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Countdown to Match Day!

The excitement is building as we prepare to honor UT Southwestern's fourth-year medical students and their biggest milestone: Match Day 2026!

Join us in celebrating their dedication and achievements on Friday, **March 20**, at 11 a.m., in the gym of the Bryan Williams, M.D. Student Center.

This moment marks the culmination of years of study and the art of patient care as graduates reveal where they will train, the specialty they've chosen, and the city they'll call home for the next chapter of their medical careers.

Stay tuned to the *UTSW Insider* newsletter and [Center Times Plus](#) for upcoming comprehensive coverage and personal spotlights on our matched students.

[More on Match Day 2026](#)

PINNACLE AWARDS UT SOUTHWESTERN

Nominations open for the UTSW Pinnacle Awards

Last week, UT Southwestern President **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**, announced that [nominations are open](#) for the UT Southwestern Pinnacle Awards.

The Pinnacle Awards recognize staff who embody excellence, innovation, teamwork, and compassion – qualities that elevate our mission in education, research, and clinical care.

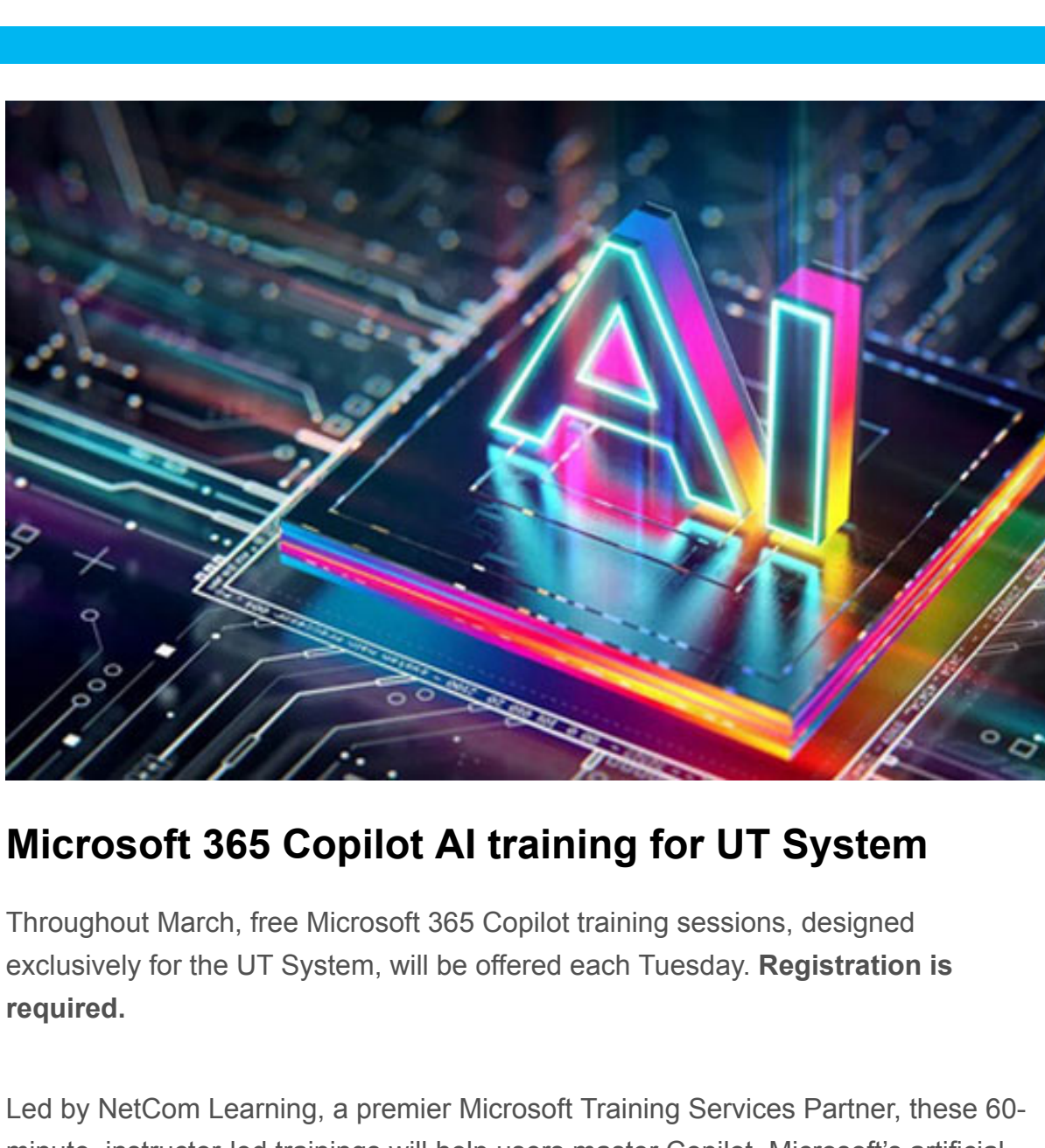
The following awards will be presented:

- Distinguished Service Award
- Spirit of UT Southwestern Award
- Pinnacle Award for Excellence
- Pinnacle Award for Innovation
- Pinnacle Award for Teamwork (recognizes a team or cross-functional group of individuals)
- Pinnacle Award for Compassion

To learn more about each award, including criteria and nomination submission, visit the [UT Southwestern Pinnacle Awards website](#). Nominations will be accepted through **March 22**.

