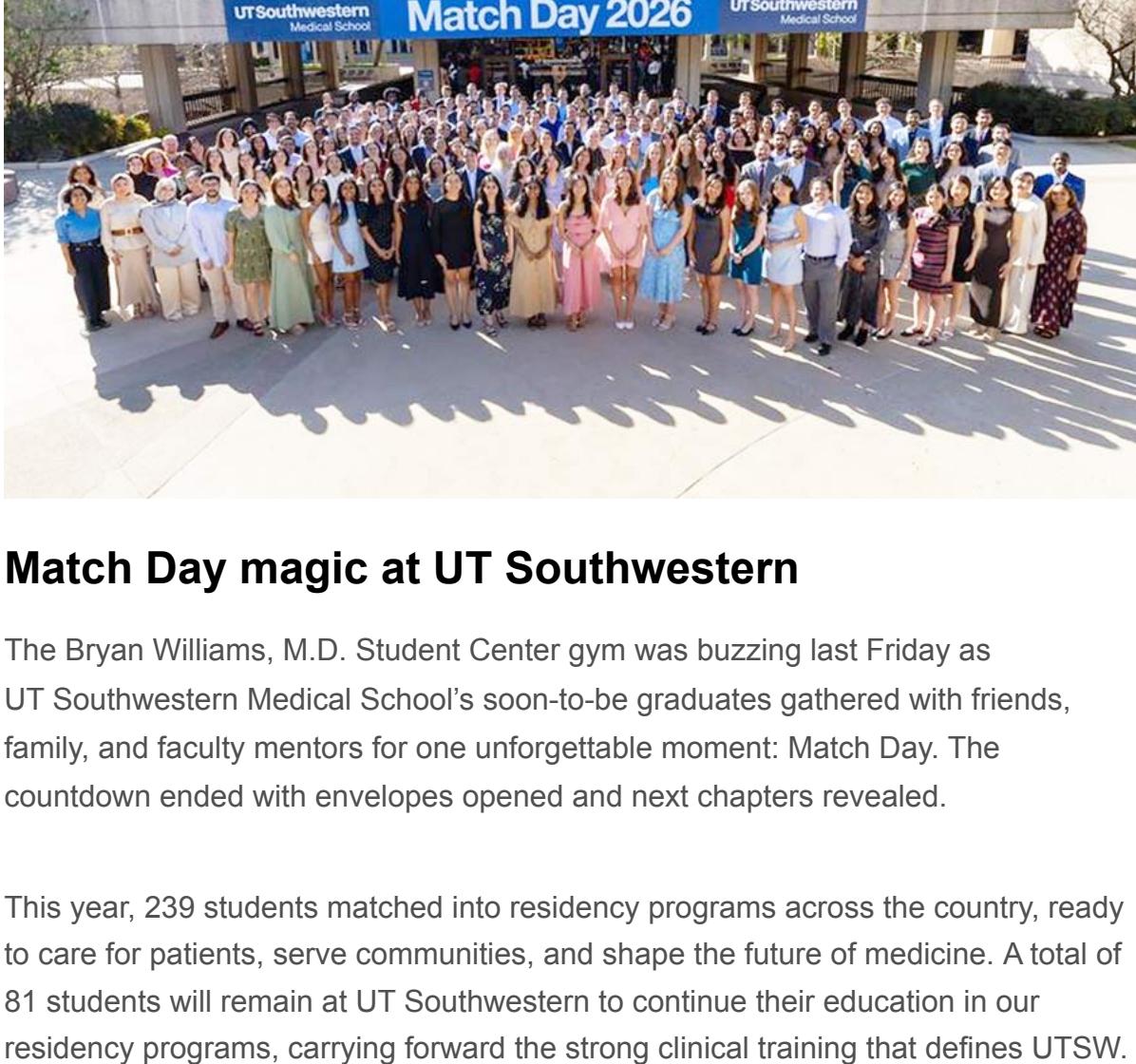




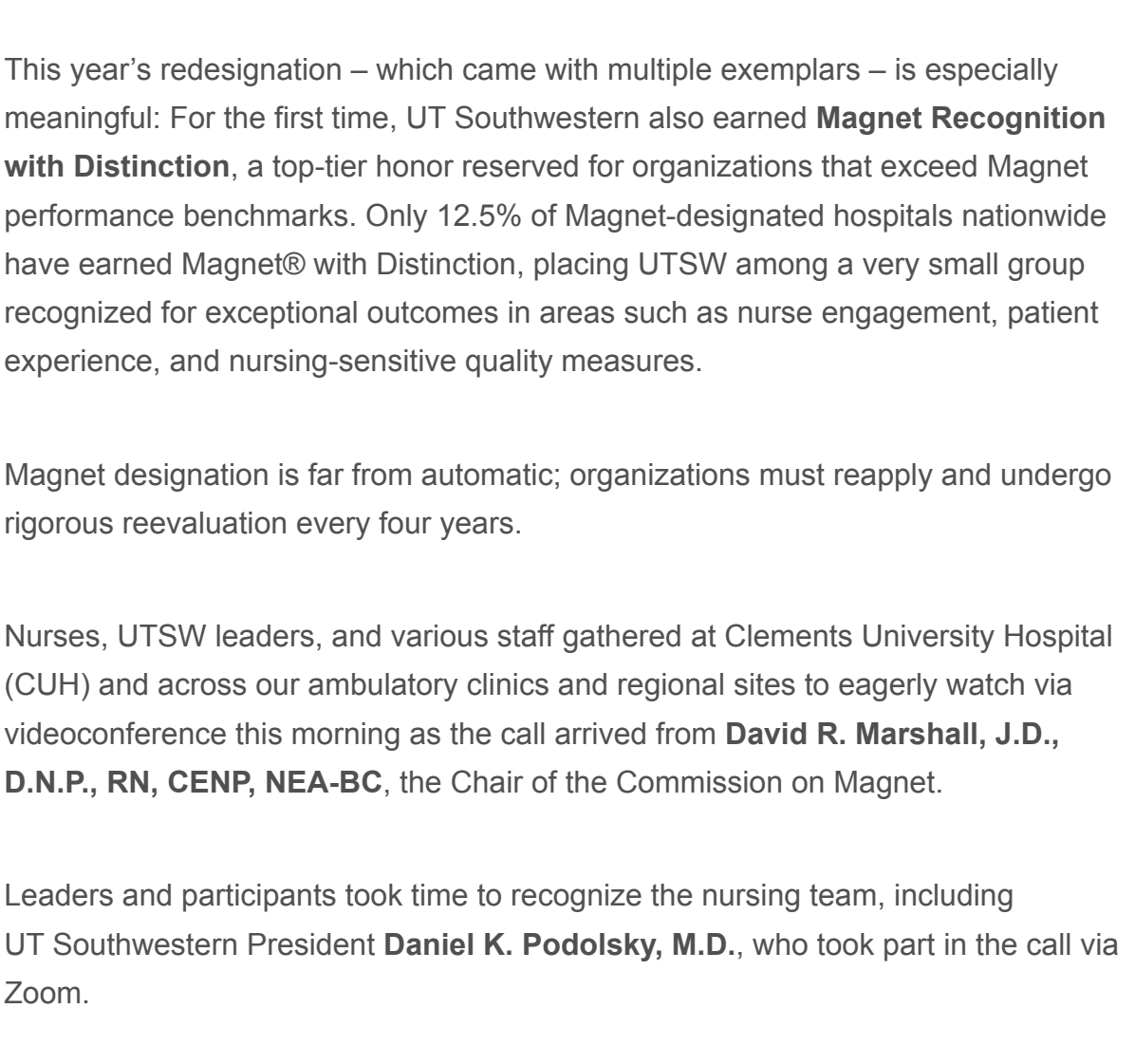
Match Day magic at UT Southwestern

The Bryan Williams, M.D. Student Center gym was buzzing last Friday as UT Southwestern Medical School's soon-to-be graduates gathered with friends, family, and faculty mentors for one unforgettable moment: Match Day. The countdown ended with envelopes opened and next chapters revealed.

This year, 239 students matched into residency programs across the country, ready to care for patients, serve communities, and shape the future of medicine. A total of 81 students will remain at UT Southwestern to continue their education in our residency programs, carrying forward the strong clinical training that defines UTSW.

Congrats to all of our graduates on reaching this milestone. The Match is complete, and commencement is right around the corner! Explore photos, highlights, and a full breakdown of this year's match results on the [Match Day website](#).

[Match Day 2026 celebration](#)



UTSW earns Magnet redesignation with Distinction

On Friday we learned that UTSW earned redesignation as a Magnet® organization from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), reaffirming our nurses' leadership in delivering exceptional care and advancing practice across our clinical enterprise.

Magnet designation – considered the ANCC's highest honor – is held by just over 10% of U.S. hospitals and recognizes organizations where nursing excellence drives better patient outcomes.

