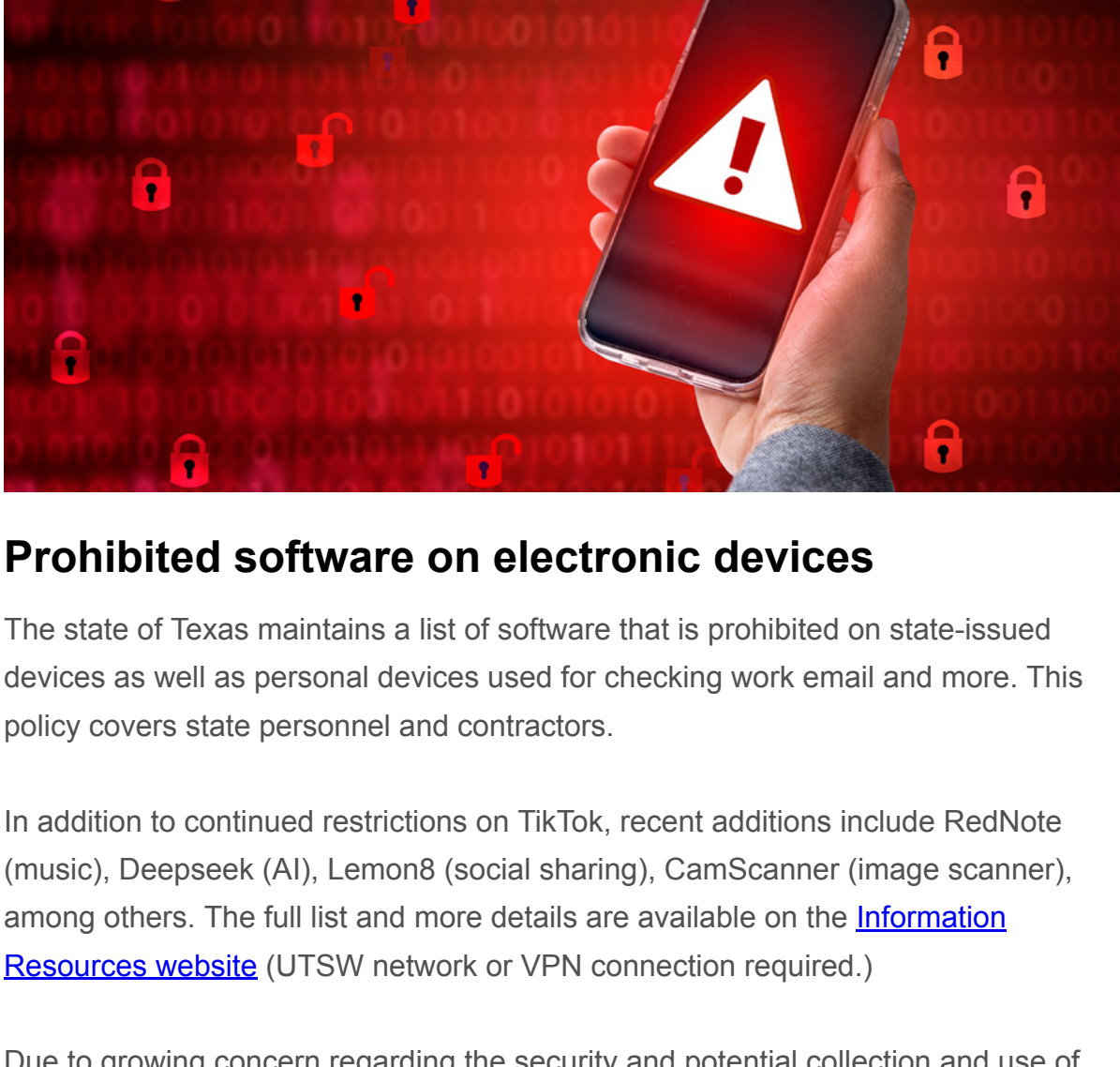




Prohibited software on electronic devices

The state of Texas maintains a list of software that is prohibited on state-issued devices as well as personal devices used for checking work email and more. This policy covers state personnel and contractors.

