



No. 1 in DFW for a decade, most nationally ranked specialties in Texas

UT Southwestern has been ranked the No. 1 hospital in Dallas-Fort Worth for the 10th consecutive year by *U.S. News & World Report*, reflecting your commitment to excellence, innovation, and the highest quality care for our patients. Additionally, 11 of our specialties are ranked among the nation's best – the most for any hospital in Texas. UTSW's 2026-27 nationally ranked specialties are:

- No. 9: Neurology & Neurosurgery
- No. 13: Cardiology, Heart & Vascular Surgery
- No. 13 (tie): Geriatrics
- No. 13: Pulmonology & Lung Surgery
- No. 20: Gastroenterology & GI Surgery
- No. 21: Diabetes & Endocrinology
- No. 22: Cancer
- No. 25: Rehabilitation
- No. 26: Urology
- No. 30: Obstetrics & Gynecology
- No. 38: Orthopedics

UT Southwestern also earned “High Performing” ratings in 18 procedures and conditions, the top designation in those categories.

Congratulations to our Health System and the entire UTSW community, whose dedication to our mission makes a meaningful difference every day in the lives of our patients and their families.

For more details on this year's *U.S. News* rankings, please read the [news release](#) and the [message to campus](#) from UT Southwestern President **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**; **Jonathan Efron, M.D.**, Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs; and **W. P. Andrew Lee, M.D.**, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost, and Dean of UT Southwestern Medical School.

Download this year's [LinkedIn banner](#) and [virtual background](#) on our [Brand SharePoint](#).

[More about the USNWR rankings](#)



Join the Heart Walk Torch Journey at UTSW

The Heart Walk Torch is coming to UT Southwestern as part of a 10-week relay leading up to the Dallas Heart Walk on Oct. 17. UTSW is one of five local organizations selected by the American Heart Association to host the Torch Journey, and we will welcome the Torch Aug. 5-19.

Employees can ignite participation, fuel fundraising, and pass the Torch while supporting lifesaving CPR education and heart health efforts across North Texas.

More details about this year's walk will be shared in the coming months, but you can get involved now by reviewing the challenges linked below. Participants will have opportunities to win prizes from the American Heart Association.

If you have your photo taken with the Torch, send it to heart@utsouthwestern.edu for a chance to be featured on social media.

[See the Torch Journey challenges](#)



Cheer on Dallas Trinity FC this fall

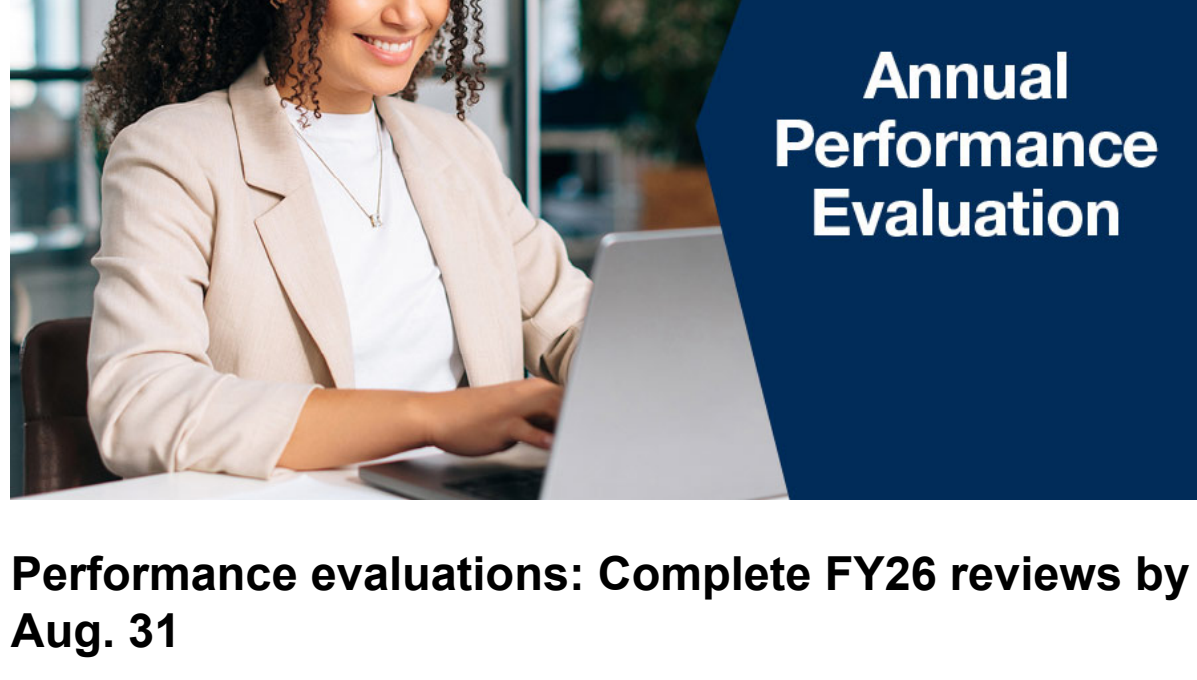
Already missing the summer of soccer? Here's your chance to catch the action live.

We're giving UT Southwestern faculty, staff, and learners the opportunity to claim two tickets to Dallas Trinity FC matches throughout the fall season. **The form opens at 3 p.m. today**, and tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Act fast because availability is limited.

And if you're looking for more ways to save on local sports and fitness experiences, check out the [Employee Discounts page](#).

UT Southwestern is proud to support Dallas Trinity FC as its Official Healthcare Partner.

[Get your tickets at 3 p.m. today](#)



Performance evaluations: Complete FY26 reviews by Aug. 31

As the FY26 Annual Performance Evaluation cycle comes to a close, managers should complete any remaining evaluations by Aug. 31, including performance discussions and electronic acknowledgments.

Closing out evaluations on time is a key step in supporting employee growth and preparing for what comes next. Your attention in these final weeks makes a lasting impact.

Resources for you:

- **iPerform system access:** [Log in to iPerform](#).
- **Training:** View recorded sessions for [managers](#) and [employees](#).
- **Step-by-step guidance:** [View tip sheets](#).
- **Direct help:** Email the [Performance Management team](#).

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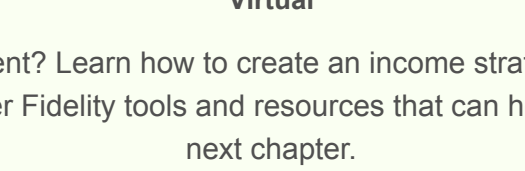
Rhythm, Power, and Motivational spin class

5:30 to 6:15 p.m., Aug. 11

Bryan Williams, M.D. Student Center (MA), Group Fitness Room

Join a high-energy cycling class to help you build strength and challenge yourself. Anyone with a UT Southwestern ID can purchase a \$6 day pass for access to Student Center facilities and fitness classes.

[Reserve your bike](#)



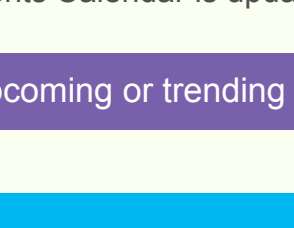
Fundamentals of Retirement Income Planning

Noon to 12:45 p.m., Aug. 12

Virtual

Thinking about retirement? Learn how to create an income strategy to address common financial risks. Discover Fidelity tools and resources that can help you prepare for your next chapter.

[Register and start learning](#)



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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