This year's redesignation – which came with multiple exemplars – is especially meaningful: For the first time, UT Southwestern also earned **Magnet Recognition with Distinction**, a top-tier honor reserved for organizations that exceed Magnet performance benchmarks. Only 12.5% of Magnet-designated hospitals nationwide have earned Magnet® with Distinction, placing UTSW among a very small group recognized for exceptional outcomes in areas such as nurse engagement, patient experience, and nursing-sensitive quality measures.

Magnet designation is far from automatic; organizations must reapply and undergo rigorous reevaluation every four years.

Nurses, UTSW leaders, and various staff gathered at Clements University Hospital (CUH) and across our ambulatory clinics and regional sites to eagerly watch via videoconference this morning as the call arrived from **David R. Marshall, J.D., D.N.P., RN, CENP, NEA-BC**, the Chair of the Commission on Magnet.

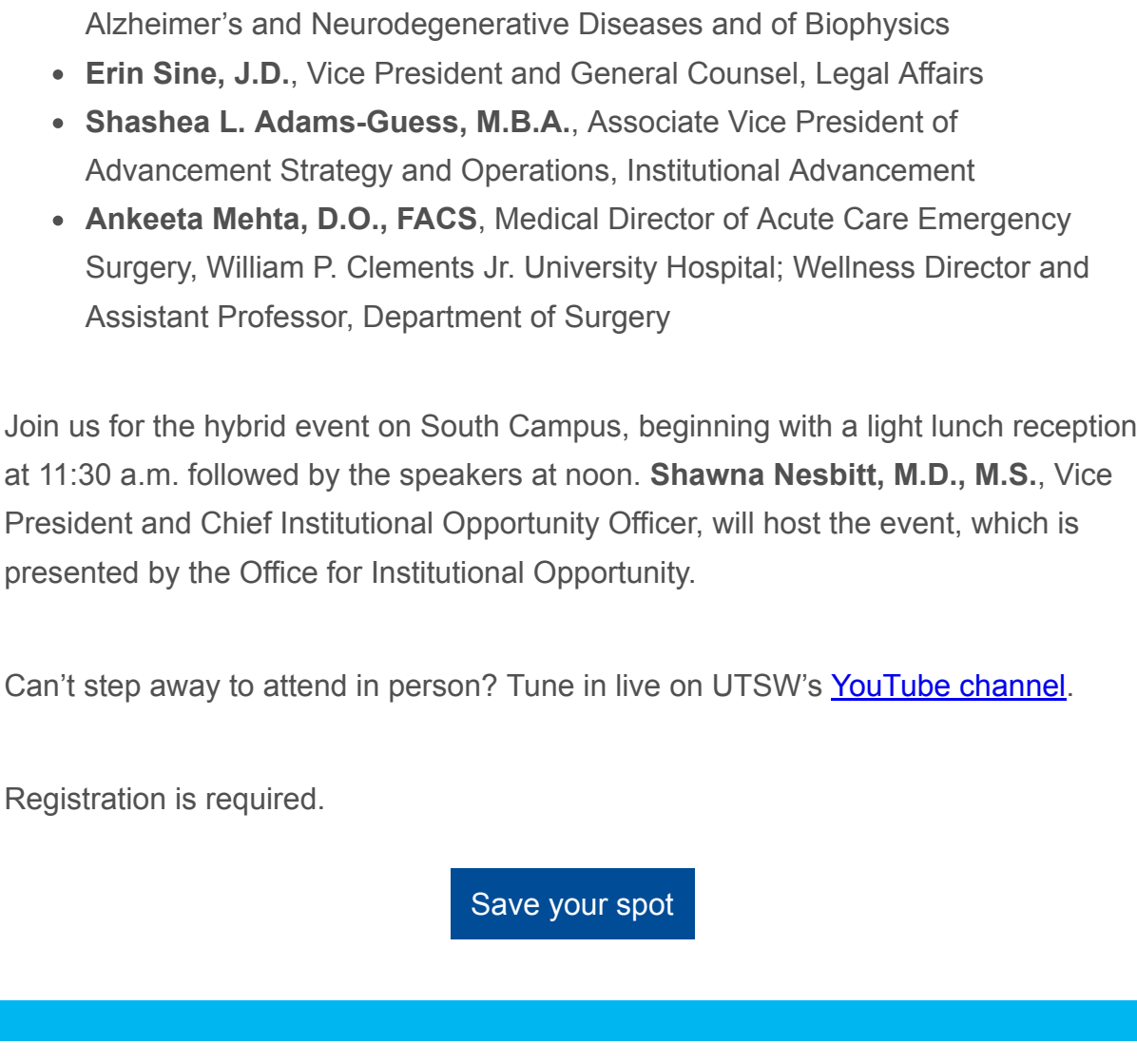
Leaders and participants took time to recognize the nursing team, including UT Southwestern President **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**, who took part in the call via Zoom.

