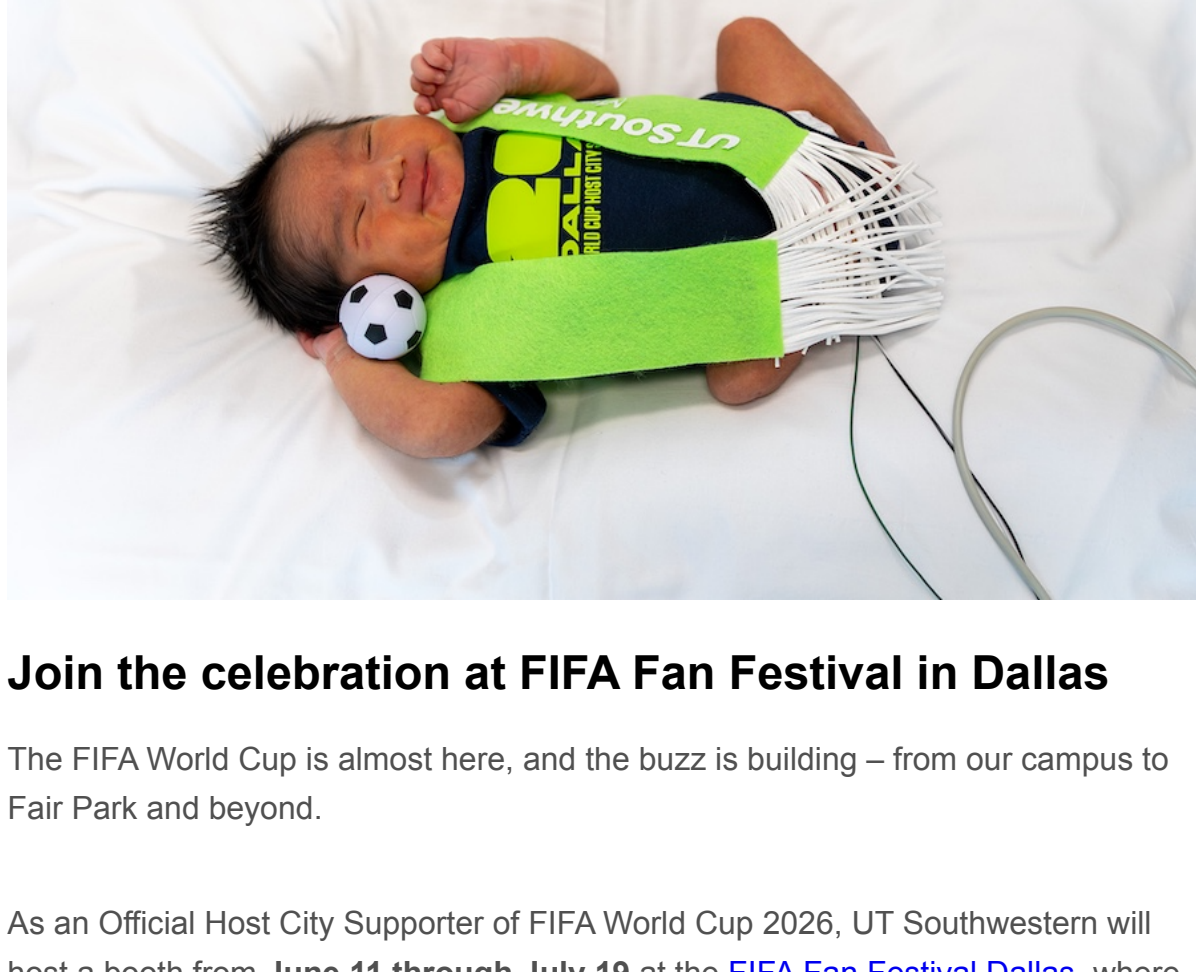




Join the celebration at FIFA Fan Festival in Dallas

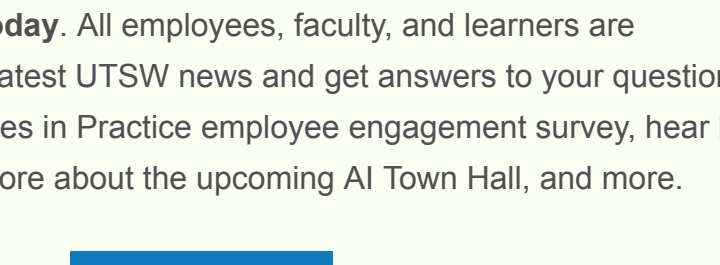
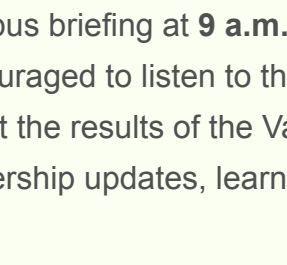
The FIFA World Cup is almost here, and the buzz is building – from our campus to Fair Park and beyond.

