

UT SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER

PINNACLE AWARDS

Nominations for Pinnacle Awards closing April 8

Don't miss your chance to recognize outstanding staff members who go above and beyond in support of UT Southwestern's mission in education, research, and clinical care.

The Pinnacle Awards, created in response to employee engagement survey feedback and input from the Employee Advisory Council, honor those whose exceptional contributions across campus embody UTSW's core values of excellence, innovation, teamwork, and compassion.

The awards will be presented in six categories:

- UT Southwestern Distinguished Service Award
- Spirit of UT Southwestern Award
- Pinnacle Award for Excellence
- Pinnacle Award for Innovation
- Pinnacle Award for Teamwork
- Pinnacle Award for Compassion

Nominations are open through April 8. Visit the Pinnacle Awards website for details, criteria, and submission information.

A ceremony to recognize the recipients will be held on June 17 at the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium, with a reception to follow on Seldin Plaza.

[Pinnacle Awards website](#)



Gilman Educational Symposium to explore AI in medical education

Registration is now open for the 14th annual [Alfred G. Gilman Educational Symposium](#), hosted by the UT Southwestern Academy of Teachers (SWAT), on April 10. Faculty, staff, and learners are encouraged to attend this hybrid event.

This year's theme, "A New Frontier: The Intersection of Medical Education and Artificial Intelligence," will explore how AI is shaping the future of teaching and learning in medicine.

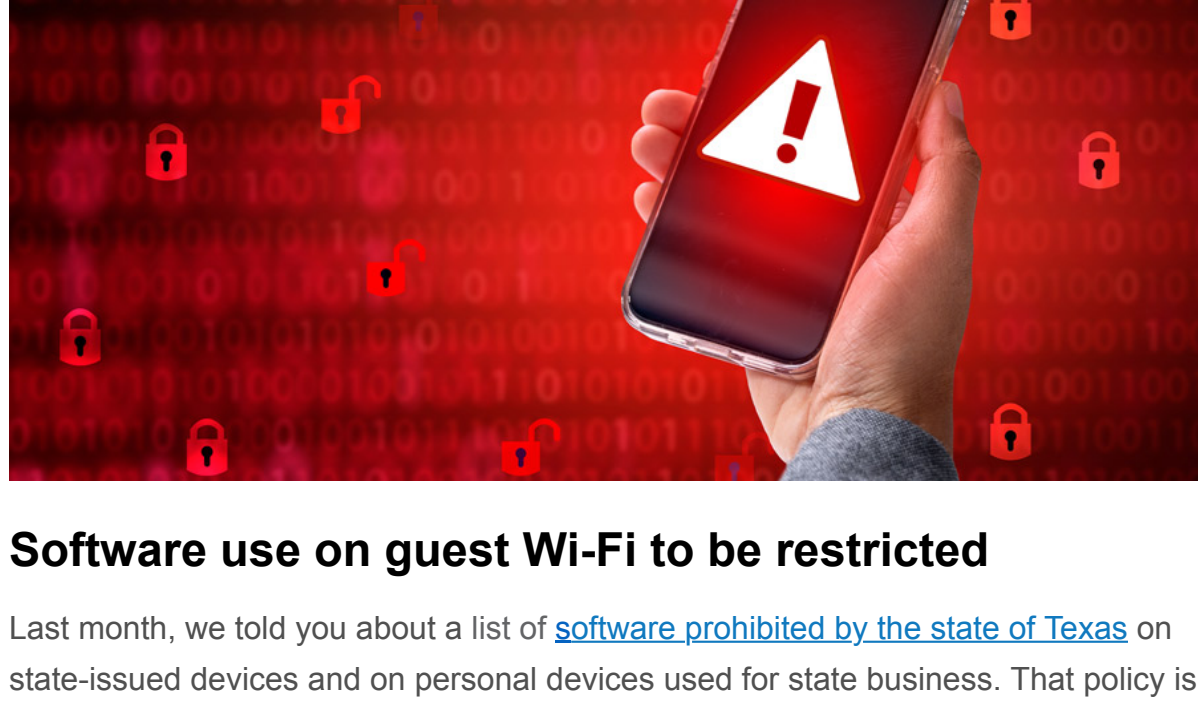
Highlights include:

- Virtual keynote address from 9-10 a.m. by **Marc Triola, M.D.** (pictured above), Professor of Internal Medicine at NYU Langone Health and a global leader in medical education
- A talk from **James Willig, M.D., M.S.P.H.**, UTSW's new Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education
- Updates from SWAT/Office of Medical Education Fellows and SWAT Small Grants Project awardees
- Complimentary breakfast, coffee, and snacks

The symposium will run from 7:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., with in-person sessions in the NG3.112 auditorium on North Campus and a virtual attendance option. View the [agenda](#).

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with colleagues, gain new insights, and be part of the conversation on the future of medical education.