"Thank you for what you do day in and day out – caring for our patients and caring about our patients, at the same time advancing nursing practice. Through the essential role you play in the care we provide across our Health System, you have put UT Southwestern at the vanguard of health care in North Texas," he said. "I realize this comes through enormous dedication, commitment, expertise, and truly caring about our patients."

Also providing remarks from CUH were **Susan Hernandez, D.N.P., M.B.A., RN**, Vice President and Chief Nurse Executive; **Jonathan Efron, M.D.**, Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs; and **Ramona Bauchman, Ph.D., M.S.N., RN**, Director of the Magnet Program and Nursing Research.

"This is a huge honor for you – all of you," Dr. Hernandez said. "I am honored to serve you and I'm so proud of you. So, thank you, thank you for what you do, and congratulations to all of you."

You'll be able to read more details on the Magnet announcement and watch a video recording of the call in a forthcoming story on *Center Times Plus*.



Call for abstracts: RNA Biology and Therapy Symposium

UT Southwestern is bringing the RNA research community together for a dynamic day of discovery, collaboration, and innovation at the [RNA Biology and Therapy Symposium](#) on April 23.

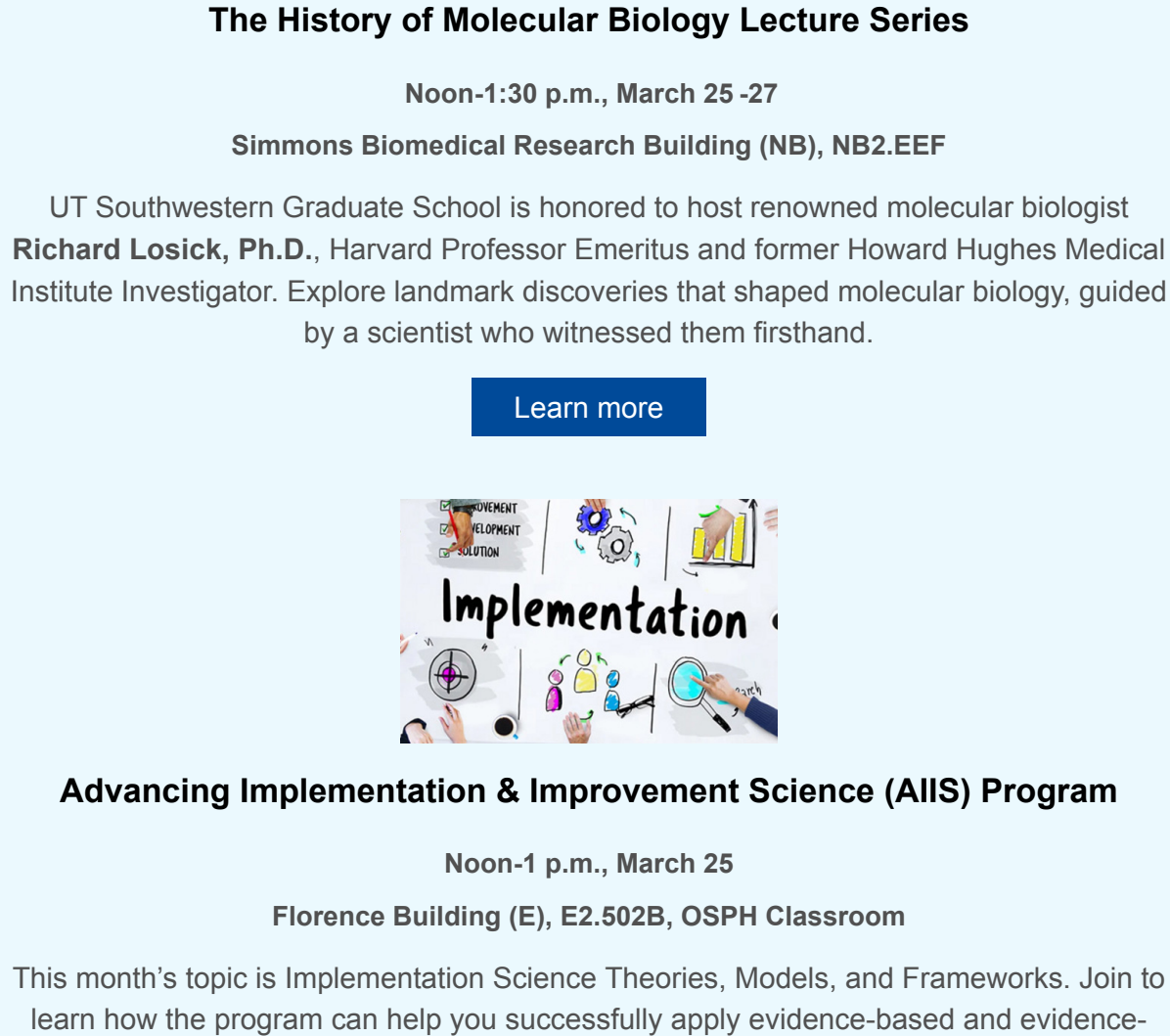
Researchers at all levels and from all departments are encouraged to submit abstracts on all RNA relevant topics (deadline extended to **March 27**). Full abstract submission requirements and topic suggestions are available on the [event page](#).

