



Honoring the women who shaped UTSW's legacy

In recognition of International Day of Women and Girls in Science, tomorrow, Feb. 11, we honor the incredible contributions of the women scientists, clinicians, and educators who are shaping the future at UT Southwestern.

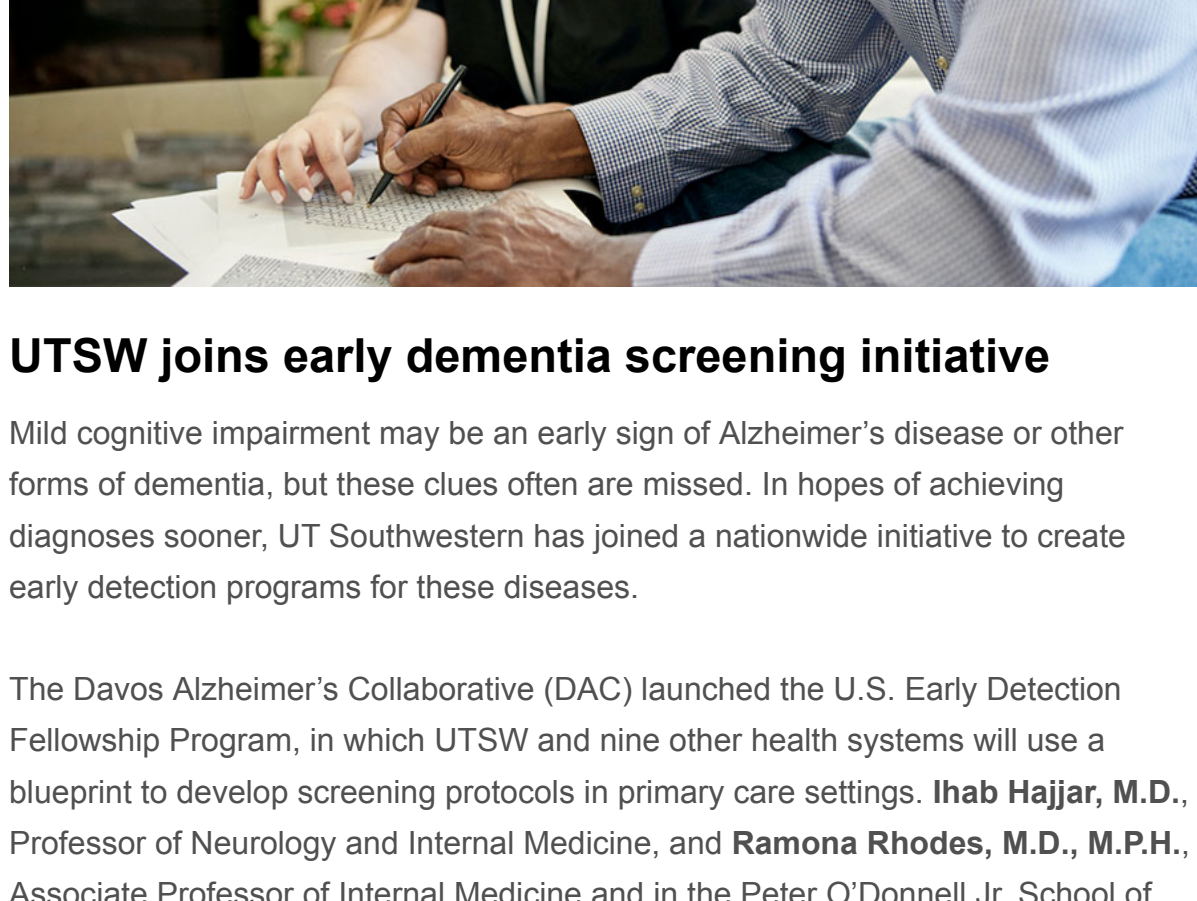
When UT Southwestern was founded as Southwestern Medical College in 1943, only five female faculty members and learners were on campus. Today, 82 years later, UTSW is home to over 3,000 female faculty and learners across four schools, five female members of the National Academy of Medicine, eight female members of the National Academy of Sciences, and thousands of distinguished award winners. Explore their impact over the past eight decades on our [History of Breakthroughs](#) page, featuring a timeline of their many achievements.

The Women in Science and Medicine Advisory Committee (WISMAC) is also a valuable resource, supporting the advancement of women in science and medicine at UT Southwestern. To learn more, visit the [WISMAC website](#).

