

Become a UTSW Advocate



Help more people see the impact of UTSW

As we wrap up the first year of the UT Southwestern Advocacy Program, we're looking to grow our community of employee advocates and invite you to amplify UTSW's story.

The Advocacy Program is open to all employees who have and use at least one personal social media account (such as LinkedIn, Facebook, X, or Instagram). Participants use their own social media accounts to share official UT Southwestern content, expanding the reach of stories that showcase our people, research, education, and patient care.

Current advocates report spending as little as 30 minutes a week scheduling posts, and participants can earn prizes based on monthly engagement and participation. Learn more about the program by watching the [60-second overview video](#).

Interested in participating? Complete the interest form by **Friday, Aug. 21**.

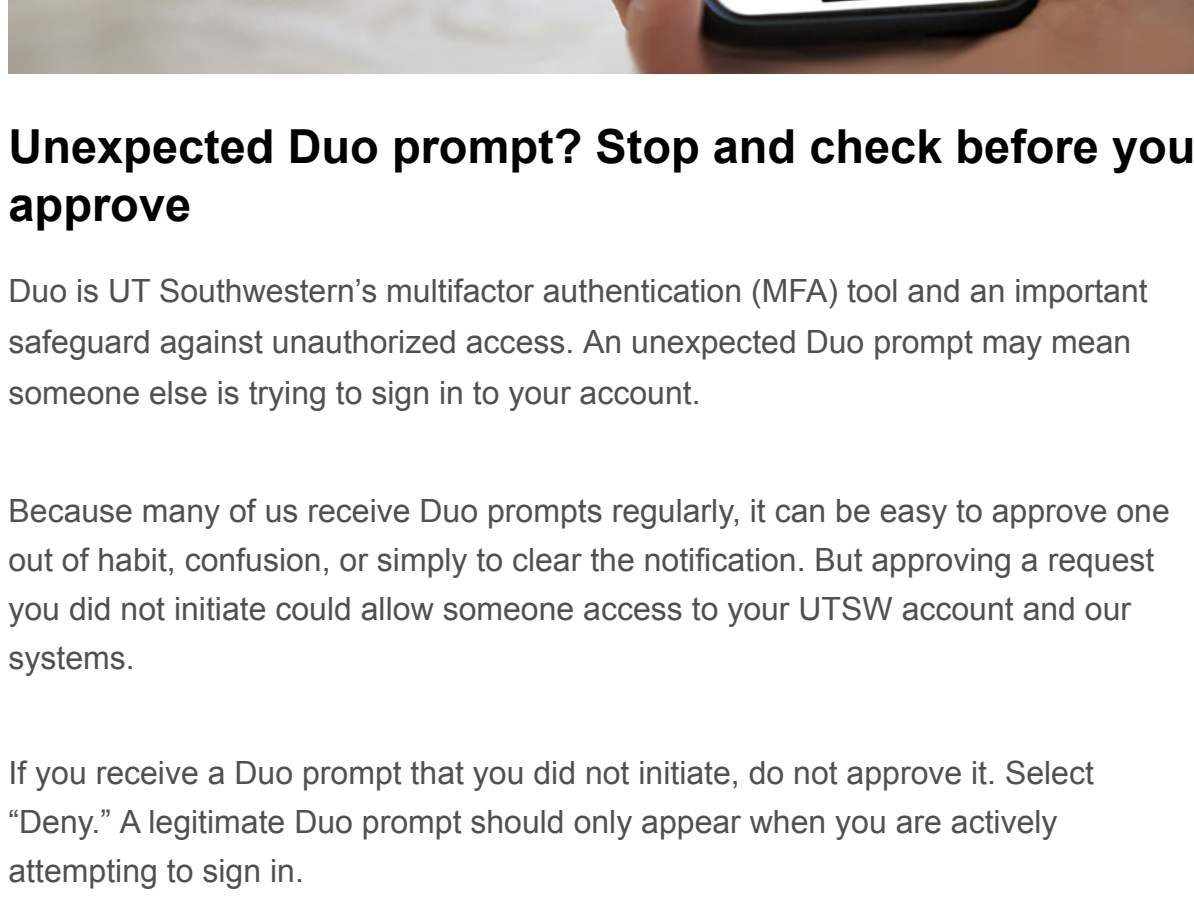
[Be an advocate for UTSW](#)

Moments that made the Pinnacle Awards shine

Cheers, tears, pompoms, and plenty of UTSW pride filled Gooch Auditorium as UT Southwestern celebrated the second annual Pinnacle Awards. The ceremony honored employees whose excellence, innovation, teamwork, compassion, and service help advance our mission, often in ways colleagues don't see but benefit from every day.