In addition to continued restrictions on TikTok, recent additions include RedNote (music), Deepseek (AI), Lemon8 (social sharing), CamScanner (image scanner), among others. The full list and more details are available on the [Information Resources website](#) (UTSW network or VPN connection required.)

Due to growing concern regarding the security and potential collection and use of data harvested via the applications in question, please note the following:

State-issued devices: Current requirements prohibit the downloading or use of these apps on any government-issued devices, including cellphones, laptops, tablets, desktop computers, and other devices capable of internet connectivity.

Personal devices: The directives also cover personal devices that can access software provided by the state. Examples: cellphones, laptops, tablets, and desktop computers with your state email (Outlook) and Microsoft Office365 accounts that house your UTSW files or contain any other work-related files.

These prohibitions apply regardless of whether you are on the UTSW network. The institution updates its security protocols to automatically block any attempted access by devices with these applications as needed. **The blocks of these applications will go into effect starting Feb. 24.**

Again, the full list of prohibited apps and more details are available at the link below. If you have questions about whether an app or software is appropriate, please contact servicedesk@utsouthwestern.edu.

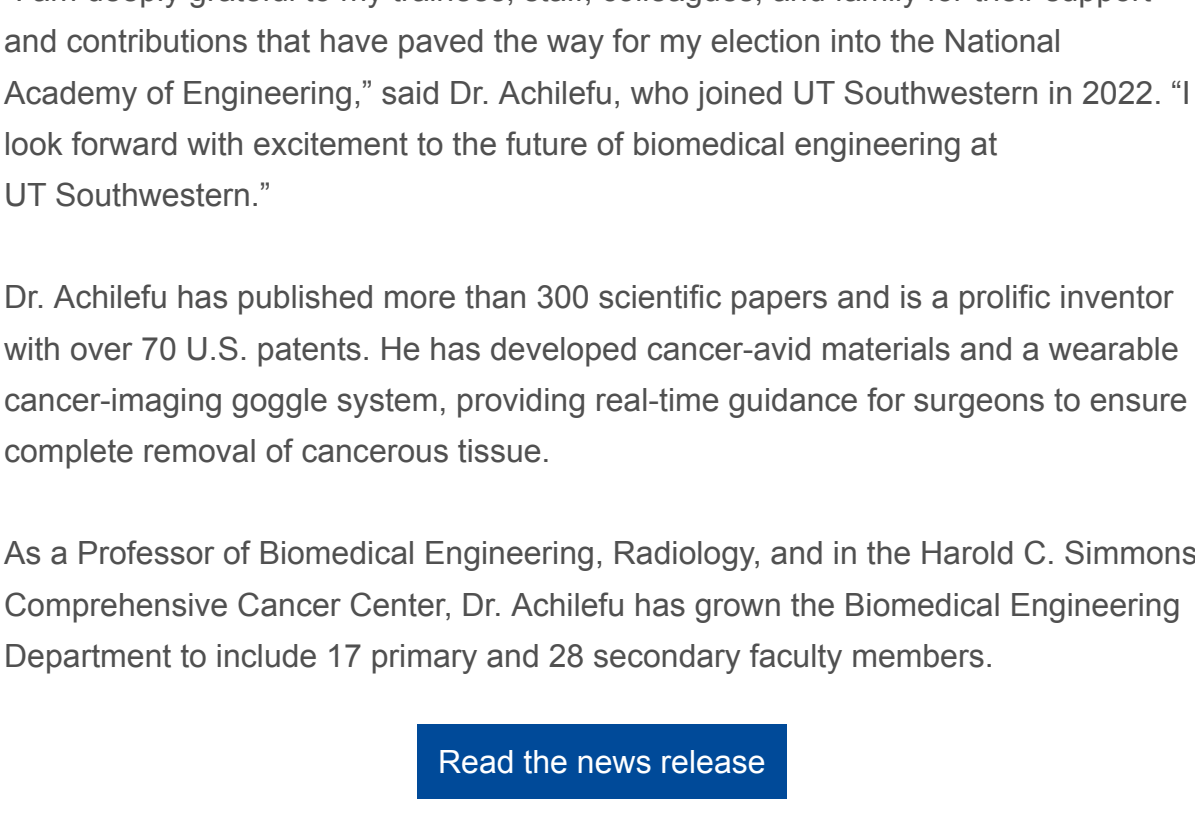
[Prohibited apps info](#)


Heads up: Microsoft 365 login screen update

Beginning today and continuing in a staged rollout through mid-April, the UT Southwestern Microsoft Office 365 login interface will change. Users will no longer see the page with the stethoscope. Instead, they will see the display pictured above, with a plain blue background.