We also invite you to help us celebrate on [@utswmedcenter](#), using the hashtag #WISMAC, and sharing your best science-inspired photos – whether you're in the lab, out in the field, mentoring students, or making discoveries. You can also submit your pictures via [email](#) for a chance to be featured on our social media channels. Submissions will be accepted until 5 p.m. today.

However you contribute to discovery at UTSW, we want to highlight your role!

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UTSW joins early dementia screening initiative

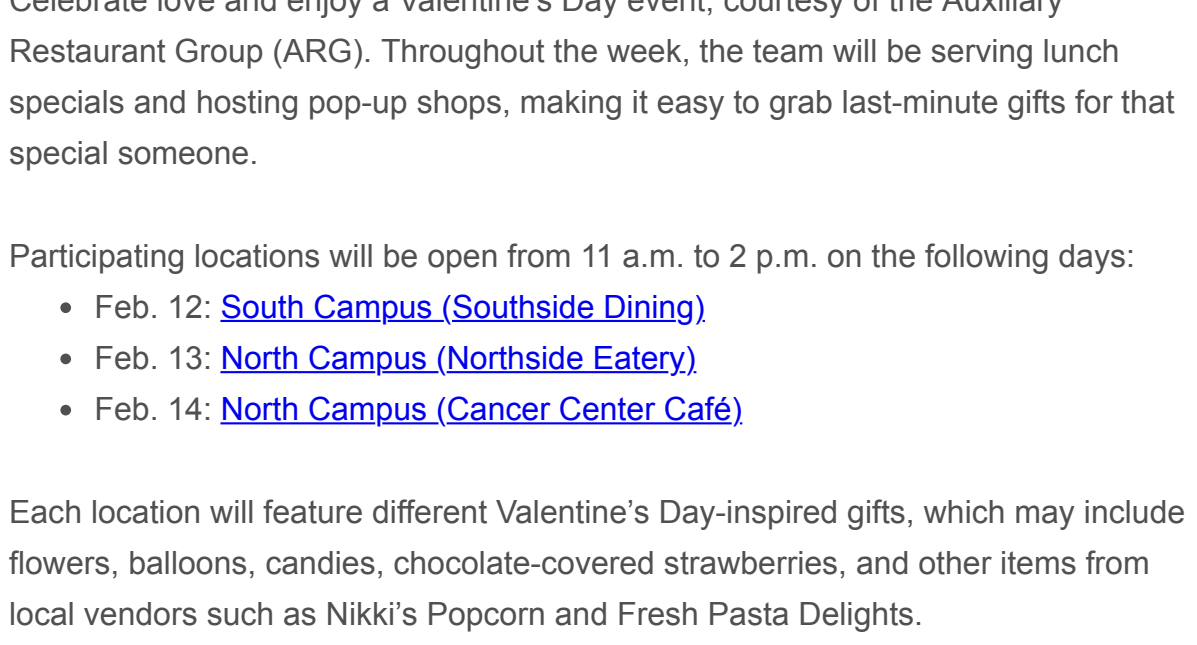
Mild cognitive impairment may be an early sign of Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia, but these clues often are missed. In hopes of achieving diagnoses sooner, UT Southwestern has joined a nationwide initiative to create early detection programs for these diseases.

The Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative (DAC) launched the U.S. Early Detection Fellowship Program, in which UTSW and nine other health systems will use a blueprint to develop screening protocols in primary care settings. **Ihab Hajjar, M.D.**, Professor of Neurology and Internal Medicine, and **Ramona Rhodes, M.D., M.P.H.**, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and in the Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health, will guide the effort at UTSW.

Dr. Hajjar sees early cognitive screening becoming as relevant as cholesterol screening.

"By the time many patients seek care, either their cognitive disease is too advanced, or they may not be eligible for some of the available therapies," he said. "Our objective is to determine how we can accomplish the goal of improving both detection and care of patients dealing with cognitive issues."

[Read the news release](#)



Valentine's Day lunch and market

Celebrate love and enjoy a Valentine's Day event, courtesy of the Auxiliary Restaurant Group (ARG). Throughout the week, the team will be serving lunch specials and hosting pop-up shops, making it easy to grab last-minute gifts for that special someone.