Highlights of the symposium include a keynote lecture by **Anastasia Khvorova, Ph.D.**, Professor at UMass Chan Medical School and a leader in RNA therapeutics, oral presentations selected from abstracts, and a poster session spotlighting RNA research from across UT Southwestern.

Sponsored by the RNA Biology and Therapeutics Initiative, the Provost's Office, and the Office of Basic Research, the event will connect UTSW's basic science and clinical RNA communities to elevate this rapidly advancing field and foster new basic and translational research partnerships.

Space is limited, and registration is required.

[Submit an abstract and register to attend](#)



Celebrate Women's History Month with UTSW

In recognition of Women's History Month, the third annual "She Talks" event on Monday, March 30, will feature leaders sharing personal stories and perspectives from across our institution.

This dynamic forum is more than a lecture; it's a chance to hear directly from UT Southwestern women leaders as they reflect on their paths and the ideas that help shape our culture.

Speakers will include:

- **Lorena Saelices Gomez, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor in the Center for Alzheimer's and Neurodegenerative Diseases and of Biophysics
- **Erin Sine, J.D.**, Vice President and General Counsel, Legal Affairs
- **Shashea L. Adams-Guess, M.B.A.**, Associate Vice President of Advancement Strategy and Operations, Institutional Advancement
- **Ankeeta Mehta, D.O., FACS**, Medical Director of Acute Care Emergency Surgery, William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital; Wellness Director and Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery

Join us for the hybrid event on South Campus, beginning with a light lunch reception at 11:30 a.m. followed by the speakers at noon. **Shawna Nesbitt, M.D., M.S.**, Vice President and Chief Institutional Opportunity Officer, will host the event, which is presented by the Office for Institutional Opportunity.

Can't step away to attend in person? Tune in live on UTSW's [YouTube channel](#).

Registration is required.

[Save your spot](#)

Take steps now to archive your documents

As we approach the April 24 compliance deadline for updated federal digital accessibility standards, UT Southwestern has made steady progress on "Tier 1" content – including webpages, applications, and documents used most frequently by the public, patients, or students.

Everyone can help extend that progress by learning how to archive their local or shared PDFs and Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint files.

Explore the Digital Accessibility Document Archiving page to learn about archive requirements and access a brief guide on archiving files efficiently.

[Archiving details and process](#)

Insider Guide

The History of Molecular Biology Lecture Series

Noon-1:30 p.m., March 25 -27

Simmons Biomedical Research Building (NB), NB2.EEF

UT Southwestern Graduate School is honored to host renowned molecular biologist **Richard Losick, Ph.D.**, Harvard Professor Emeritus and former Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator. Explore landmark discoveries that shaped molecular biology, guided by a scientist who witnessed them firsthand.

[Learn more](#)

Advancing Implementation & Improvement Science (AIIS) Program

Noon-1 p.m., March 25

Florence Building (E), E2.502B, OSPH Classroom

This month's topic is Implementation Science Theories, Models, and Frameworks. Join to learn how the program can help you successfully apply evidence-based and evidence-informed practices in health care, public health, and policy settings.

[Details](#)

GO2 for Lung Cancer 5K Walk/Run

7:30-10 a.m., March 28

Reverchon Park and Katy Trail – 3505 Maple Ave., Dallas

Join us to help advance GO2's mission to increase lung cancer survival by improving the lives of those at risk for or 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.

[Register today](#)

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