To be clear, the login process is not changing – only the screen appearance. In some cases, however, an additional logon may be required to proceed with access.

If you have any questions, please [email](#) the Service Desk or call 214-648-7600.



Samuel Achilefu elected to NAE

Samuel Achilefu, Ph.D., inaugural Chair of the Department of Biomedical Engineering, has been elected to the National Academy of Engineering (NAE), and is UTSW's first faculty member to achieve this prestigious honor. Dr. Achilefu, an internationally recognized leader in the fields of molecular imaging of cancer and nanotherapeutics, is also a member of the National Academy of Medicine and a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors.

"I am deeply grateful to my trainees, staff, colleagues, and family for their support and contributions that have paved the way for my election into the National Academy of Engineering," said Dr. Achilefu, who joined UT Southwestern in 2022. "I look forward with excitement to the future of biomedical engineering at UT Southwestern."

Dr. Achilefu has published more than 300 scientific papers and is a prolific inventor with over 70 U.S. patents. He has developed cancer-avid materials and a wearable cancer-imaging goggle system, providing real-time guidance for surgeons to ensure complete removal of cancerous tissue.

As a Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Radiology, and in the Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center, Dr. Achilefu has grown the Biomedical Engineering Department to include 17 primary and 28 secondary faculty members.

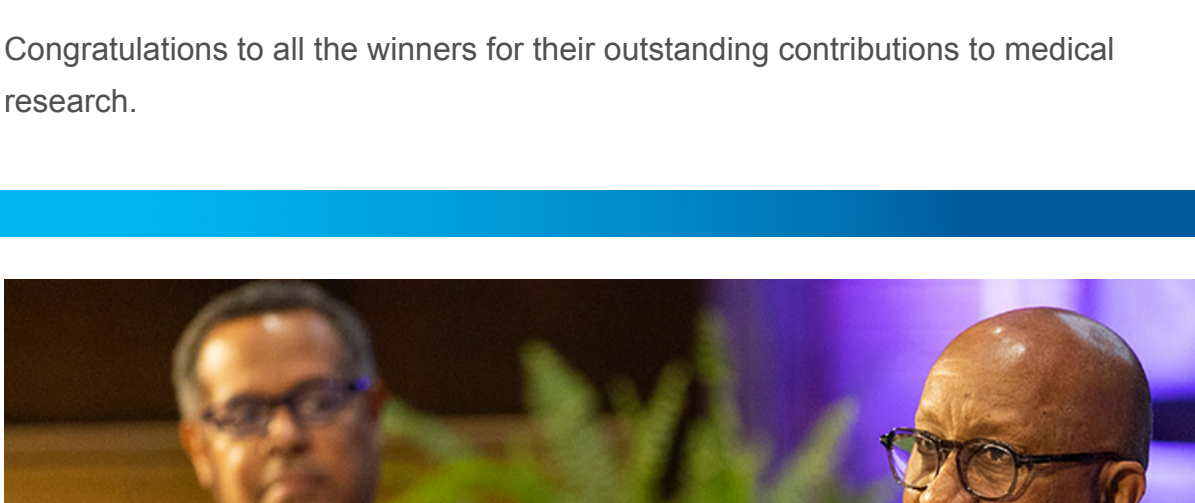
[Read the news release](#)


FC Dallas pop-up shop this week

FC Dallas unveiled the team's new 2025 season jersey, and UT Southwestern is front and center! But the real MVPs are our tiniest patients in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Wearing their custom mock jerseys [handcrafted by the NICU staff](#), they are ready to take to the pitch alongside the team. Check out the heartwarming photos on Instagram [@utswmedcenter](#).