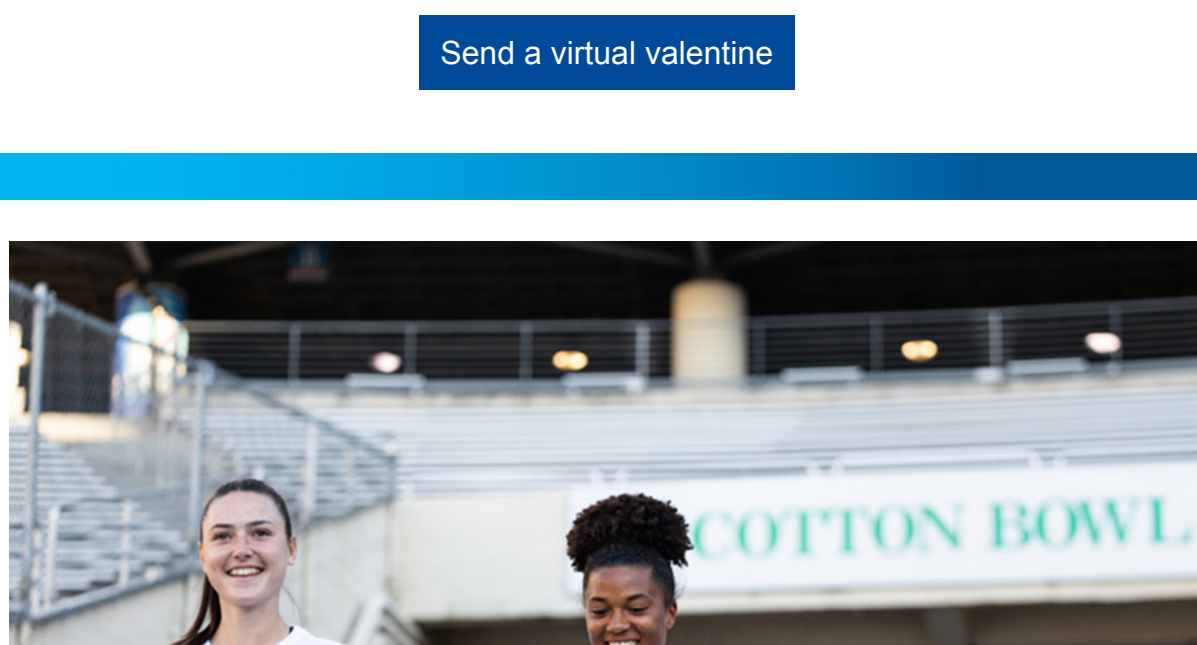
Participating locations will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following days:

- Feb. 12: [South Campus \(Southside Dining\)](#)
- Feb. 13: [North Campus \(Northside Eatery\)](#)
- Feb. 14: [North Campus \(Cancer Center Café\)](#)

Each location will feature different Valentine's Day-inspired gifts, which may include flowers, balloons, candies, chocolate-covered strawberries, and other items from local vendors such as Nikki's Popcorn and Fresh Pasta Delights.

Limited Valentine's offerings will also be available at cafés at Aston Ambulatory Care Center (U), West Campus Building 3 (WCB3), Radiation Oncology (EC), Empire Central, and the Outpatient Building (WA).

Don't miss this sweet celebration!



