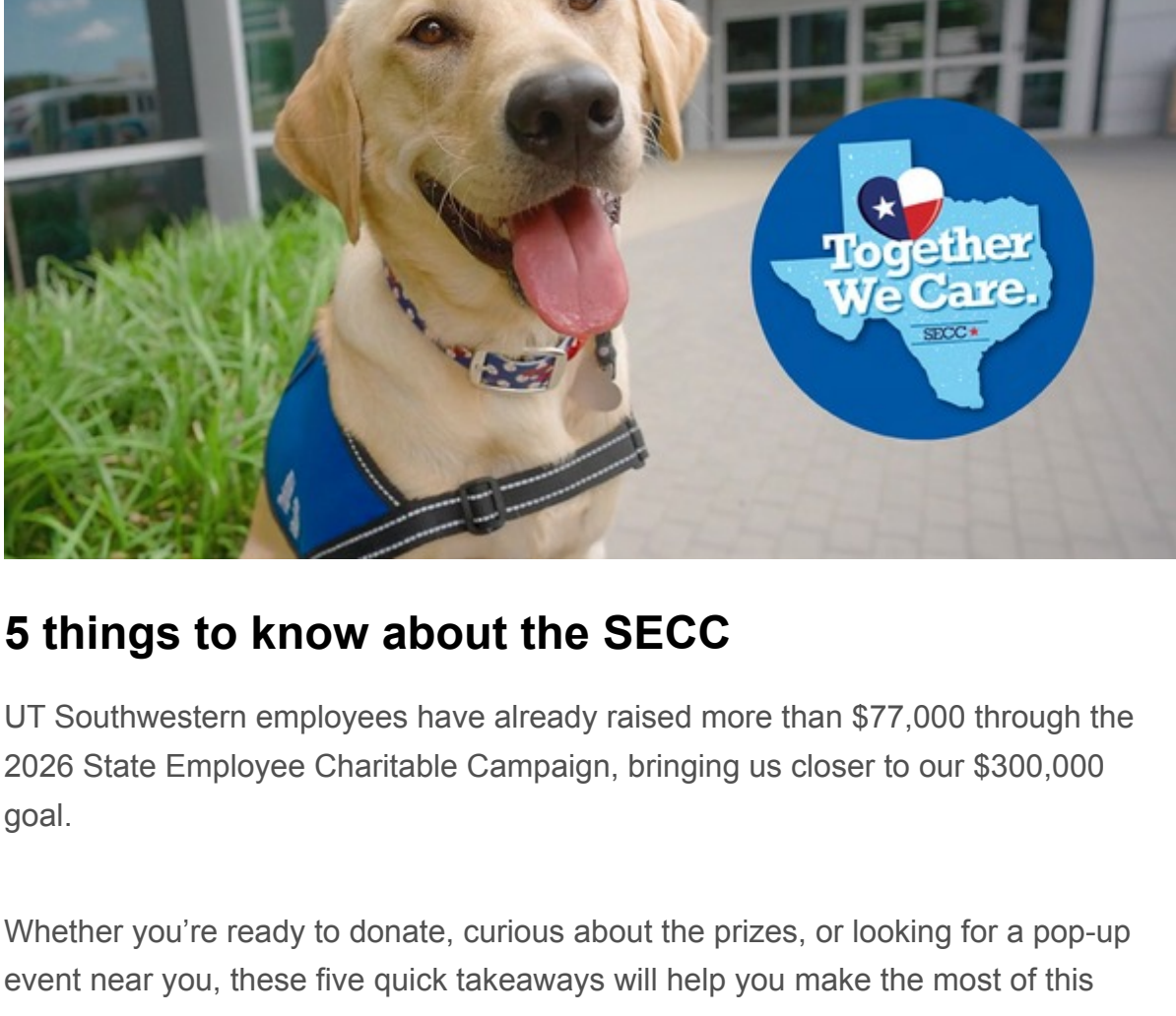




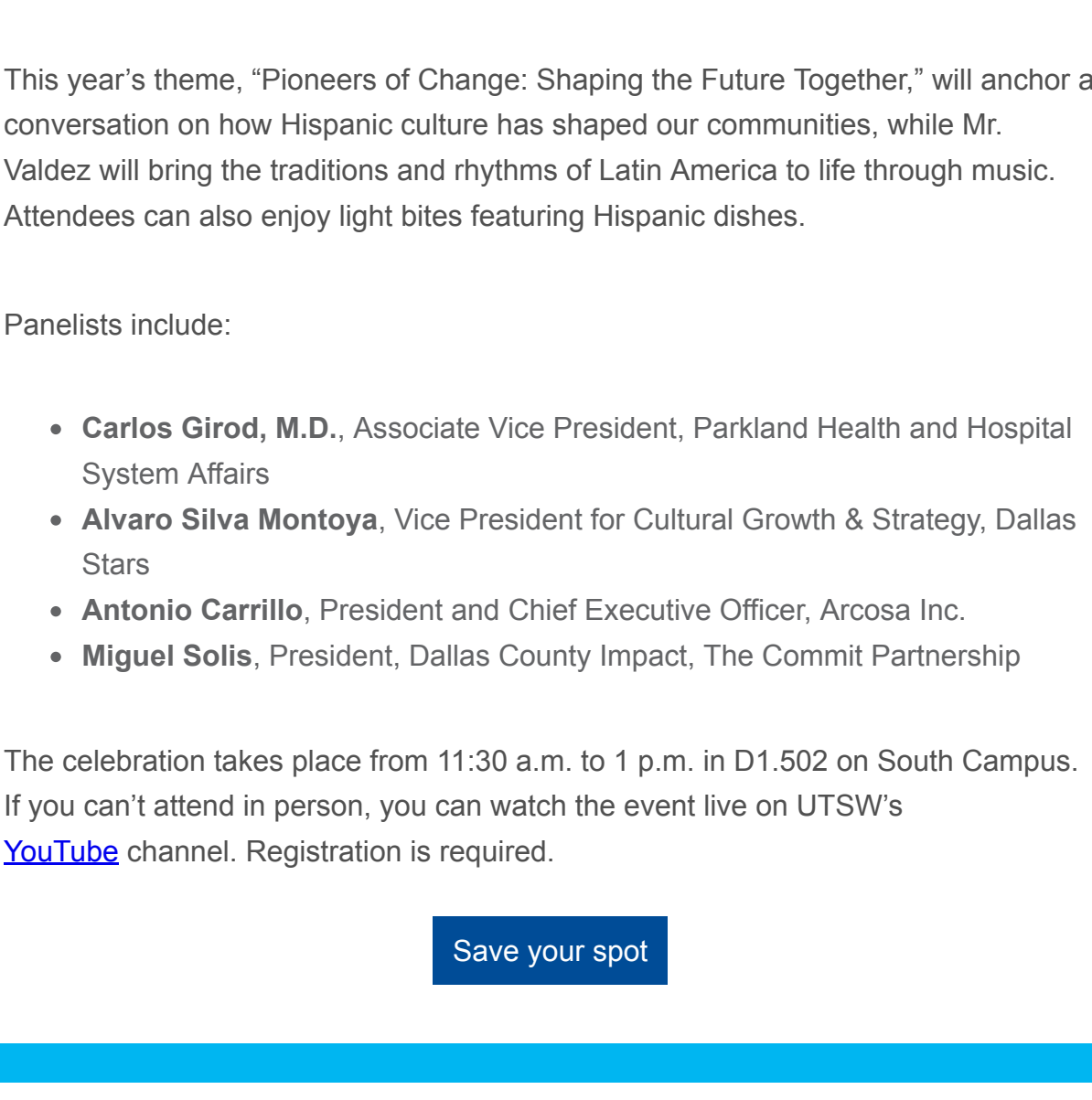
## 5 things to know about the SECC

UT Southwestern employees have already raised more than \$77,000 through the 2026 State Employee Charitable Campaign, bringing us closer to our \$300,000 goal.

Whether you're ready to donate, curious about the prizes, or looking for a pop-up event near you, these five quick takeaways will help you make the most of this year's campaign.

1. **Choose your cause:** Support what matters most to you, from medical research and education to animal welfare and hunger relief.
2. **See how small gifts add up:** If every UT Southwestern employee gave just \$14, we'd reach this year's fundraising goal of \$300,000.
3. **Give your way:** Donate once by credit card or set up a payroll deduction through PeopleSoft.
4. **Become eligible to earn prizes:** Everyone who donates could receive one of 50 prizes, including signed Dallas Mavericks apparel, tickets to the Perot Museum of Nature and Science, the Dallas Arboretum, Children's Aquarium Dallas, top DFW art museums, the State Fair of Texas, sporting events, and more.
5. **Join a pop-up event:** Stop by for cookies and fun swag, and learn more about how to participate in the campaign.

