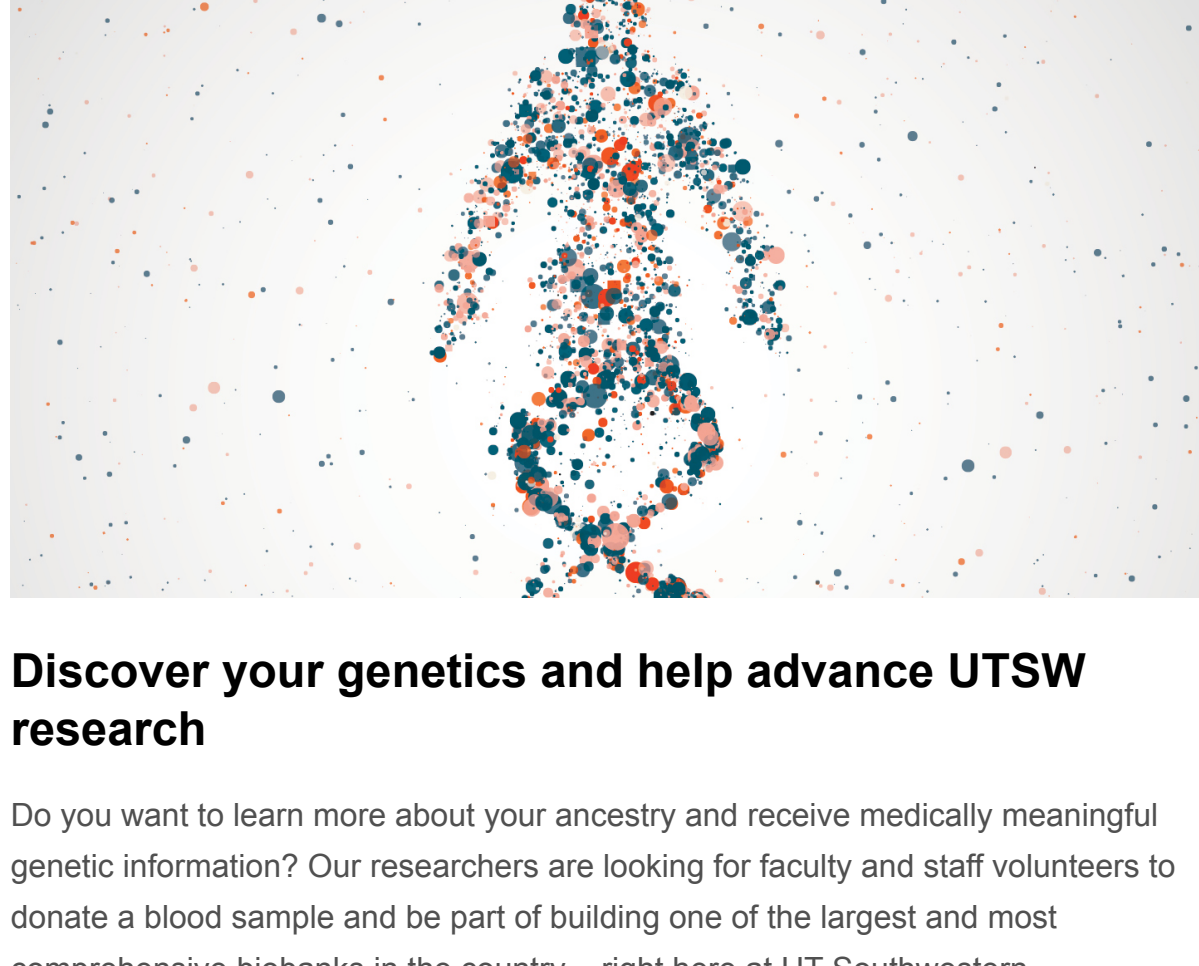




Discover your genetics and help advance UTSW research

Do you want to learn more about your ancestry and receive medically meaningful genetic information? Our researchers are looking for faculty and staff volunteers to donate a blood sample and be part of building one of the largest and most comprehensive biobanks in the country – right here at UT Southwestern.