As an Official Host City Supporter of FIFA World Cup 2026, UT Southwestern will host a booth from **June 11 through July 19** at the [FIFA Fan Festival Dallas](#), where fans can come together to watch the matches on giant screens, enjoy music and entertainment, and celebrate the global spirit of the game. Best of all, it's free to attend! If your schedule allows, stop by our booth to pick up some summer swag, such as cooling towels, fans, and sunscreen, and get your picture taken for a custom trading card.

Our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) team at William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital is also getting in on the excitement by making FIFA-inspired outfits for our tiniest patients.

And don't forget to check out *One Collective*, a vibrant mural recently unveiled on the School of Health Professions building that celebrates UT Southwestern's connection to the FIFA World Cup. It's a dynamic metaphor for the connection, teamwork, and shared purpose that represents UTSW and our community.

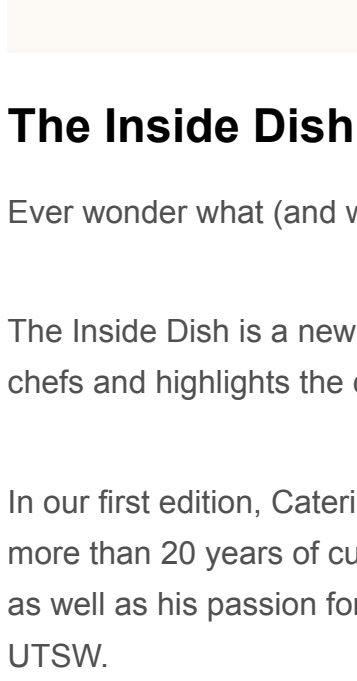
[See our sweet little FIFA fans](#)



Tune in for the President's campus briefing today

UT Southwestern President **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**, will host his quarterly campus briefing at **9 a.m. today**. All employees, faculty, and learners are encouraged to listen to the latest UTSW news and get answers to your questions about the results of the Values in Practice employee engagement survey, hear key leadership updates, learn more about the upcoming AI Town Hall, and more.

[Listen at 9 a.m.](#)



The Inside Dish: A fresh take on pad thai

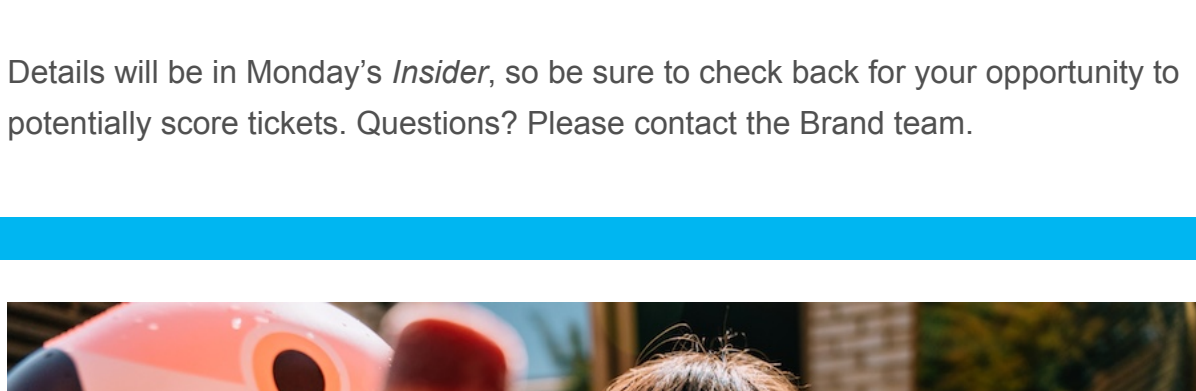
Ever wonder what (and who) is cooking in UT Southwestern's kitchens?

The Inside Dish is a new series that takes you behind the scenes with our talented chefs and highlights the creativity, care, and expertise that goes into every plate.

