



New Pediatric Campus reaches major milestone

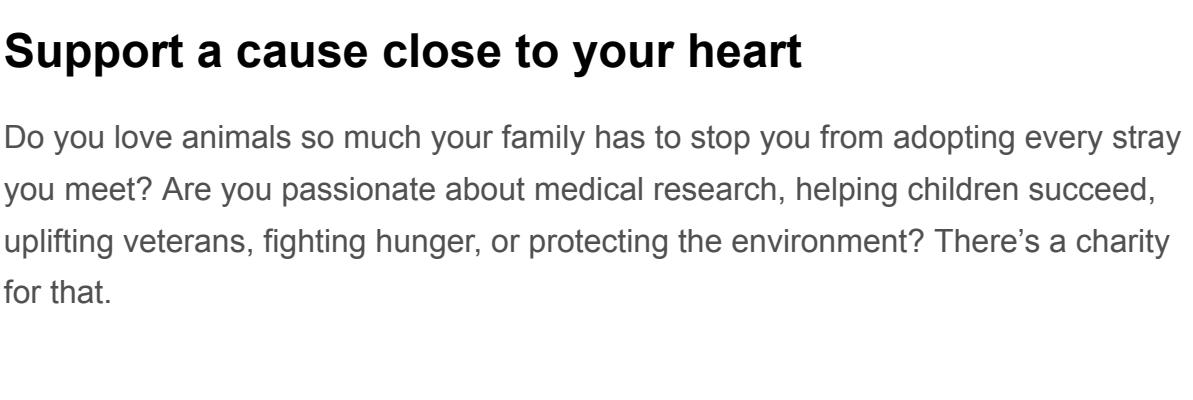
Leaders from UT Southwestern and Children's Health joined community stakeholders and care teams on Tuesday, Sept. 29, to mark this significant moment for the new Dallas pediatric campus: the placement of the final beam atop the 12-story structural frame of Moody Children's Hospital.

The "topping out" ceremony on North Campus came two years after work began on the \$5 billion development, one of the country's largest healthcare construction projects.

"We are now one milestone closer to achieving our goal of providing a transformative environment for children and their families, where we can set a new standard of excellence in pediatric healthcare, education, and research," said **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**, President of UT Southwestern. "We want to thank our many community supporters and our campus community who contributed to the planning of the new campus, along with our construction and design partners, all of whom have been essential to reaching this important moment."

Last week, hundreds of UTSW employees and learners took time to sign a ceremonial beam in McDermott Plaza, sharing words of encouragement and pride in the New Pediatric Campus, which is being built directly across from William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital and will be connected by bridge. Moody Children's Hospital will include 552 beds across three towers, and the pediatric campus will span more than 5 million square feet – nearly twice the size of AT&T Stadium. It is projected to open in 2031.

[See more photos and read the release](#)