[Register](#)



Software use on guest Wi-Fi to be restricted

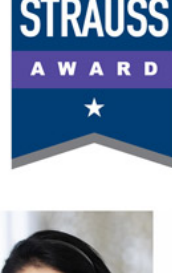
Last month, we told you about a list of [software prohibited by the state of Texas](#) on state-issued devices and on personal devices used for state business. That policy is now extended to the "UT Guest" wireless network. UT Guest is exclusively for UTSW patients, guests, and visitors. Blocking these applications on the UTSW guest Wi-Fi will begin March 31.

The full list of prohibited apps and more details are available at the link below.

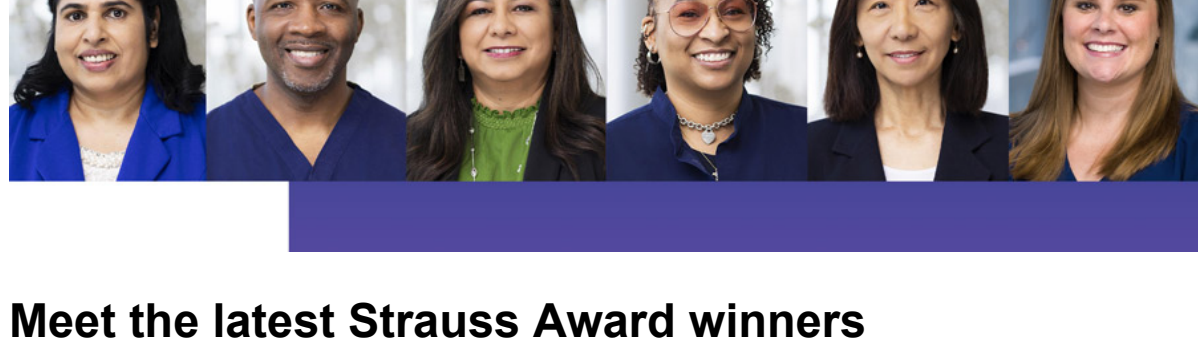
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[Restriction details](#)

(On-campus network or VPN required to access)



DIANA & RICHARD C. STRAUSS SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD



Meet the latest Strauss Award winners

Their roles in the Health System are diverse: Rapid Response Team Nurse, Speech Pathologist, Nurse Supervisor, Senior Quality Improvement Analyst, Patient Access Representative, and Nurse Professional Development Practitioner.

And they are the most recent recipients of the quarterly **Diana and Richard C. Strauss Service Excellence Awards**, who exemplify excellence and professionalism in all they do.

The winners for the fourth quarter of 2024 were celebrated during a virtual event on Feb. 28, hosted by **Jonathan Efron, M.D.**, Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs.

Read about this class of honorees – including why they were nominated, what they love about their jobs, and what energizes them outside of work – in this [story on Center Times Plus](#). The article also includes a video recap of the ceremony.

[Meet the winners](#)



Learn about advances in theranostics cancer care

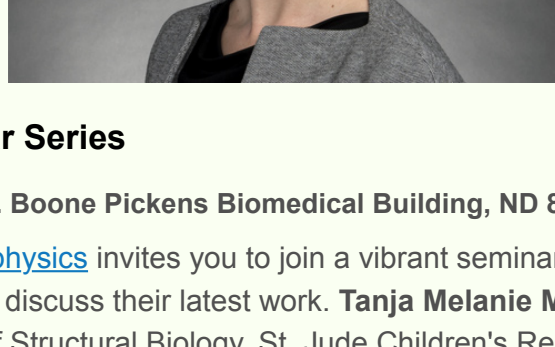
UTSW is a leader in the field of theranostics, a two-pronged approach that combines molecular therapy and diagnostic imaging to seek, find, and destroy metastatic cancer cells. The injection-based treatment locally emits energy in the form of radiation to kill cancer cells by breaking their DNA.

The [Department of Radiology](#) will provide an in-depth look at the latest advancements in theranostics care at an educational session for providers and patients called "Empowering Hope Through Targeted Radionuclide Therapy" on Saturday, April 5, at the William T. and Gay F. Solomon Education Center, Clements University Hospital, UH Lecture Hall – 2.138. The provider session is 9 a.m. to noon, and a patient education session runs from noon to 2 p.m.

Seating is limited, so please RSVP at the link below.

[Register to attend](#)

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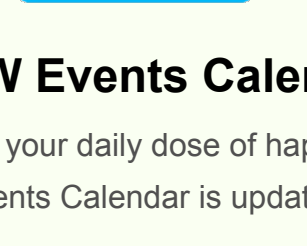


Biophysics Seminar Series

Noon-1 p.m., April 3, | T. Boone Pickens Biomedical Building, ND 8.218

The [Department of Biophysics](#) invites you to join a vibrant seminar series in which senior leaders and rising stars discuss their latest work. **Tanja Melanie Mittag, Ph.D.**, Faculty Member, Department of Structural Biology, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, will give a talk titled, "Prion-Like Domain Condensates: Driving Force for Phase Separation, Material Properties, and Aging Dynamics."

[Details](#)



UTSW Events Calendar

Looking for your daily dose of happenings?

The UTSW Events Calendar is updated every day.

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