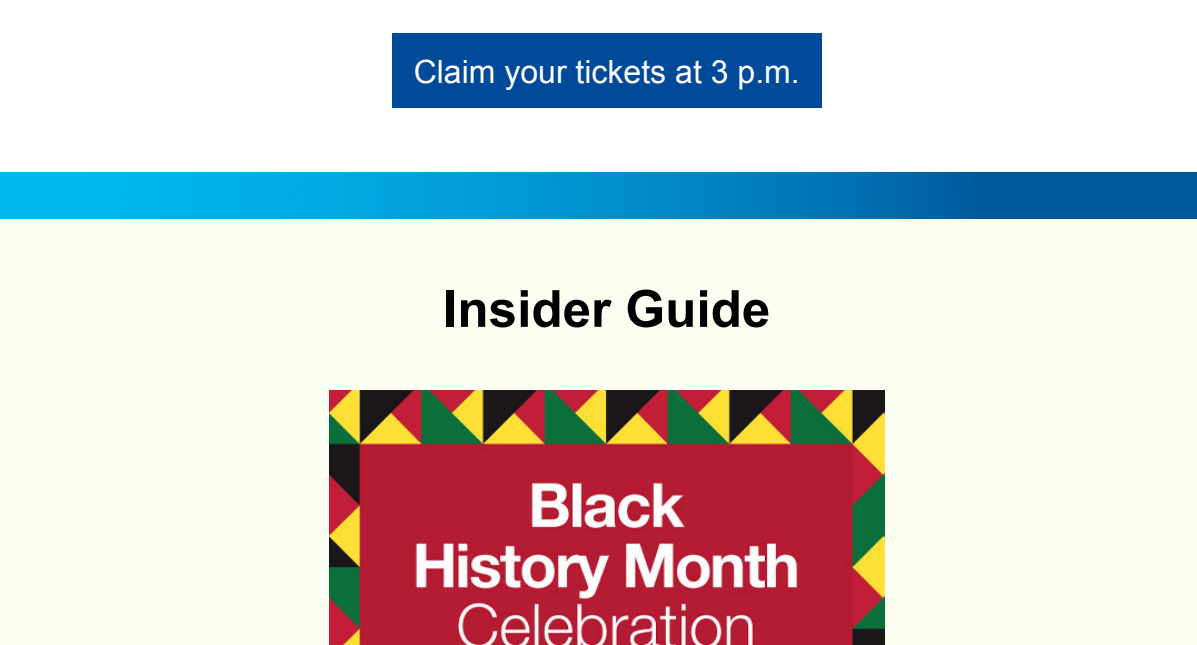
Say you care with a virtual Valentine

Has a UT Southwestern colleague helped start your year off on a positive note, cheered you up, or been an extraordinary team member? This week is a perfect time to recognize those who make a difference in your world, and we've made it easy to thank them!

Use the submission form below to share your message of appreciation, and we'll make sure it's sent to your recipient via email from the *UTSW Insider* mailbox.

Submissions will be accepted through Friday, Feb. 14.

[Send a virtual valentine](#)



Score Dallas Trinity FC tickets

UT Southwestern is proud to be the Official Health Care Partner of the Dallas Trinity FC women's professional soccer team. We're giving UTSW faculty, staff, and learners a chance to win two tickets to a game this spring season.

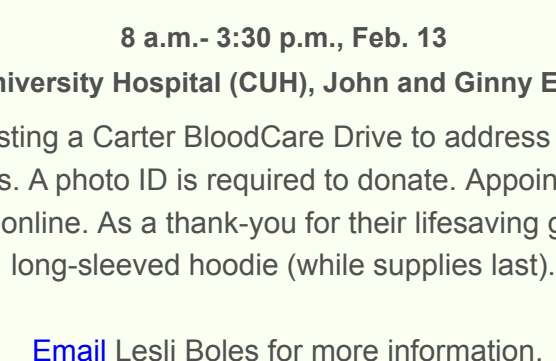
The **form to claim tickets will open at 3 p.m. today** (Feb. 10). Ticket availability is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Visit the [Employee Discounts page](#) for more information on deals from other fitness and sports partners.

For questions, contact brandengagement@utsouthwestern.edu.

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

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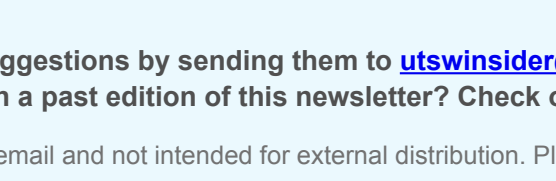
Black History Month Celebration

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 11
Hybrid, South Campus, D1.602

Join the UT Southwestern community at this year's annual Black History Month Celebration, featuring dishes from local Black-owned restaurants and a conversation between **Shawna Nesbitt, M.D., M.S.**, Vice President and Chief Institutional Opportunity Officer, and entrepreneur and philanthropist **Roland Parrish, CEO** and owner of Parrish Restaurants Ltd. This event is hosted by the Office for Institutional Opportunity.

Registration is required.

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Blood drive at CUH

8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m., Feb. 13

Clements University Hospital (CUH), John and Ginny Eulich Pavilion

UT Southwestern is hosting a Carter BloodCare Drive to address the critical need in North Texas for blood donors. A photo ID is required to donate. Appointments are encouraged and can be scheduled online. As a thank-you for their lifesaving gift, donors will receive a long-sleeved hoodie (while supplies last).

[Email](#) Lesli Boles for more information.

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