[How to give](#)



## Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

From a thought-provoking panel discussion to a live performance featuring Peruvian American musician Pepe Valdez, UT Southwestern's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on **Sept. 30** will highlight the innovation, resilience, and cultural contributions that continue to shape our communities.

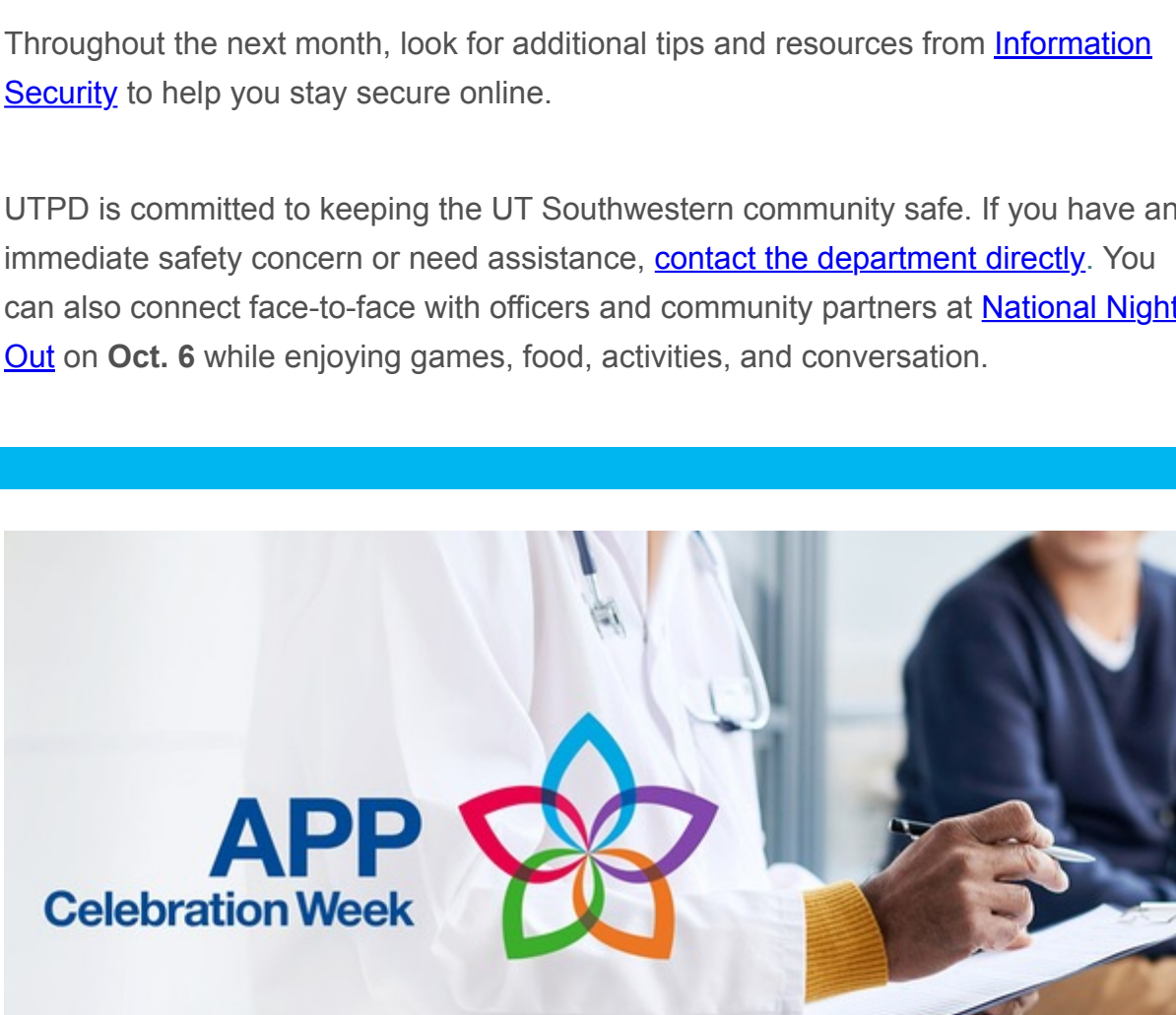
This year's theme, "Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together," will anchor a conversation on how Hispanic culture has shaped our communities, while Mr. Valdez will bring the traditions and rhythms of Latin America to life through music. Attendees can also enjoy light bites featuring Hispanic dishes.

