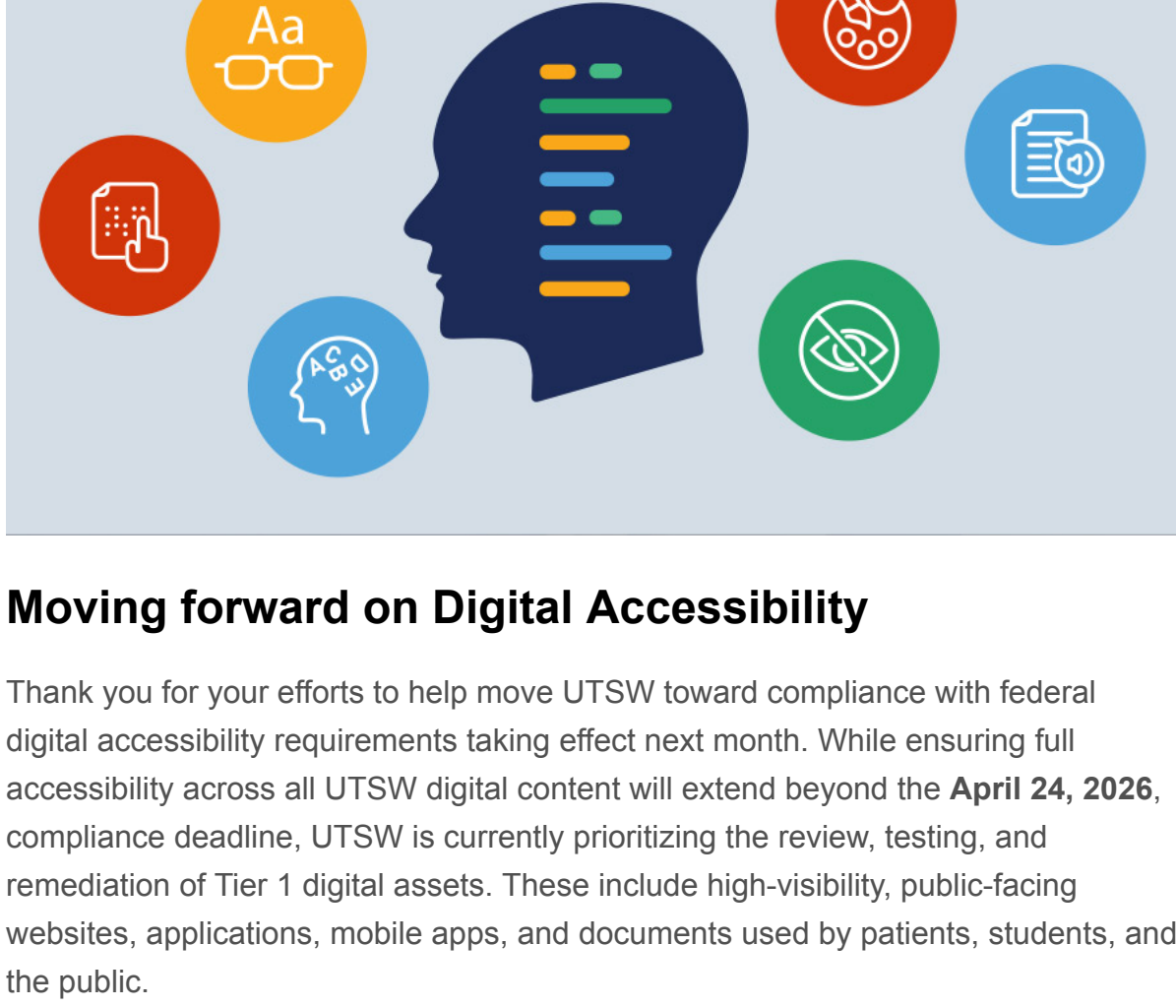




Moving forward on Digital Accessibility

Thank you for your efforts to help move UTSW toward compliance with federal digital accessibility requirements taking effect next month. While ensuring full accessibility across all UTSW digital content will extend beyond the **April 24, 2026**, compliance deadline, UTSW is currently prioritizing the review, testing, and remediation of Tier 1 digital assets. These include high-visibility, public-facing websites, applications, mobile apps, and documents used by patients, students, and the public.

As you create or update digital assets, please incorporate the following practices:

- Use **UTSW-approved platforms** supported by Information Resources.
- Work with **UTSW-approved accessible templates** for Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.
- Apply **universal design principles** to support accessibility from the start.
- Run built-in **accessibility checkers** before publishing or sharing content, as a supplement to manual review.