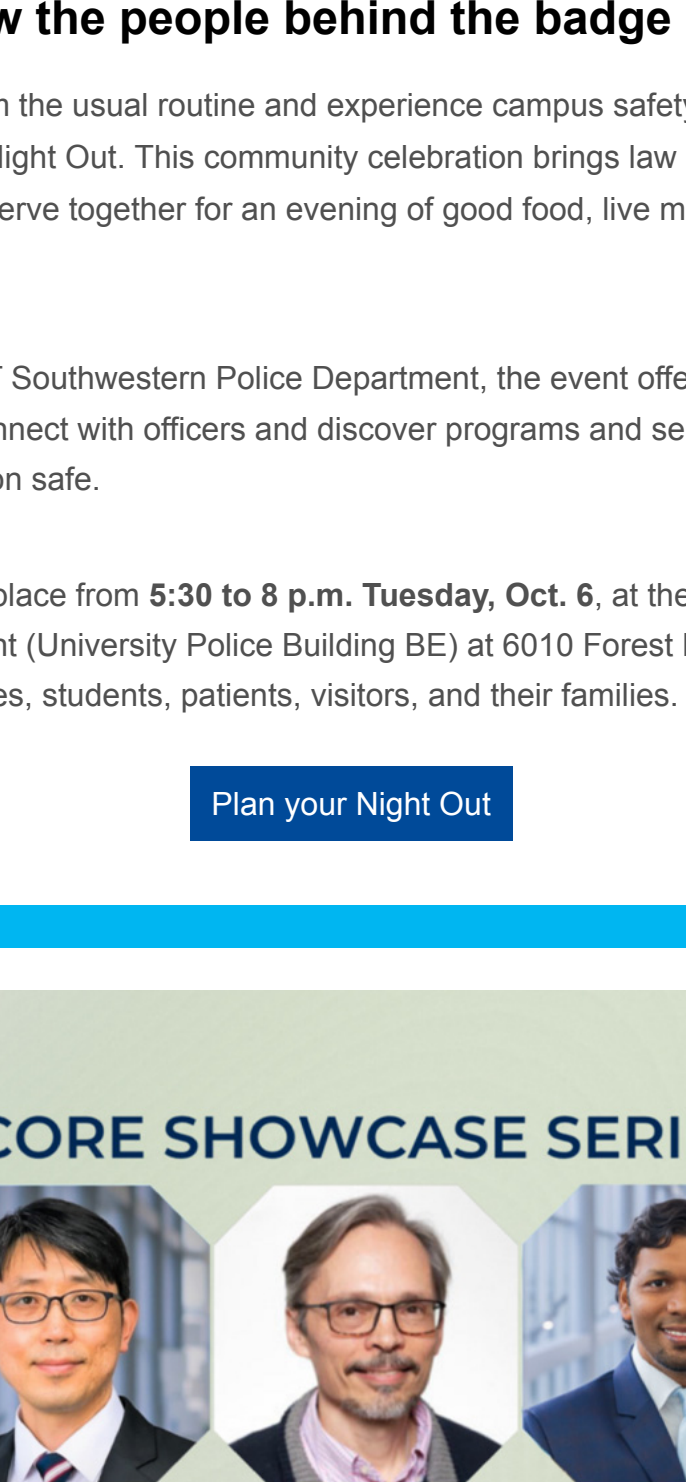
Support a cause close to your heart

Do you love animals so much your family has to stop you from adopting every stray you meet? Are you passionate about medical research, helping children succeed, uplifting veterans, fighting hunger, or protecting the environment? There's a charity for that.

The [State Employee Charitable Campaign](#) (SECC) connects employees with hundreds of nonprofits, making it easy to give to something that matters to you. Whether it's a one-time gift or a recurring payroll deduction, every contribution helps strengthen communities across Texas and beyond.

As a thank-you, everyone who donates could receive one of 50 prizes throughout the campaign. You can also stop by SECC [pop-up events](#) across campus to grab fresh cookies, pick up swag, and learn how to get involved.

[Make an impact](#)



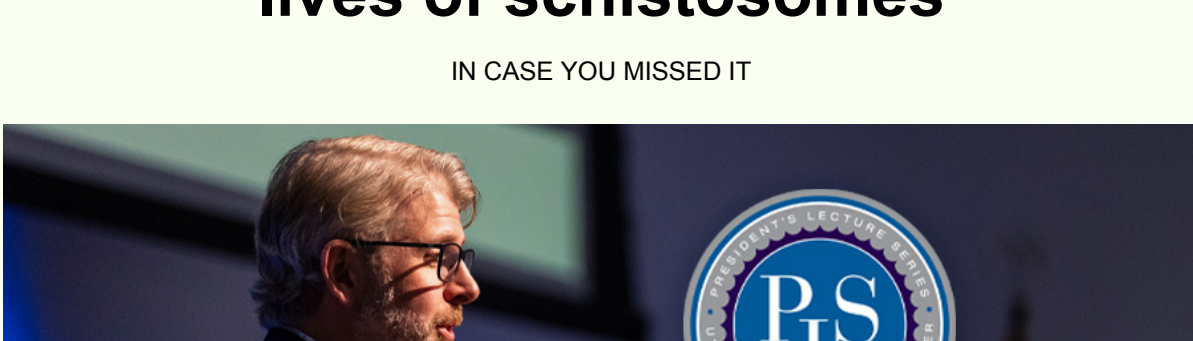
Get to know the people behind the badge

Take a break from the usual routine and experience campus safety in a whole new way at National Night Out. This community celebration brings law enforcement and the people they serve together for an evening of good food, live music, games, and resources.

Hosted by the UT Southwestern Police Department, the event offers a relaxed opportunity to connect with officers and discover programs and services that help keep our institution safe.

The event takes place from **5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6**, at the UT Southwestern Police Department (University Police Building BE) at 6010 Forest Park Road, and is open to employees, students, patients, visitors, and their families.

[Plan your Night Out](#)



Take a peek inside UTSW's core facilities

Big breakthroughs start with the right tools. Get an inside look at UT Southwestern's core facilities and discover the advanced technologies and specialized expertise powering innovation across campus.

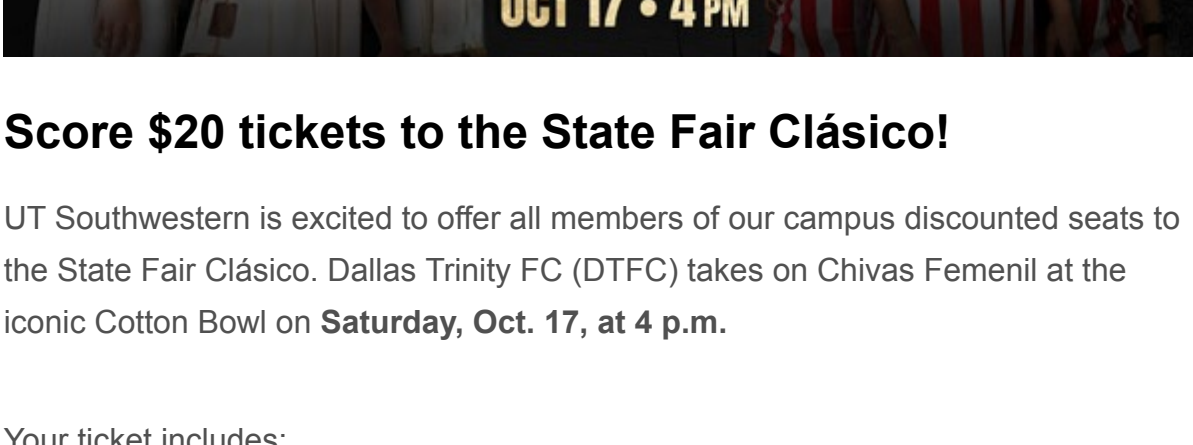
Whether you're an experienced investigator or simply curious about research at UTSW, the showcase highlights capabilities including flow and mass cytometry, high-throughput screening, and advanced data science. You'll also get a chance to meet the specialists and see how they support projects from initial planning through data analysis.