In our first edition, Catering Executive Chef **Gregory Martin Jr.**, a Navy veteran with more than 20 years of culinary experience, shares the secret to his pad thai recipe, as well as his passion for bold flavors and dishes that bring people together across UTSW.

Check out his step-by-step cooking video and let us know if there are any of your favorite UTSW dishes you'd like to see featured on future episodes.

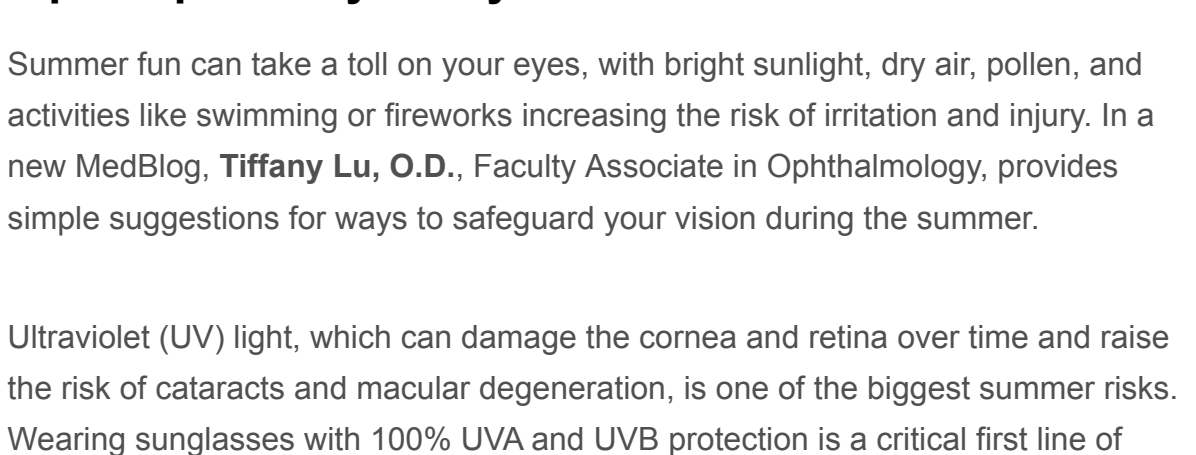
[Let's get cookin'](#)



Don't miss your shot at free FIFA tickets

UT Southwestern is excited to offer our community the chance to claim a limited number of free tickets to FIFA World Cup matches on June 22, 25, and 27.

Details will be in Monday's *Insider*, so be sure to check back for your opportunity to potentially score tickets. Questions? Please contact the Brand team.