Everyone's contributions are important to the success of this effort. Please work with your leaders to support remediation activities, while ensuring patient care and other UTSW priorities remain uncompromised.

For additional information, visit the [UTSW Digital Accessibility reference site](#) or contact the [Digital Accessibility Specialists](#) with any questions.

The Digital Accessibility communications team welcomes your feedback: Please help us improve future communications by completing the brief Digital Accessibility Awareness survey, linked below.

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How to write a strong Pinnacle Nomination

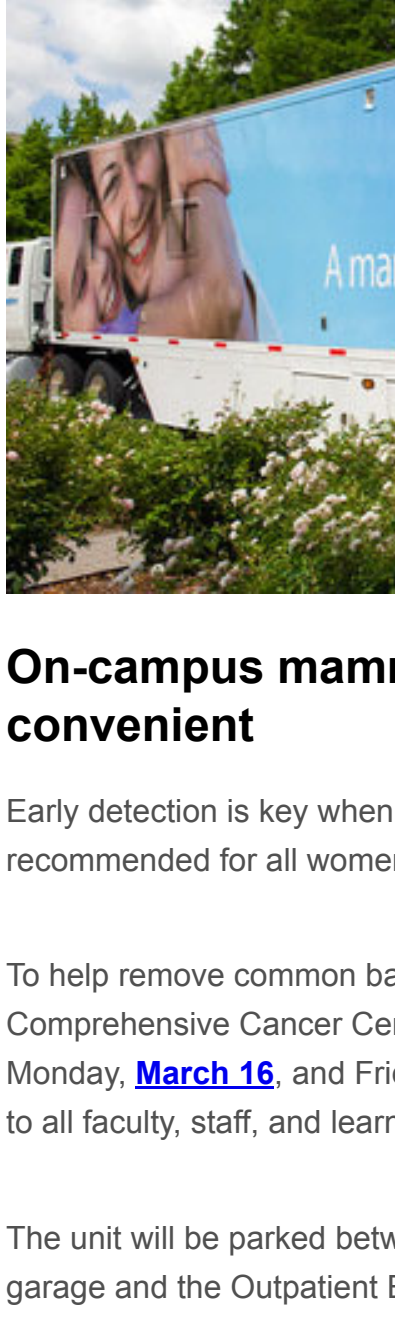
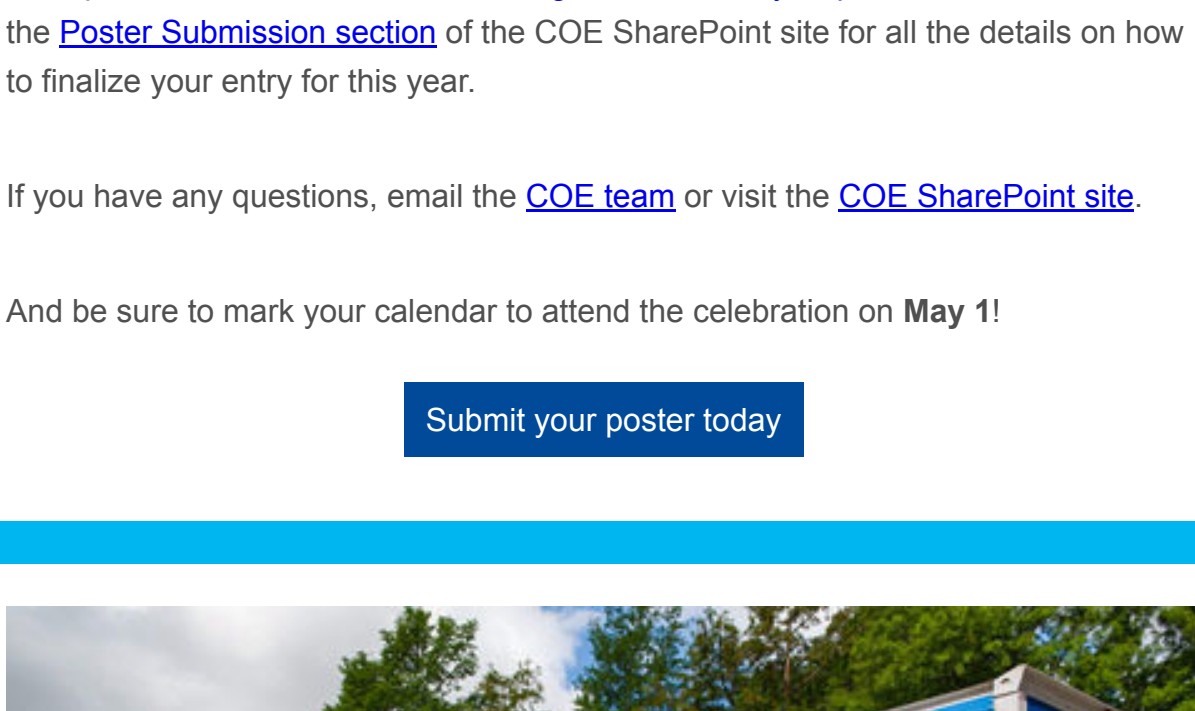
Do you know a colleague or team whose work truly stands out? Learn how to highlight their impact at an interactive workshop: "How to Write a Compelling Pinnacle Award Nomination," offered **March 11** and **March 18**, from noon to 1 p.m.

