



## Be the spark that fuels the SECC

Light the way for a successful State Employee Charitable Campaign ([SECC](#)) by volunteering as an SECC Champion.

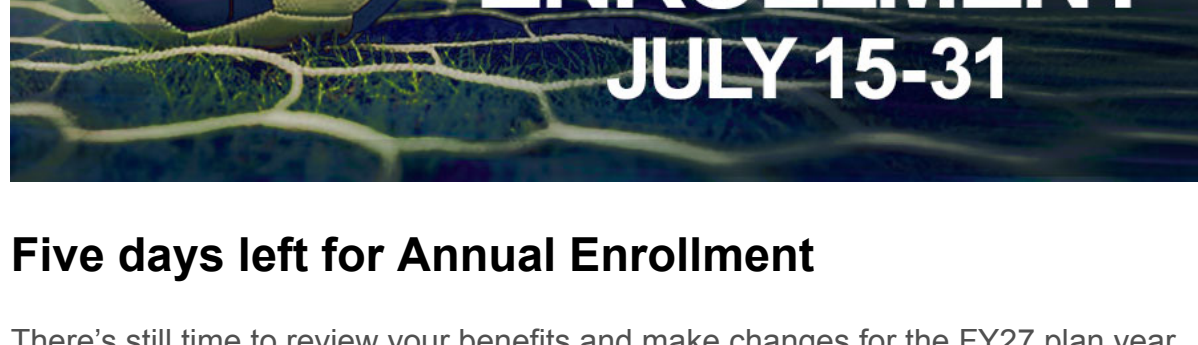
The SECC is UT Southwestern's annual giving campaign, connecting employees with hundreds of vetted charities serving communities locally and around the world.

As an SECC Champion, you'll encourage colleagues to explore causes they care about and support the campaign's \$300,000 goal. You'll also get exclusive swag for volunteering.

If you're interested in participating, please discuss the opportunity with your manager before filling out the short form below by **Aug. 3**. Questions? Contact Brenda Timmons by [email](#).

Participants will attend one of two virtual training sessions: Aug. 4 from noon to 1 p.m. or Aug. 17 from 2 to 3 p.m.

[Become an SECC Champion](#)



## Five days left for Annual Enrollment

There's still time to review your benefits and make changes for the FY27 plan year, but don't wait too long. Annual Enrollment closes Friday, July 31.

Whether you're updating medical, dental, or vision coverage, adding or removing dependents, or exploring new benefit options, now is the time to take action.

Before you enroll, be sure to:

- Learn about the new [Preventive Care Incentive Program](#) (PCIP) and read through the [FAQ](#).
- Explore new [UT Lifestyle Benefits](#), including Accident Insurance, Critical Illness Insurance, LegalEASE, and more.
- Review updated [FY27 benefits rates](#).

Final Annual Enrollment events

- **Virtual "Ask a Benefits Rep" Webinars:** Learn about your 2026-27 benefits plans, including changes, options, and enrollment details.
  - [July 28 | 11 a.m.-noon](#)
- **In-person Employee Benefits Fairs:** Join our Human Resources (HR) team and chat directly with benefits experts and retirement vendors to ask your questions and pick up some giveaways.
  - [July 29 | 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.](#) at William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital, Lecture Hall 2.138

If you have benefits questions, reach out to our HR team by [email](#) or by phone at 214-648-9810.

[Explore your FY27 options](#)



## Experience UTSW's largest employee art show yet

Wandering through this year's On My Own Time (OMOT) exhibit, you'll discover much more than paintings on a wall. A delicate shell perched atop a weathered tree stump invites reflection on the connections among nature, mathematics, and life's cycles. An intricate lotus blossom crafted from repurposed coffee pods transforms everyday materials into a symbol of resilience and renewal. Elsewhere, folded paper boats trace journeys of migration, memory, and belonging.

These are just a few of the 148 entries featured in the record-breaking showcase on display through **Sept. 9** at the A.W. Harris Faculty-Alumni Center. The milestone show also marks 25 years of UT Southwestern participation in On My Own Time.

From deeply personal stories to imaginative interpretations of the world around us, there's something to discover around every corner. Paintings, sculptures, photography, poetry, and handcrafted works showcase the creativity, perspectives, and passions of the UT Southwestern community.

Can't make it to the gallery? You can also immerse yourself in the artistic and literary works online.

[Step into the showcase](#)



## A lasting legacy of STEM and sports

The FIFA Fan Festival and World Cup celebrations may be over, but one of the event's most inspiring exhibits is set to continue its impact.

Featured at FIFA Fan Festival in Dallas, [Game Changers by IF/THEN](#) from Lyda Hill Philanthropies includes 3D-printed statues honoring 26 women whose work demonstrates how STEM powers innovation in sports.

Among them are three members of the UT Southwestern community:

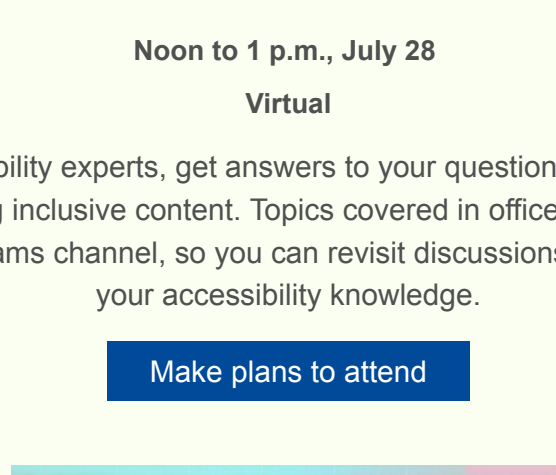
- **Antonia Chen, M.D., M.B.A.**, Chair and Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery
- **Branay Hicks, M.S.**, Head Athletic Trainer, UT Southwestern – Dallas Trinity FC
- **Sophia Ulman, Ph.D.**, Division Director of the Scottish Rite for Children Movement Science Lab Frisco and Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

The exhibit will soon find a new home at UT Southwestern's Pegasus Park location, within Dallas' 26-acre life science innovation hub.

Until then, learn more about three women who earned a place in this landmark exhibit.

[Meet the game changers](#)

## Insider Guide



### Digital accessibility office hours

Noon to 1 p.m., July 28

Virtual

Join digital accessibility experts, get answers to your questions, and learn practical strategies for creating inclusive content. Topics covered in office hours will be recorded and shared in the Teams channel, so you can revisit discussions and continue building your accessibility knowledge.

[Make plans to attend](#)



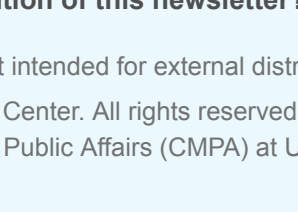
### Copilot in-person training

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 6 or 7

Professional Office Building 1 (POB1), HA1.100

Attend a full day of learning focused on Microsoft Copilot and the Microsoft 365 ecosystem. Sessions are organized into two subjects – foundational understanding and applied skills – allowing you to build knowledge and then apply it to real-world scenarios.

[Put Copilot to work](#)



## 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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