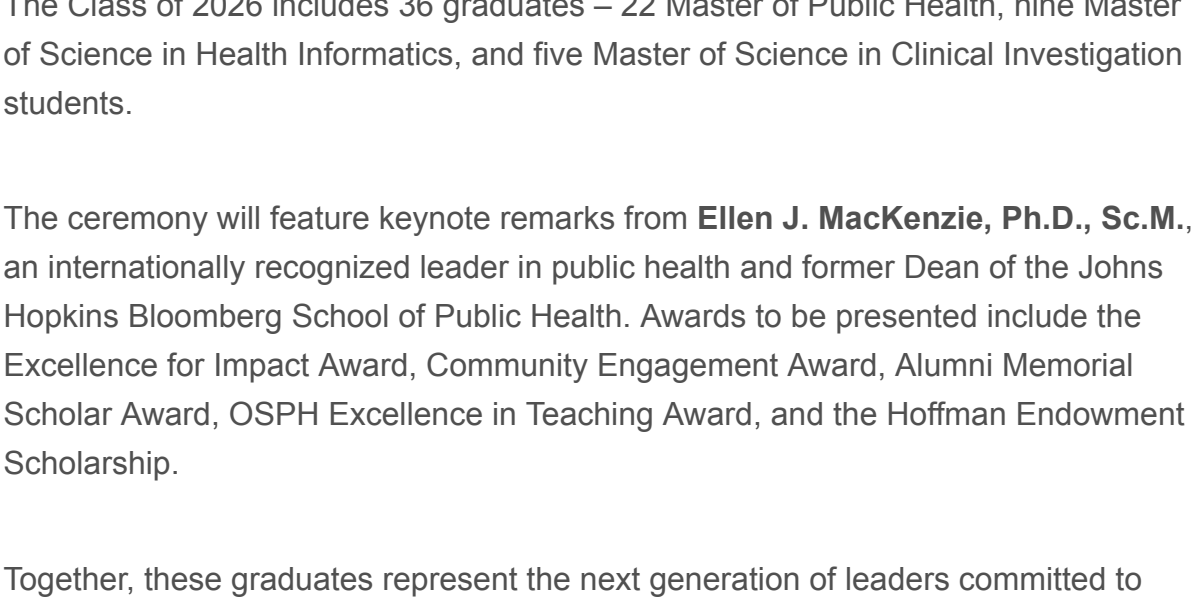


### Celebrating the teams behind our top-ranked care

National Hospital Week (**May 10-16**) is underway, and we are proud to recognize and thank the hospital staff and faculty who deliver outstanding care every day. Their dedication and teamwork have helped earn William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital (CUH) the distinction of Best Hospital in Dallas-Fort Worth from [U.S. News & World Report](#) for nine consecutive years.

CUH is also recognized as one of the top hospitals in the United States across 12 specialty areas, the most of any healthcare institution in Texas. These achievements reflect an unwavering commitment to excellence, compassion, and patient-centered care.

We [thank the teams](#) whose collaboration and dedication drive these results.



### The future of public health crosses the stage

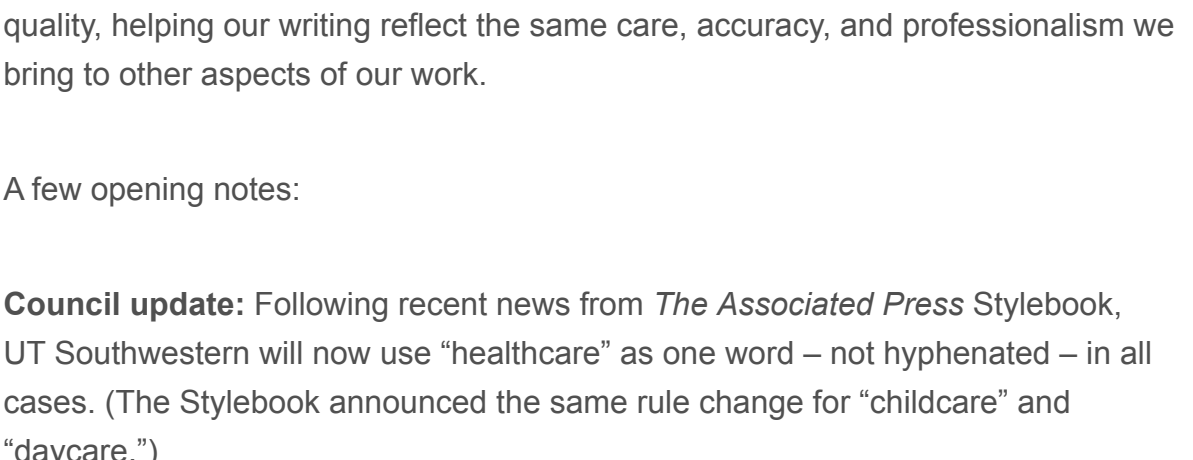
The Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health will honor its second graduating class on **Wednesday, May 13, at 10 a.m.** in the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium. This is a ticketed event, but the UT Southwestern community is encouraged to tune in via [livestream](#).

The Class of 2026 includes 36 graduates – 22 Master of Public Health, nine Master of Science in Health Informatics, and five Master of Science in Clinical Investigation students.

The ceremony will feature keynote remarks from **Ellen J. MacKenzie, Ph.D., Sc.M.**, an internationally recognized leader in public health and former Dean of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Awards to be presented include the Excellence for Impact Award, Community Engagement Award, Alumni Memorial Scholar Award, OSPH Excellence in Teaching Award, and the Hoffman Endowment Scholarship.

Together, these graduates represent the next generation of leaders committed to advancing health, equity, and well-being in communities around the world.