The [UT Southwestern Pinnacle Awards](#) honor employees who exemplify excellence, innovation, teamwork, and compassion in support of our missions in education, research, and clinical care. Nominations are open through **March 22**.

Led by **Suzanne Farmer, Ph.D.**, Associate Vice President for Talent Development, Human Resources, this session will review the eligibility criteria and break down each award category to help you choose the perfect fit. You'll also learn how to transform a good nomination into a great one and get your questions answered during a live Q&A.

Save the date for Wednesday, **June 17**, when we'll celebrate this year's recipients at a campuswide event hosted by UT Southwestern President **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**, followed by a gathering on Seldin Plaza.

[Register for a workshop](#)



Celebration of Excellence: Last chance to submit your posters

Have you been part of a project that has improved your departmental operations, processes, or systems? Then enter it for consideration in the annual poster session at the Health System's 2026 Celebration of Excellence (COE). But act soon – the submission deadline is **March 17**.

The poster competition is a cornerstone of this annual campuswide event in which participants share and celebrate best practices and success stories across our clinical enterprise.

All UTSW staff, faculty, and partners are invited to submit posters that speak to improvement efforts; they should highlight projects that reflect one of the [Operational Plan](#) focus areas of People, Safety, Quality, Service, and Financial Performance.

Final poster submissions must meet [digital accessibility requirements](#). Please visit the [Poster Submission section](#) of the COE SharePoint site for all the details on how to finalize your entry for this year.

If you have any questions, email the [COE team](#) or visit the [COE SharePoint site](#).

And be sure to mark your calendar to attend the celebration on **May 1!**

[Submit your poster today](#)

On-campus mammograms: Quick, free, and convenient

Early detection is key when it comes to breast cancer, and annual screenings are recommended for all women beginning at age 40.

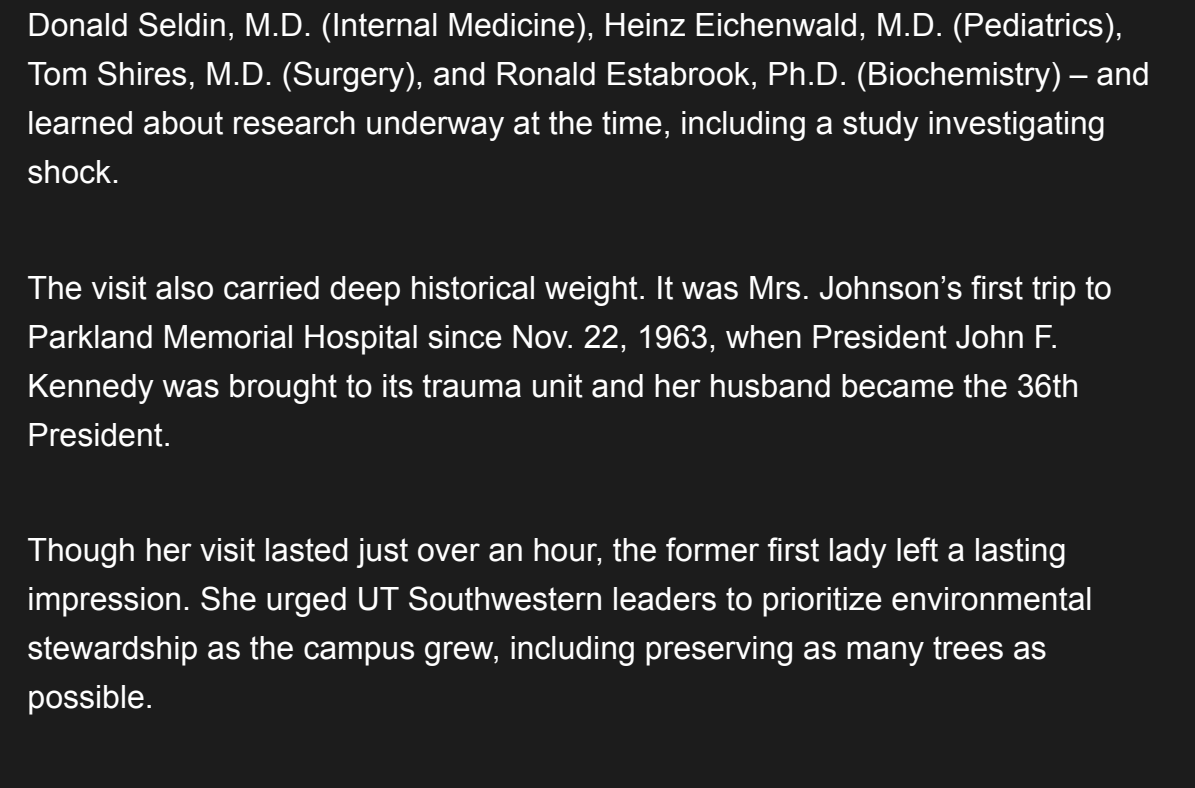
To help remove common barriers to screening, the Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center's mobile mammography unit will be on campus Monday, **March 16**, and Friday, **March 20**, offering free 3D screening mammograms to all faculty, staff, and learners.