Want your own UTSW-branded jersey? Stop by the [FC Dallas Pop-up shop](#) outside the Southwestern Medical Center this Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. FC Dallas players will be there at 2 p.m. to sign autographs, meet fans, and take pictures. Jerseys will also be available online and at all three [campus store locations](#). UT Southwestern and Children's Health are proud to be the Official Health Care Partners of FC Dallas.

Get your gear and cheer on the team!

[Purchase jersey](#)


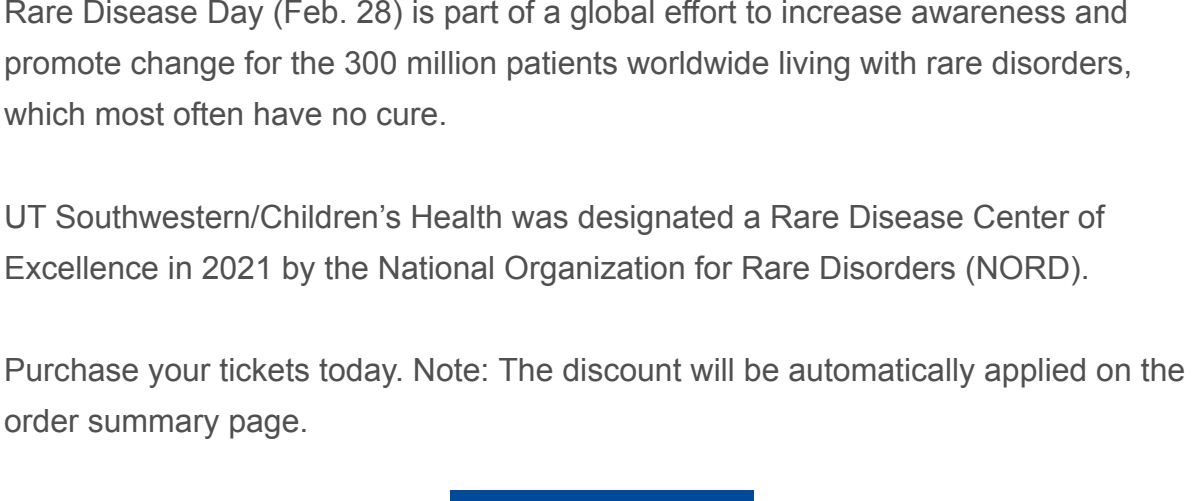
Student research forum inspires careers in academic medicine

UT Southwestern's 63rd Medical Student Research Forum provided a platform for future doctors to showcase their research, emphasizing the unique opportunities available on campus. The event featured presentations by **Margaret Vo**, **Kaylee Grant**, **Kevin Salinas**, **Grant Flindt**, **Asim Mohamed**, **Brooke Wilson**, and **Joonoh Lee**, as well as a keynote address by **Rodney Infante, M.D., Ph.D.**, Associate Professor in the Center for Human Nutrition.

Out of 148 applicants, 56 students were selected to present posters on their research projects. Twenty-four faculty judges evaluated the poster presentations and selected six winners:

- **Katherine Lei:** "Metabolic Syndrome Increases Probability of High-Grade, Immune-Related, Adverse Events from Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Therapy"
- **Ahmed Abdi:** "Gout Impacts Diabetic Retinopathy Development and Complication Risk"
- **John (JD) Carter:** "Hip Strength After Femoral Varus Osteotomy and Greater Trochanter Apophysiodesis for Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease"
- **Riya Albert:** "Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocytes (TILs) as a Predictive Marker of Pathological Complete Response (pCR) in a Diverse Patient Population with Early Triple Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC) Treated with the Neoadjuvant Real-World KEYNOTE-522 Regimen"
- **Deepa Ravindra:** "Delayed Graft Function after Kidney Transplant: Complication or Quality Metric?"
- **Tidie Song:** "Cancer Cachexia is Associated with Increased Risk of Venous and Arterial Thromboembolic Events in CRC and NSCLC"

Congratulations to all the winners for their outstanding contributions to medical research.