Panelists include:

- **Carlos Girod, M.D.**, Associate Vice President, Parkland Health and Hospital System Affairs
- **Alvaro Silva Montoya**, Vice President for Cultural Growth & Strategy, Dallas Stars
- **Antonio Carrillo**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Arcosa Inc.
- **Miguel Solis**, President, Dallas County Impact, The Commit Partnership

The celebration takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in D1.502 on South Campus. If you can't attend in person, you can watch the event live on UTSW's [YouTube](#) channel. Registration is required.

[Save your spot](#)



## Cybersecurity and digital safety tips

As part of this year's National Night Out Project 365, the University Police Department (UTPD) encourages members of the UTSW community to take simple steps to protect their personal information, digital devices, and physical property.

### Secure your personal devices

- Use a PIN, password, or biometric authentication on phones, tablets, and computers.
- Lock your screen whenever you step away.
- Never leave devices unattended in public areas, vehicles, or shared workspaces.
- Enable device-tracking features such as "Find My Device."
- Keep software and applications up to date.
- Use strong, unique passwords and enable multifactor authentication (MFA) whenever available.

### Use public networks cautiously

- Avoid accessing banking or other sensitive accounts on public Wi-Fi.
- Use trusted networks whenever possible.
- When charging devices in public, use your own cable and power adapter.

### Stay alert for scams

- Be wary of unexpected emails, texts, or phone calls requesting personal information.
- Verify through a trusted source any request involving payments, gift cards, direct-deposit changes, or account credentials.
- Do not click links or open attachments from unknown or unexpected senders.

Throughout the next month, look for additional tips and resources from [Information Security](#) to help you stay secure online.

UTPD is committed to keeping the UT Southwestern community safe. If you have an immediate safety concern or need assistance, [contact the department directly](#). You can also connect face-to-face with officers and community partners at [National Night Out](#) on **Oct. 6** while enjoying games, food, activities, and conversation.



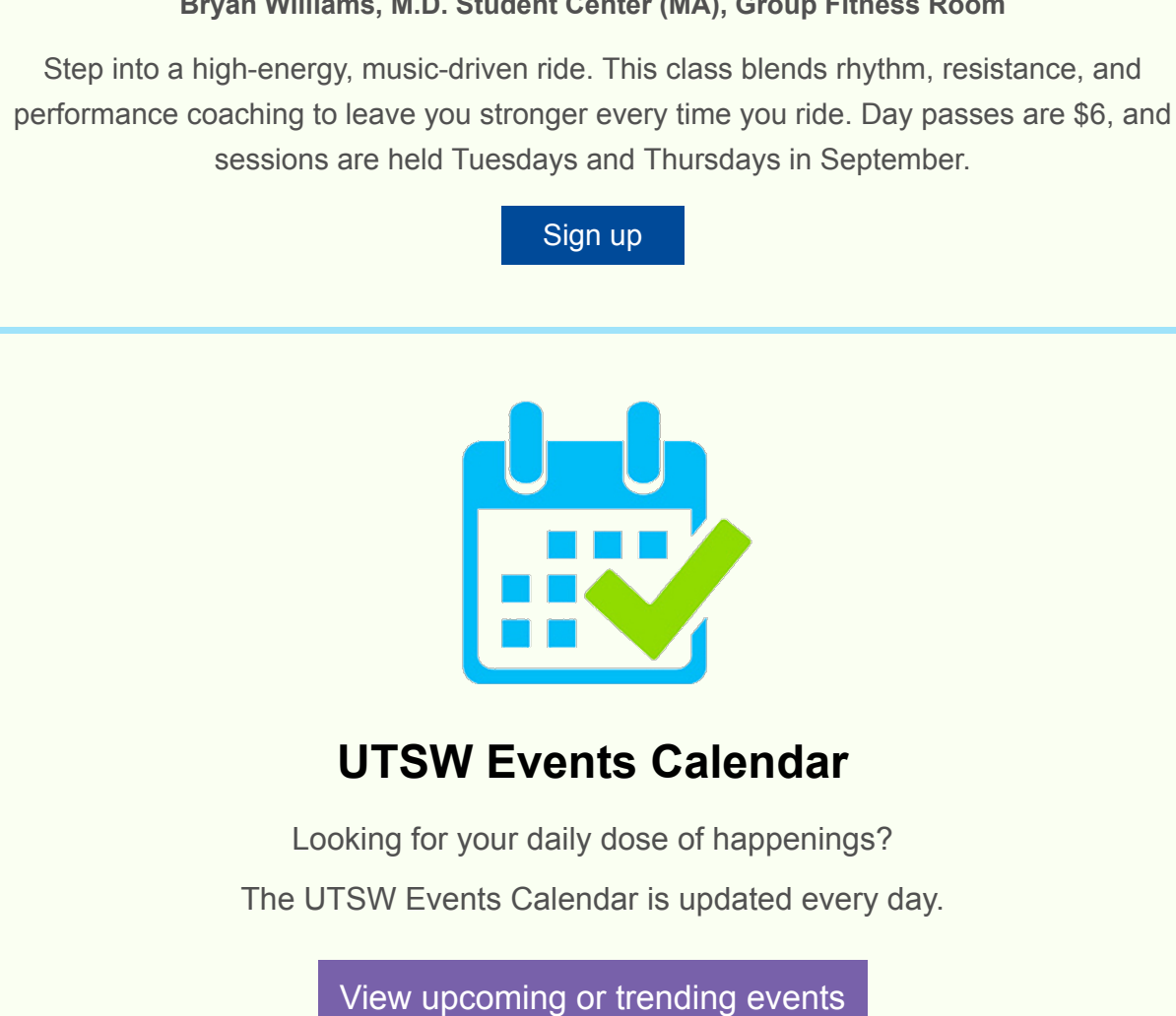
## Honoring our advanced practice providers