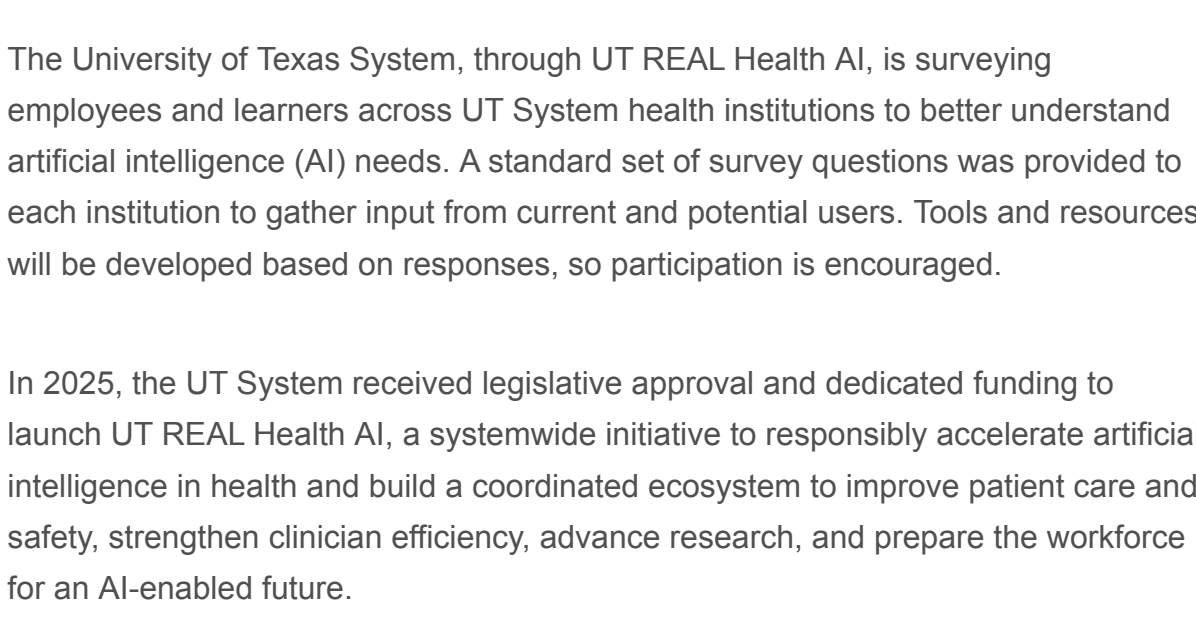


Tips to protect your eyes this summer

Summer fun can take a toll on your eyes, with bright sunlight, dry air, pollen, and activities like swimming or fireworks increasing the risk of irritation and injury. In a new MedBlog, **Tiffany Lu, O.D.**, Faculty Associate in Ophthalmology, provides simple suggestions for ways to safeguard your vision during the summer.

Ultraviolet (UV) light, which can damage the cornea and retina over time and raise the risk of cataracts and macular degeneration, is one of the biggest summer risks. Wearing sunglasses with 100% UVA and UVB protection is a critical first line of defense. Additional precautions include being mindful of contact lenses around water, using artificial tears for simple dryness, and trying antihistamine drops for seasonal allergy-related eye irritation. By taking a few practical steps, you can enjoy the season and protect your eyes.

[View all the tips](#)



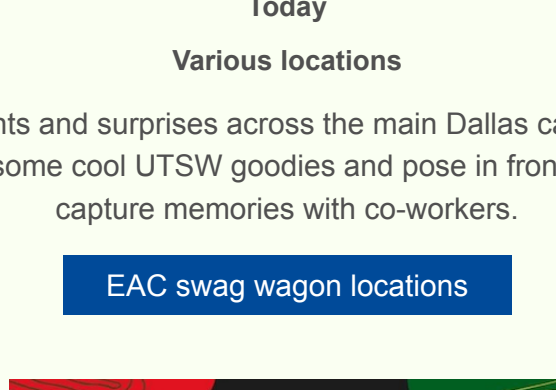
AI tools survey now open

The University of Texas System, through UT REAL Health AI, is surveying employees and learners across UT System health institutions to better understand artificial intelligence (AI) needs. A standard set of survey questions was provided to each institution to gather input from current and potential users. Tools and resources will be developed based on responses, so participation is encouraged.

In 2025, the UT System received legislative approval and dedicated funding to launch UT REAL Health AI, a systemwide initiative to responsibly accelerate artificial intelligence in health and build a coordinated ecosystem to improve patient care and safety, strengthen clinician efficiency, advance research, and prepare the workforce for an AI-enabled future.

[Take the survey](#)

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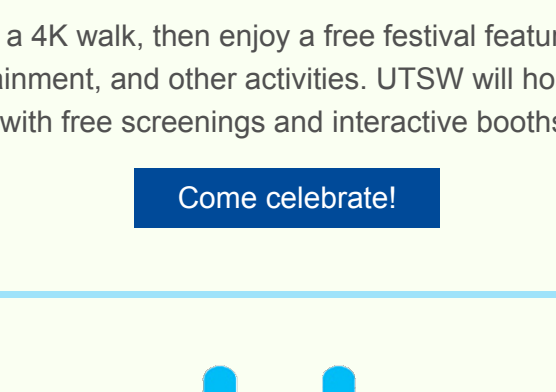
Employee appreciation events

Today

Various locations

Enjoy fun pop-up events and surprises across the main Dallas campus and our regional facilities. You can get some cool UTSW goodies and pose in front of a photo backdrop to capture memories with co-workers.

[EAC swag wagon locations](#)



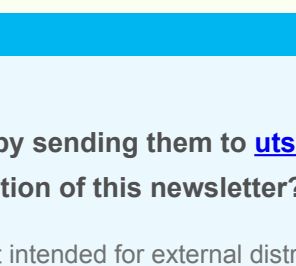
Juneteenth 4K Freedom Walk and Festival

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., June 13

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center

Start the day with a 4K walk, then enjoy a free festival featuring a resource fair, workshops, live entertainment, and other activities. UTSW will host a Healthy Living Zone with free screenings and interactive booths.

[Come celebrate!](#)



UTSW Events Calendar

Looking for your daily dose of happenings?

The UTSW Events Calendar is updated every day.

[View upcoming or trending events](#)

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