The event runs from **noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 19**. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

[Explore the cores](#)



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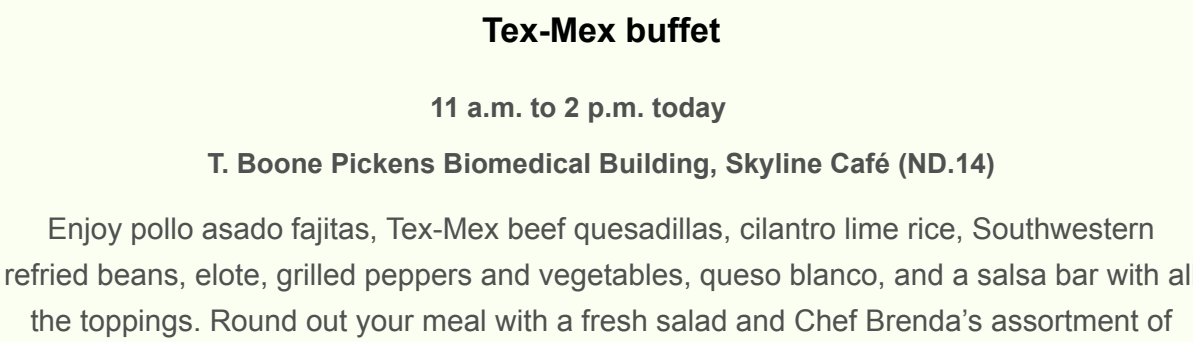
If you missed the latest President's Lecture, delivered by **James Collins, Ph.D.**, on Sept. 17, a video of his presentation is now available.

Each year, nearly 250,000 people in South America, Asia, and sub-Saharan Africa die from schistosomiasis, a neglected tropical disease caused by parasitic flatworms. Dr. Collins, Professor of Pharmacology, shared how his lab is uncovering the biology of these remarkable parasites and exploring potential new approaches for addressing an illness that disproportionately affects some of the world's most vulnerable populations.

Watch the presentation to learn how UT Southwestern researchers are tackling this often-overlooked global health challenge.

[Watch the recording](#)

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Score \$20 tickets to the State Fair Clásico!

UT Southwestern is excited to offer all members of our campus discounted seats to the State Fair Clásico. Dallas Trinity FC (DTFC) takes on Chivas Femenil at the iconic Cotton Bowl on **Saturday, Oct. 17, at 4 p.m.**

Your ticket includes:

- Entry to the State Fair of Texas
- Admission to the DTFC vs. Chivas Femenil match

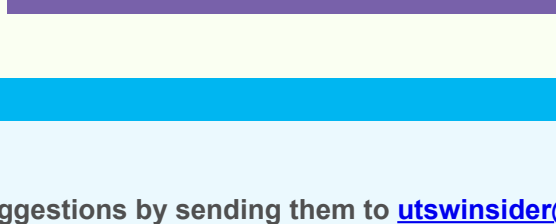
We're proud to support this event as the Official Healthcare Partner of DTFC. Want more sports discounts?

Visit the UTSW [employee discount page](#) for deals from our other partners.

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Insider Guide



Tex-Mex buffet

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

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

Enjoy pollo asado fajitas, Tex-Mex beef quesadillas, cilantro lime rice, Southwestern refried beans, elote, grilled peppers and vegetables, queso blanco, and a salsa bar with all the toppings. Round out your meal with a fresh salad and Chef Brenda's assortment of desserts. The cost is \$12.79 per plate, plus tax, for UTSW faculty, staff, and learners.

[See what's cooking](#)

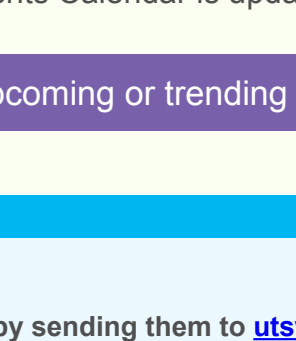
Campus Events Calendar (Localist) admin training

Oct. 1

Virtual

Whether you're a first-time user or refreshing your skills, this training covers branding and accessibility requirements, content and image best practices, and how to update and promote events. Find the 15-minute course in Taleo Learn.

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