



Annual Performance Evaluation

Reminder: Save ratings in iPerform by May 31

For our FY26 performance evaluation cycle, we're sharing a reminder that employee and manager ratings should be loaded in [iPerform](#) by **May 31**. Classified and Administrative Professional (A&P) employees who are appointed to work 20 or more hours per week and were hired on or before March 1 are included in this process.

Employees are encouraged to submit their self-evaluations as early as possible to provide leaders with a comprehensive view of accomplishments and contributions. Completing the essential step of adding ratings by May 31 supports an engaging performance review process for both employees and leaders.

For **Classified** and **Basic Science employees**, managers must save ratings for **performance goals** and **competencies** to ensure evaluations are complete.

Thank you for supporting a thoughtful and informed performance evaluation process. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Human Resources team directly via [email](#).

[Additional resources](#)



Ask the President: Send your questions for the next campus briefing

If you have questions for UT Southwestern President **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**, now is the time to ask. Dr. Podolsky's next quarterly campus briefing is **Wednesday, June 10, at 9 a.m.**

Employees, faculty, and learners can help shape the conversation by suggesting topics for the President to address. So, whether you're interested in learning about top institutional priorities as we close out the academic year and look ahead to the fall or new initiatives such as the Office of Campus Life, use the button below to send an email with your suggestions. And be sure to mark your calendars for June 10 so you can tune in.

[Ask the President](#)



Advancing science, shaping the future

To wrap up spring commencement season, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences will celebrate more than 100 graduates during its commencement ceremony at **7 p.m. Thursday, May 21**, in the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium. Graduates earned degrees in fields including biomedical sciences, biomedical engineering, organic chemistry, and clinical psychology, preparing them for careers in research, medicine, industry, and education.

The keynote address will be delivered by **Eric Olson, Ph.D.**, Chair of Molecular Biology and a globally recognized leader in regenerative medicine. Dr. Olson's groundbreaking research has advanced the understanding of cardiovascular and muscular diseases and helped pave the way for innovative new therapies.

The UTSW community is encouraged to tune in via [livestream](#) and follow along with [@UTSWEDU](#) on social media as we celebrate our graduates.

[Explore commencement](#)



Accelerating innovation: Biotech+ Commercialization Milestone Award

As a reminder, UT Southwestern faculty have until **May 31** to apply for the [Biotech+ at Pegasus Park Commercialization Milestone Award](#). The most compelling technologies, as judged by a panel of commercialization experts, will receive up to \$200,000 in funding support. Winners will be revealed June 30.

Sponsored by UTSW's [Office for Technology Development](#) and the [Innovation Hub](#), the competition was created to accelerate the development and commercialization of our institution's technologies. The Milestone Award is funded by Lyda Hill Philanthropies, which supports several endeavors at UT Southwestern, and other donors.

If you have questions, email [Business Development](#) or click the button below for more details. And for a little more inspiration, check out the [Center Times Plus](#) story on UTSW's 2025 Milestone Award recipients.

[Apply today](#)

Insider Guide



Digital Accessibility Road Show

9:30-11:30 a.m., May 21

William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital (CUH), 2.138

Get hands-on experience with digital accessibility during this interactive event in recognition of Global Accessibility Awareness Day. Explore interactive stations focused on practical accessibility approaches. Complete all three stations for the opportunity to win a Starbucks cup and gift card. If you can't attend, join a [second session](#) on North Campus in the afternoon.

[Stop by and explore](#)



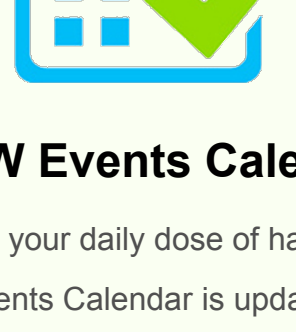
Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., May 27

Hybrid, South Campus, D1.602

Festivities begin with a light lunch featuring Indian cuisine. At noon, enjoy a Bollywood dance performance by Ethnique Performing Arts, followed by a keynote from **Anand Rohatgi, M.D., FAHA, FASPC**, Professor of Medicine in Cardiology and Director of UTSW's South Asian Heart Program. Hosted by the Office for Institutional Opportunity, the event will also be livestreamed on UTSW's [YouTube channel](#). Registration is required.

[Register to attend](#)



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