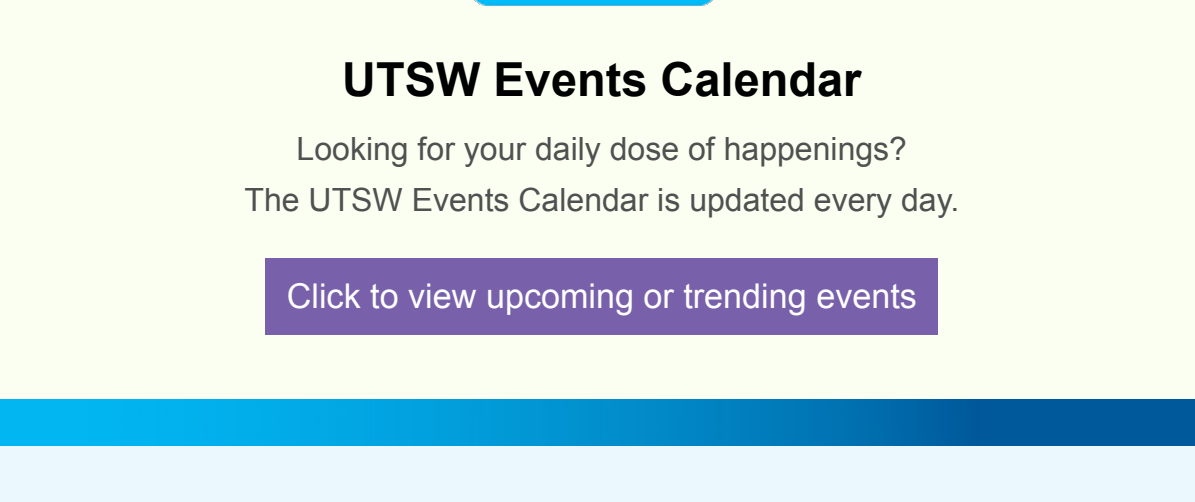


Celebrating the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

UT Southwestern commemorated Martin Luther King Jr. Day with three meaningful events last month: a community volunteer cleanup project, a presentation of [student community service scholarships](#), and a vibrant celebration, all of which helped foster a feeling of belonging within the campus community.

In a conversation on stage with **Marc Nivet, Ed.D., M.B.A.**, Executive Vice President for Institutional Advancement at UT Southwestern, **Ambassador Ron Kirk**, Senior Of Counsel at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, delivered a motivating address on Jan. 23, encouraging attendees to honor Dr. King's legacy through kindness and being part of the change that leaves a lasting impact on the world.

To discover more, visit [Center Times Plus](#). There you will also find a [recap of MLK Fest](#). At that event, nearly 100 UTSW employees volunteered to clean up Dallas' historic Fair Park district and help beautify the area as a tribute to Dr. King.



Get your tickets: Rare Disease Day at Dallas Zoo

Show your support for our Rare Disease team and their research, training, and education efforts on Saturday, March 1, at the Dallas Zoo.

What's happening:

- Discounted tickets available for \$15 (for UTSW faculty, staff, students, their family and friends)
- Exclusive photo op at the Giraffe Drawbridge (9-11 a.m.)
- Group picture at 11 a.m.

Rare Disease Day (Feb. 28) is part of a global effort to increase awareness and promote change for the 300 million patients worldwide living with rare disorders, which most often have no cure.

UT Southwestern/Children's Health was designated a Rare Disease Center of Excellence in 2021 by the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD).

Purchase your tickets today. Note: The discount will be automatically applied on the order summary page.

[Discounted tickets](#)

Insider Guide

Health Disparities Research Lecture Series: Lorna McNeill, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Noon-1 p.m., Feb. 21 | Hybrid, South Campus, D1.602

Join the Office for Institutional Opportunity and the Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center for the inaugural Health Disparities Research Lecture. **Lorna McNeill, Ph.D., M.P.H.**, Associate Director for the Cancer Health Disparities and Community Outreach and Director for the Center for Community-Engaged Translational Research at MD Anderson Cancer Center, will present, "Equitable Solutions for Improving Cancer Health Equity – A Role for Community Engagement." Lunch will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.

[Details](#)

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