Also, mark your calendars for Wednesday, **June 17**, when we will recognize this year's recipients during a campuswide celebration, to be followed by a gathering on Seldin Plaza.

[Honor a colleague's impact](#)



Mandatory compliance training now open

The annual compliance training period opened on Monday and runs through **April 15**. All employees – including faculty members, staff, and student employees – must complete compliance training and should have received an email from Taleo Learn with the training link.

New hires from Jan. 1, 2026, onward are exempt.

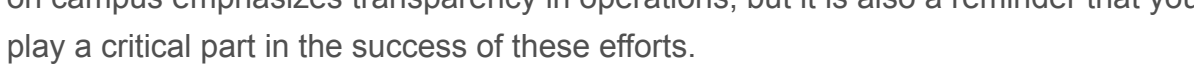
Additional information is available on the [Office of Institutional Compliance & Audit Services website](#) (VPN or on-campus connection required). The training is comprised of the four modules listed below. The entire training bundle will take approximately 90 minutes to complete.

- Part 1 – FY 2026 Foundations of Campus Compliance
- Part 2 – FY 2026 Campus Rights, Responsibilities, & Conduct Training
- Part 3 – FY 2026 Privacy & Information Security Training
- Part 4 – FY 2026 Responsible Use of AI at UT Southwestern

New this year: The Texas Department of Information Resources has issued updated requirements for artificial intelligence (AI) training programs. As a result, the Responsible Use of AI at UT Southwestern has been added to this year's required training, regardless of prior completion.

Employees must complete ALL modules to be 100% compliant. Disciplinary measures, including possible termination, may be taken against those who do not fulfill this requirement. **April 16** will be considered Day 1 of noncompliance. Fulfilling our annual training helps UT Southwestern promote a culture of excellence, safeguard the institution's reputation, and create a safer workplace.

Questions? Email the [Office of Institutional Compliance & Audit Services](#), call 214-648-6108, or visit the [Annual Compliance Training SharePoint site](#).



Microsoft 365 Copilot AI training for UT System

Throughout March, free Microsoft 365 Copilot training sessions, designed exclusively for the UT System, will be offered each Tuesday. **Registration is required.**

Led by NetCom Learning, a premier Microsoft Training Services Partner, these 60-minute, instructor-led trainings will help users master Copilot, Microsoft's artificial intelligence-powered tool, and apply it to their daily work. The collaborative sessions are designed for professionals looking to sharpen their skills and discover how Microsoft Copilot can enhance productivity and creativity across daily workflows.

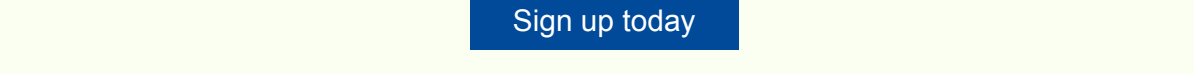
Course highlights:

- AI experts will simplify the concepts of using AI more effectively.
- Learn to work smarter with secure AI-powered tools.
- Discover time-saving tricks to boost productivity.

Courses:

- **March 10:** "Work Smarter with AI" (overview will include paid and free version of Copilot)
- **March 17:** "Draft, Analyze, and Present with Microsoft 365 Copilot" (focused on paid Copilot integration within Microsoft 365 productivity apps)
- **March 24:** "Transform Your Everyday Business Processes with Agents" (focused on agents)

[View course descriptions and register](#)



A look at our progress: Midterm review of UTSW's Strategic Plan

We appreciate those who raised an issue with the link to the midterm review in Monday's *Insider*. The technical issue has since been resolved, and the direct link is included below. We apologize for any inconvenience.

To maintain alignment and momentum toward long-term success, UT Southwestern uses a dynamic road map called the [Six-Year Strategic Plan](#) (on-campus network connection or VPN required). This document is reviewed and refreshed annually to ensure that it continues to fit our institution's evolving needs, tracking our progress on major initiatives and outlining new priorities for the upcoming six-year period.

In 2024-25, we rolled out the latest iteration, and this fiscal year, leaders have been asked to report back on their progress. Making this document available to everyone on campus emphasizes transparency in operations, but it is also a reminder that you play a critical part in the success of these efforts.

We encourage you to read the [midterm review](#) of the 2024-2030 Six-Year Strategic Plan, which you can access via the link below.

[Read the midterm review of the Strategic Plan](#)

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Insider Guide

Celebrating Excellence in Education

4:30-6 p.m., March 5

McDermott Lecture Halls, D1.600

Join the Southwestern Academy of Teachers (SWAT) and the academic community in honoring the UT Southwestern Medical Center 2025 Distinguished Educator Award and Outstanding Educator Award recipients, along with the 2025 UT System Shine Academy inductees. Reception to follow.

[Register](#)

Hope After Brain Injury Conference

8 a.m.-1 p.m., March 7

West Campus Building 3, Ninth Floor

You're invited to attend the Hope After Brain Injury (HABI) Conference, an annual community-based event that aims to share up-to-date literature and resources on living with and managing long-term traumatic brain injury, as well as provide social and community support for survivors and their care partners.

[Sign up today](#)

UTSW Events Calendar

Looking for your daily dose of happenings?

The UTSW Events Calendar is updated every day.

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