[Get the details and tune in](#)



### Introducing The Style Council

Starting this month, the *Insider* is launching a new recurring feature: The Style Council – a quick, approachable guide to UT Southwestern's institutional communication style. Think of it as a standing panel of advisers, offering practical guidance on the choices that help our communications be clear, consistent, and unmistakably UTSW.

Each installment will highlight timely updates and/or refresher tips – from commonly misspelled terms to punctuation preferences that shape our voice.

Consistency in style is an important dimension of UT Southwestern's commitment to quality, helping our writing reflect the same care, accuracy, and professionalism we bring to other aspects of our work.

A few opening notes:

**Council update:** Following recent news from *The Associated Press* Stylebook, UT Southwestern will now use "healthcare" as one word – not hyphenated – in all cases. (The Stylebook announced the same rule change for "childcare" and "daycare.")

**Style check:** Correct spellings of often misspelled words: co-worker but copy, dietitian, email, lifesaving, neuro-oncology, Parkinson's disease/Alzheimer's disease (lowercase disease), preventive (not preventative), well-being. Generally, no hyphens in words with the prefixes "multi" or "non" (multidisciplinary, noninvasive, nonsurgical).

Consider this your standing invitation to sharpen the small details that make a big difference.

[Explore the UTSW Style page](#)

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### Save the Date: Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration

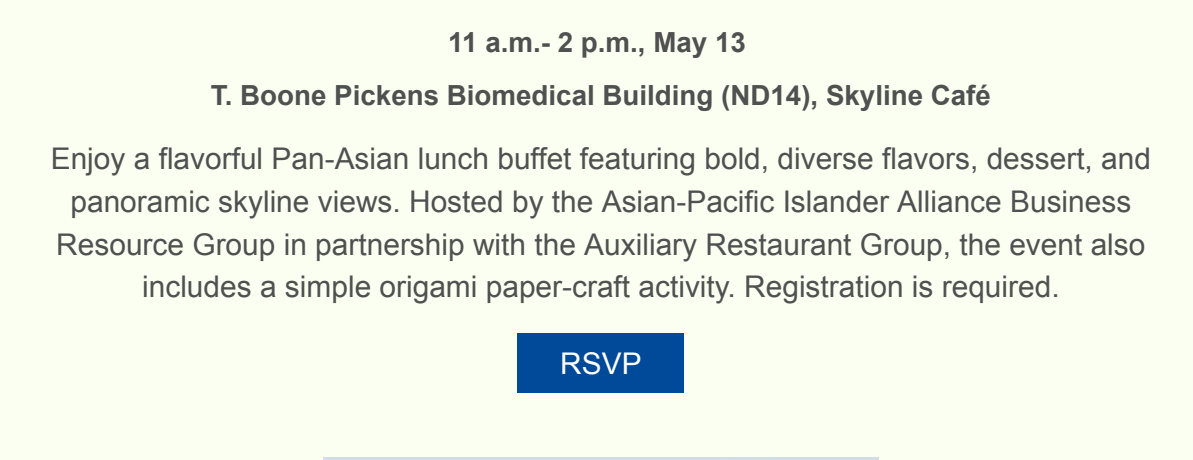
Take part in a lunchtime celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, featuring food, dance, and more on **Wednesday, May 27**.

Festivities will kick off with a light lunch reception showcasing a menu of Indian dishes. At noon, the program will open with a Bollywood dance performance by Ethnique Performing Arts, followed by a keynote address by **Anand Rohatgi, M.D., FAHA, FASPC**, Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology and Program Director for Cardiovascular Disease Research Pathway and UTSW's South Asian Heart Program.

Hosted by the Office for Institutional Opportunity, the event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on South Campus in D1.602 and livestreamed on [UTSW's YouTube channel](#) for those unable to attend in person.

Registration is required.

[Register for the celebration](#)



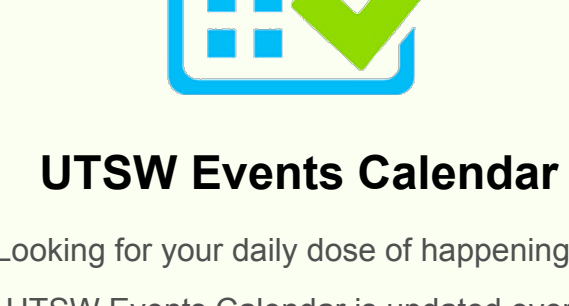
### Walk, run, or jog: Step out for the Katy 5K

Whether you're a serious runner or just want to get moving in some beautiful surroundings, consider signing up for the 28th annual Katy 5K! Early-bird registration is now open, and you can join the UT Southwestern team at **7:30 p.m. on Sept. 10** for a run/walk on the Katy Trail, followed by food, music, and a picnic party.

As the Katy Trail's Official Fitness Partner, UTSW is pleased to provide our community with a \$5 discount. Use "UTSW5" at registration, and the link below will automatically add you to the team "UT Southwestern."

[Come out for the Katy 5K!](#)

### Insider Guide



#### Pan-Asian Luncheon

11 a.m. - 2 p.m., May 13

T. Boone Pickens Biomedical Building (ND14), Skyline Café

Enjoy a flavorful Pan-Asian lunch buffet featuring bold, diverse flavors, dessert, and panoramic skyline views. Hosted by the Asian-Pacific Islander Alliance Business Resource Group in partnership with the Auxiliary Restaurant Group, the event also includes a simple origami paper-craft activity. Registration is required.

[RSVP](#)



#### Creating accessible PowerPoint presentations

Noon-1 p.m., May 14

Virtual

Learn how to create clear, consistent, and accessible PowerPoint presentations using simple design techniques and built-in tools. This practical session covers how to structure slides for accessibility, apply PowerPoint accessibility best practices, and check presentations for accessibility compliance.

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