The Sequencing Populations to Accelerate Research and Care (SPARC) program aims to identify genetic drivers of disease and develop strategies to improve screening, prevention, and care for patients and their families.

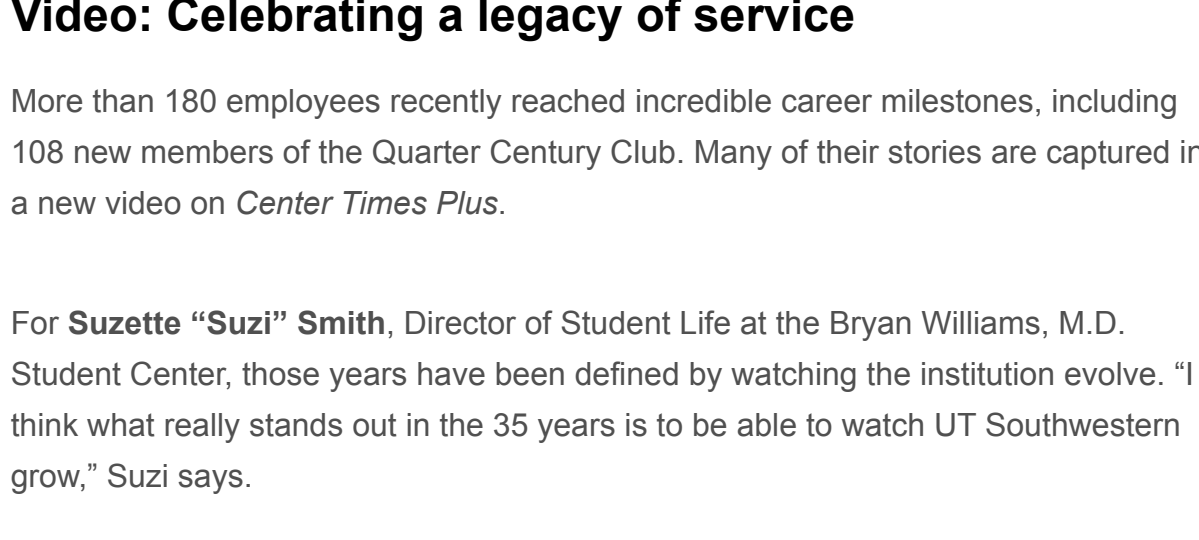
Participation is easy, and with this information, investigators could uncover new insights, develop better treatments, and translate discoveries into real-world impacts.

If you are interested in helping with the study, please complete [this form](#).

For additional questions, review the FAQ page or email sparc@utsouthwestern.edu.

[Learn more about SPARC](#)

On-campus network or VPN connection required



Video: Celebrating a legacy of service

More than 180 employees recently reached incredible career milestones, including 108 new members of the Quarter Century Club. Many of their stories are captured in a new video on *Center Times Plus*.

For **Suzette “Suzi” Smith**, Director of Student Life at the Bryan Williams, M.D. Student Center, those years have been defined by watching the institution evolve. “I think what really stands out in the 35 years is to be able to watch UT Southwestern grow,” Suzi says.