The unit will be parked between the Professional Office Building (POB) parking garage and the Outpatient Building (WA) from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To secure your spot, preregister by calling 214-645-2560.

Don't miss the chance to prioritize your health!

[Book a screening](#)



Step out for lung cancer

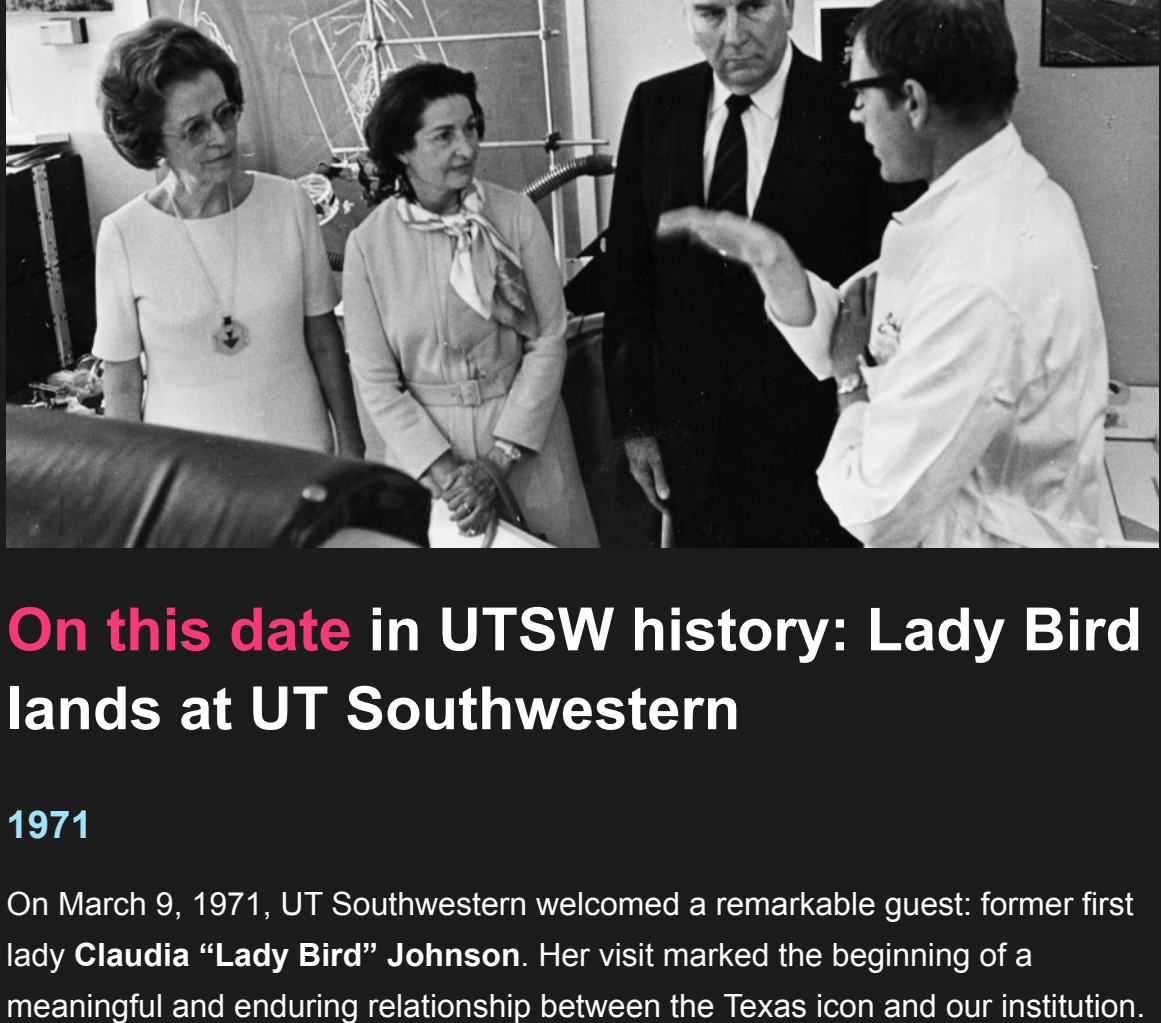
Mark your calendar and grab your sneakers! UT Southwestern Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center is helping lead the charge against lung cancer at the GO2 for Lung Cancer 5K Walk/Run at the Katy Trail at Reverchon Park (3505 Maple Ave., Dallas) on **March 28**.