More than 1,200 [advanced practice providers \(APPs\)](#) help power patient care across UT Southwestern and our clinical partners, contributing to more than 700,000 patient encounters each year.

Starting today, UTSW joins organizations nationwide in observing National Advanced Practice Provider Week (Sept. 21-25) and recognizing the expertise, leadership, and compassion APPs bring to patients and families every day.

Working in hospitals, clinics, and community care settings, our APPs assess, diagnose, treat, and manage acute and chronic conditions, while also providing preventive care and helping expand access to services across North Texas.

Thank you, APPs, for making a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve and strengthening care across our institution.



## Postdocs: Powering discovery

Since today marks the official start of National Postdoc Appreciation Week, we want to highlight the more than 640 UTSW postdoctoral scholars and their contributions to research, discovery, and innovation. The week continues through Sept. 25.

Representing more than 40 countries, UTSW's postdocs work alongside 314 faculty members and teams across disciplines. They are an essential part of our institution's research community and help drive discoveries forward.

The Postdoctoral Association (PDA) began marking the occasion with events last week, and there is still more to come. The campus community is invited to join the upcoming event:

[Brown-Goldstein Award University Lecture, Sept. 23, 4 p.m.](#)

Be sure to watch the brief video (linked below), where you'll hear from a group of postdocs, faculty members, and institutional leaders who share their perspectives on why UTSW is a premier destination for scientific research and training.

Take a moment to thank a postdoc for the important role they play in advancing research and discovery at UTSW.

[Watch the video](#)



## UT REAL Health AI Symposium set for Oct. 7-8

Experts and leaders from the University of Texas System, academia, industry, healthcare, and government will gather in Austin for the 2026 UT REAL Health AI Symposium **Oct. 7-8**. This two-day event will explore how responsible AI is transforming healthcare, research, and education.

[See the featured speakers and register](#)

## Insider Guide



### State Employee Charitable Campaign pop-up

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 23

North Campus, Skyline Café and Food Court (NG)

Fresh-baked cookies, swag, and a UTSW tumbler for employees who donate in person are all part of this [SECC](#) pop-up. Mingle with colleagues, meet campaign representatives, and get help making your donation before the campaign concludes Oct. 31.

[View pop-up details](#)



### RPM Spin

5:30-6:15 p.m., Sept. 24

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

Step into a high-energy, music-driven ride. This class blends rhythm, resistance, and performance coaching to leave you stronger every time you ride. Day passes are \$6, and sessions are held Tuesdays and Thursdays in September.

[Sign up](#)



## UTSW Events Calendar

Looking for your daily dose of happenings?

The UTSW Events Calendar is updated every day.

[View upcoming or trending events](#)