From heartfelt acceptance speeches to laugh-out-loud moments, this year's celebration offered a powerful reminder that every role matters at UTSW. Relive the highlights in the [CT Plus recap](#), watch the [ceremony video](#), and browse the [photo gallery](#) to see the honorees, their teams, and the memories that made the event so special.

[Relive the Pinnacle Awards](#)



Unexpected Duo prompt? Stop and check before you approve

Duo is UT Southwestern's multifactor authentication (MFA) tool and an important safeguard against unauthorized access. An unexpected Duo prompt may mean someone else is trying to sign in to your account.

Because many of us receive Duo prompts regularly, it can be easy to approve one out of habit, confusion, or simply to clear the notification. But approving a request you did not initiate could allow someone access to your UTSW account and our systems.

If you receive a Duo prompt that you did not initiate, do not approve it. Select "Deny." A legitimate Duo prompt should only appear when you are actively attempting to sign in.

Before approving, ask yourself: "Did I initiate this?" That brief check can make a critical difference. Verifying each Duo request helps protect your account, your information, and UT Southwestern.

[All about Duo \(login required\)](#)



How digital accessibility affects existing files

As UT Southwestern prepares for federal digital accessibility requirements taking effect in 2027, many teams are reviewing existing content. There's good news: Not every existing file needs to be remediated.

If PDFs or Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint files are no longer needed, they may be deleted or archived if they meet the appropriate criteria. In addition, only documents that are shared or published need to meet accessibility requirements. Existing files that remain unshared can stay as they are. However, if you plan to share or publish a file, it must first be made digitally accessible.

Visit the UTSW Digital Accessibility webpage for guidance on archiving, deleting, and remediating files.

[Read the guide](#)



SAFE: Supporting a safer campus

We periodically share this reminder because it's important for everyone to be aware of SAFE, a behavioral intervention initiative designed to improve security and safety on campus. SAFE offers confidential ways to report concerning or violent behavior exhibited by staff, faculty, learners, trainees, contractors, or vendors.