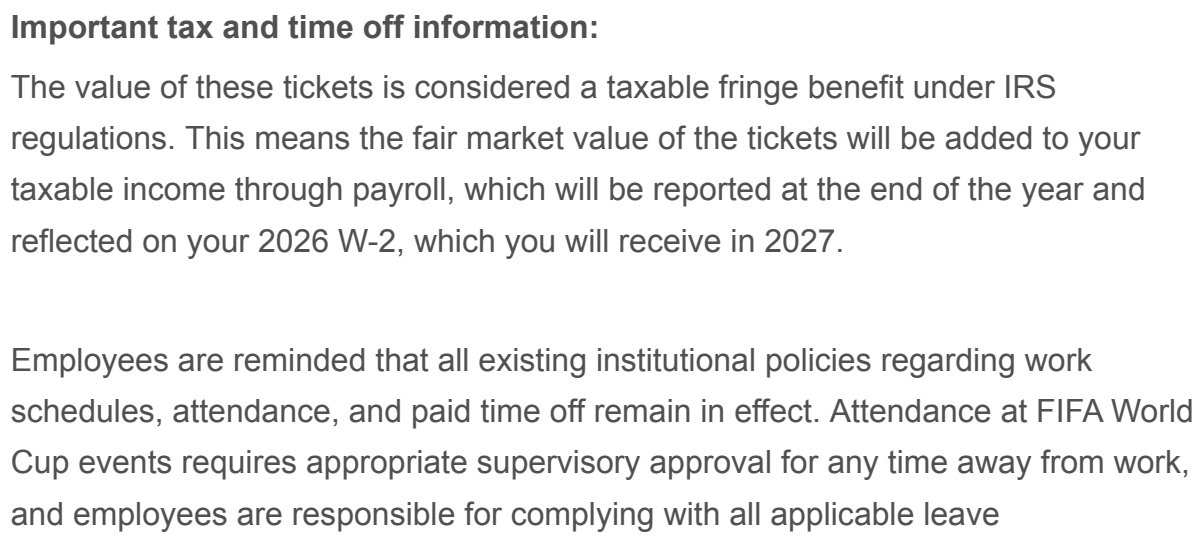
“When you start out as a small campus with a small vision that grew to be a very large vision, and to watch that actually come into play, into fruition is really amazing.”

That same spirit of dedication is shared across the institution. **Vernetta Payton**, a Senior Administrative Associate in the Department of Pathology’s Hematopathology Division, describes her role as ensuring everything runs smoothly behind the scenes.

“I think what I like best about my job is the opportunity to come and serve and feel like I’m making a difference,” Vernetta says.

From advancing groundbreaking research to supporting patients and teams behind the scenes, their stories bring our mission to life. Check out the video to hear from faculty and staff whose decades of dedication have shaped UT Southwestern.

[Watch the video](#)



3, 2, 1, tickets!

As an Official Host City Supporter of FIFA World Cup 2026 Dallas, UT Southwestern is excited to offer our community the chance to claim free tickets on a first-come, first-served basis for FIFA World Cup matches on **June 22, 25, and 27**.

Due to the **extremely limited number of tickets**, requests will be fulfilled in the order received. **The claim form opens at 3 p.m. today, and tickets are expected to be claimed within seconds.** If you encounter an error message when submitting the form, it means all tickets have already been allocated.

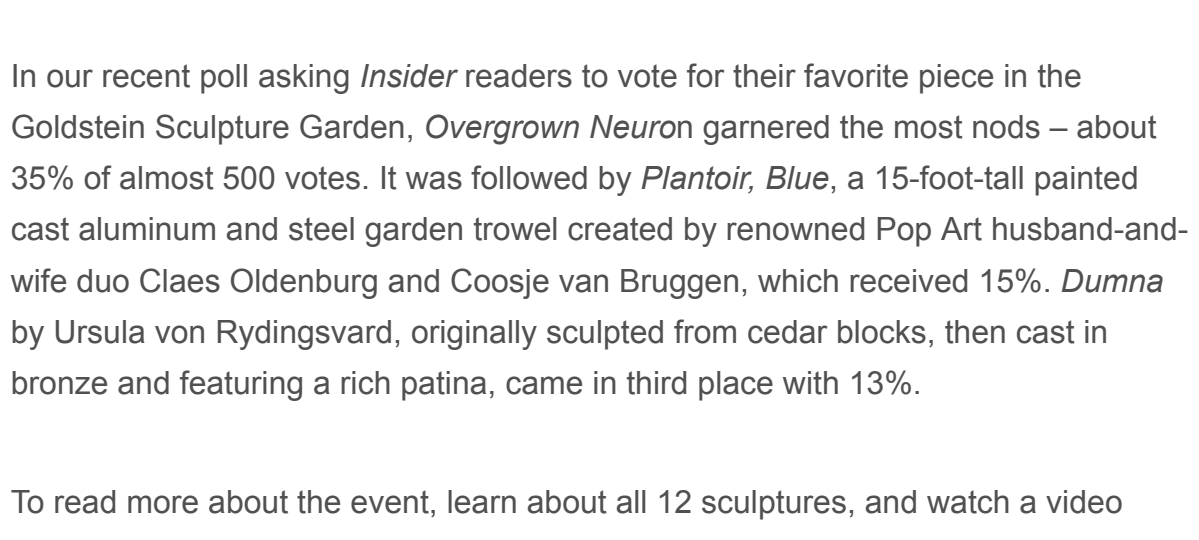
Important tax and time off information:

The value of these tickets is considered a taxable fringe benefit under IRS regulations. This means the fair market value of the tickets will be added to your taxable income through payroll, which will be reported at the end of the year and reflected on your 2026 W-2, which you will receive in 2027.

Employees are reminded that all existing institutional policies regarding work schedules, attendance, and paid time off remain in effect. Attendance at FIFA World Cup events requires appropriate supervisory approval for any time away from work, and employees are responsible for complying with all applicable leave requirements.

Stay tuned to *Insider* for additional World Cup-related opportunities for our campus community. Questions? Please contact the [Brand team](#).

[Take your shot at tickets!](#)



Honoring a Nobel Laureate

The legacy of Nobel Laureate **Joseph L. Goldstein, M.D.**, Chair of Molecular Genetics, is firmly planted at UT Southwestern. For more than 50 years, Dr. Goldstein has helped transform science and medicine, and in the last decade he has reshaped our campus with generous donations reflecting his lifelong passion for art.

A who’s who of UTSW’s scientific community gathered recently to dedicate the Joseph L. Goldstein Sculpture Garden at Donald W. Seldin Plaza and pay tribute to Dr. Goldstein’s vision and gifts – 12 dynamic and thought-provoking sculptures arranged into an open-air exhibition on South Campus.

The largest and most recently installed piece, *Overgrown Neuron*, is a nearly 50-foot-tall, stainless-steel sculpture by American artist Roxy Paine, created specifically for UT Southwestern. With its 21 dendrites and one axon protruding from the neuron’s single cell body, *Overgrown Neuron* creates a gleaming and grand welcome to South Campus.

In our recent poll asking *Insider* readers to vote for their favorite piece in the Goldstein Sculpture Garden, *Overgrown Neuron* garnered the most nods – about 35% of almost 500 votes. It was followed by *Plantoir, Blue*, a 15-foot-tall painted cast aluminum and steel garden trowel created by renowned Pop Art husband-and-wife duo Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen, which received 15%. *Dumna* by Ursula von Rydingsvard, originally sculpted from cedar blocks, then cast in bronze and featuring a rich patina, came in third place with 13%.

To read more about the event, learn about all 12 sculptures, and watch a video chronicling Dr. Goldstein’s dedication to science and art, please check out the story on [Center Times Plus](#).

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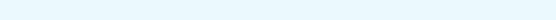
Employee appreciation events

Today

Various locations

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

[EAC swag wagon locations](#)



AI Town Hall Webinar No. 11

Noon, June 16

Virtual

This all-campus meeting will include AI project updates, demonstrations of key features, and opportunities for feedback from faculty, staff, and learners. Presenters will include **Heidi Jacobs, M.D.**, Associate Dean for Clinical Research Development, and members of the AI leadership team.

[Register to join](#)

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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