This event is chaired by **Jonathan Dowell, M.D.**, Professor of Internal Medicine and Chief of Hematology/Oncology at the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and **Sheena Bhalla, M.D.**, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine and Director of Thoracic Medical Oncology Clinical Operations.

Funds raised from the event will advance the mission to increase lung cancer survival by improving the lives of those at risk, diagnosed, and living with lung cancer.

There will be activities for the whole family, including a **kids' dash, music, and more!** All ages and abilities are welcome.

[Join the UTSW team!](#)



On this date in UTSW history: Lady Bird lands at UT Southwestern

1971

On March 9, 1971, UT Southwestern welcomed a remarkable guest: former first lady **Claudia "Lady Bird" Johnson**. Her visit marked the beginning of a meaningful and enduring relationship between the Texas icon and our institution.

Mrs. Johnson, the wife of former U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson, served on the University of Texas System Board of Regents from 1971 to 1978 and was the **keynote speaker** at UT Southwestern's 1975 commencement ceremonies for the medical school and graduate school.

During her first visit in 1971, she toured UT Southwestern and Parkland Memorial Hospital alongside her close friend, Alice Fordyce, sister of Mary Lasker, who cofounded the Lasker Foundation to support medical research. The pair met with then-Dean Charles C. Sprague, M.D., and several Department Chairs – including Donald Seldin, M.D. (Internal Medicine), Heinz Eichenwald, M.D. (Pediatrics), Tom Shires, M.D. (Surgery), and Ronald Estabrook, Ph.D. (Biochemistry) – and learned about research underway at the time, including a study investigating shock.

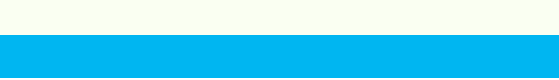
The visit also carried deep historical weight. It was Mrs. Johnson's first trip to Parkland Memorial Hospital since Nov. 22, 1963, when President John F. Kennedy was brought to its trauma unit and her husband became the 36th President.

Though her visit lasted just over an hour, the former first lady left a lasting impression. She urged UT Southwestern leaders to prioritize environmental stewardship as the campus grew, including preserving as many trees as possible.

This principle continues to shape the campus today, reflected in nearly 3,000 trees representing 98 species, including live oak, bald cypress, cedar elm, and a rare upright English oak.

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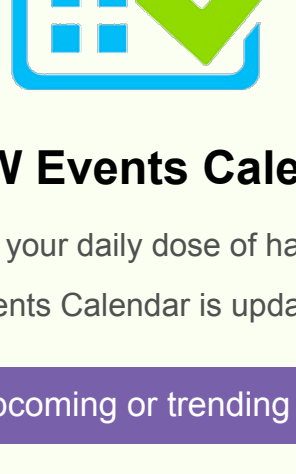


Charles Morris Ginsburg Simulation-Based Quality Improvement and Research Forum

7 a.m.-4 p.m., April 22 | T. Boone Pickens Auditorium (NG3.112)

The simulation forum recognizes the outstanding scholarly work of students, trainees, faculty, scientists, and other educators who are advancing simulation-based education, research, and patient care. This year's keynote speaker is **Laurah Turner, Ph.D.**, Associate Dean for Artificial Intelligence and Educational Informatics and Associate Professor of Medical Education and of Biostatistics, Health Informatics and Data Sciences at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

[Register today](#)



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