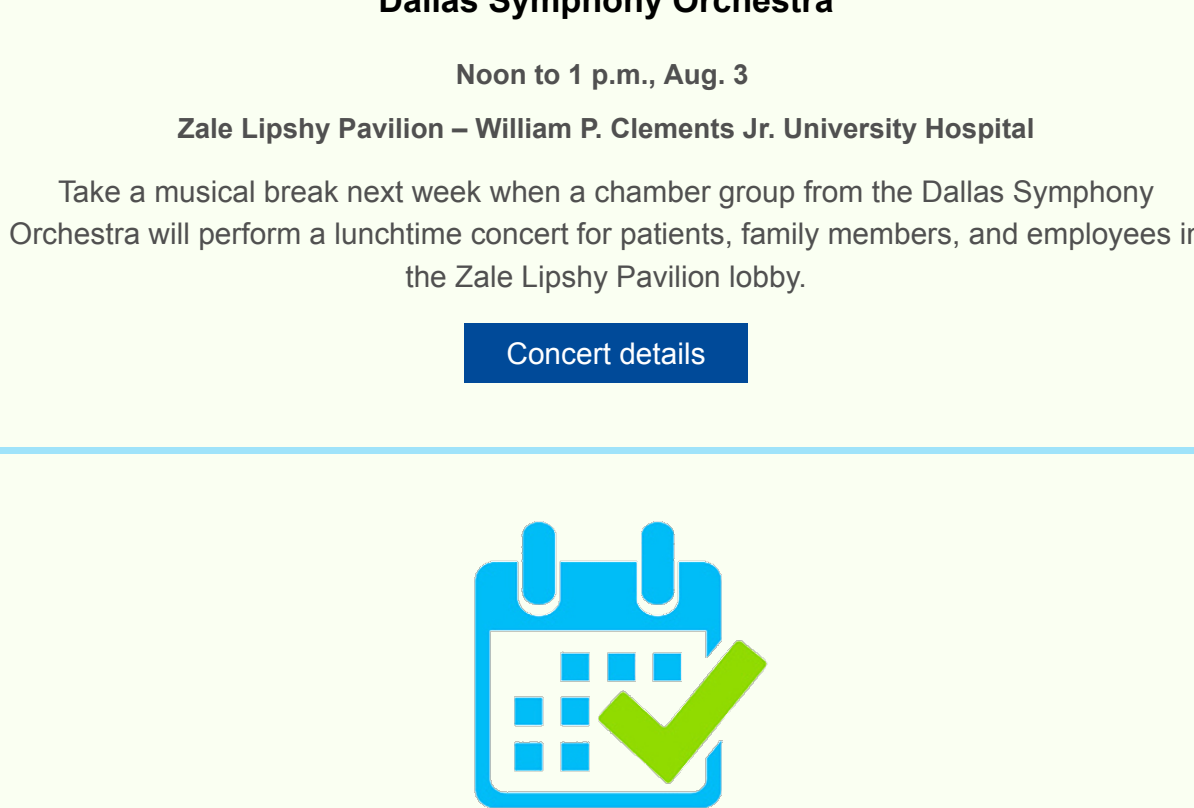
This reporting tool enables proactive, compassionate intervention by a specially trained, multidisciplinary team of mental health professionals, University Police, administrative leaders, and others skilled in providing social support and community resources to individuals who may need them.

The [SAFE webpage](#) (on-campus network connection or VPN required) walks you through signs to watch for, including aggression, confusion or disorientation, excessive agitation, threats, and more. It also provides three ways to reach out (confidentially) if something you observe or hear doesn't seem right. You can raise a concern via an online form, email, or phone.

SAFE is not a replacement for law enforcement and should not be used for emergencies. If a violent act is imminent or in progress, call University Police at 214-648-8911.

[Know when to reach out to SAFE](#)

On-campus network or VPN connection required.



Meet the Office of Continuing Education

When you hear "continuing education," you may think of earning credit hours. But the Office of Continuing Education (OCE) does much more. OCE partners with faculty and departments across UT Southwestern to create learning opportunities that help healthcare professionals stay current, expand their expertise, and improve patient care.

Through conferences, grand rounds, tumor boards, and other educational activities, OCE brings together physicians, nurses, pharmacists, advanced practice providers, researchers, administrators, and other team members. This interprofessional approach reflects today's collaborative healthcare environment and strengthens the quality of care.

Whether you're seeking continuing education credit, exploring emerging best practices, building new skills, or connecting with colleagues across disciplines, OCE offers opportunities for lifelong learning and professional growth.

Use the link below to see upcoming events and find a topic that interests you.

[Browse the catalog](#)

Insider Guide

Skyline Café Mediterranean feast

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today

T. Boone Pickens Biomedical Building, Skyline Café (ND.14)

Enjoy a Mediterranean-inspired lunch featuring savory souvlaki chicken, chargrilled Greek shrimp, crispy falafel, roasted lemon parsley potatoes, rice, fresh vegetables, hummus, and cool tzatziki sauce. Complete your meal with Chef Brenda's delicious dessert selections.

[Dig into the menu](#)

Dallas Symphony Orchestra

Noon to 1 p.m., Aug. 3

Zale Lipshy Pavilion – William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital

Take a musical break next week when a chamber group from the Dallas Symphony Orchestra will perform a lunchtime concert for patients, family members, and employees in the Zale Lipshy Pavilion lobby.

[Concert details](#)

UTSW Events Calendar

Looking for your daily dose of happenings?

The UTSW Events Calendar is updated every day.

[View upcoming or trending events](#)