



## #ICYMI: Congrats to the inaugural Pinnacle Award winners!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

As many of you [read in a message](#) from UT Southwestern **President Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**, the recipients of our inaugural, campuswide Pinnacle Awards were announced this past Friday.

We want to extend our congratulations to the six honorees and the 300-plus nominees who work in areas across our institution, spanning Academic Affairs, Business Affairs, Health System Affairs, and Institutional Advancement.

“These outstanding colleagues embody the highest standards of excellence, innovation, teamwork, and compassion, making a meaningful impact across all areas of our mission: education, research, and clinical care,” Dr. Podolsky said.

The recipients' names and categories can be found in the President's message, linked using the button below.

Please mark your calendars for 4:30 p.m., June 17, when these six outstanding employees will be celebrated in the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium, followed by a reception on McDermott Plaza.

[Find out who won!](#)



## Aspiring Leaders Program applications now open

Interested in advancing your career and strengthening your leadership skills? Explore the [Aspiring Leaders Program](#), now accepting applications through July 15. Candidates should have completed at least two years of employment at UTSW by Aug. 31, 2025.

This 12-month development series is designed for employees who aspire to be leaders but are **not currently in a supervisory role**. It offers a valuable opportunity for professional growth, equipping employees with leadership training and resources essential for a successful transition into leadership roles.

The curriculum includes:

- Monthly in-person leadership group sessions
- Individual capstone projects
- Development assessments
- One-on-one mentoring

The candidate application and supervisor referral form are available on the Aspiring Leaders Program website until July 15. Candidates should submit their application, along with a supervisor referral, and complete the instructor-led DISC profile training in Taleo Learn before the deadline.

If you have any questions about the Aspiring Leaders Program or other professional development opportunities, please [email our Talent Development team](#).

[Aspiring Leaders, start here!](#)



## Celebrate culture, community, fresh flavors this May

Mark your calendars for a series of events that celebrate culture, community, and delicious food this month, courtesy of the Auxiliary Restaurant Group (ARG).

### [Cinco de Mayo Celebration with Hispanic-Latino \(HISLAT\) Alliance Business Resource Group \(BRG\)](#)

Today | 11 a.m.-2 p.m. | Northside Eatery, NG3

Today is Cinco de Mayo, so come out for festive fun, cultural appreciation, and delicious food.

### [National Salad Month with Restorative Farms](#)

May 14 | 11 a.m.-2 p.m. | Skyline Café, ND14

Savor fresh, seasonal dishes to mark National Salad Month and enjoy a farm-to-table buffet featuring hyperlocal produce provided by Restorative Farms.

### [Culture Through Cuisine with Asian-Pacific Islander Alliance BRG](#)

May 21 | 11 a.m.-2 p.m. | Skyline Café, ND 14

Enjoy a lunch buffet inspired by favorite recipes contributed by members of the Asian-Pacific Islander Alliance (APIA) Business Resource Group (BRG). The menu recognizes the rich traditions and vibrant cultures that enrich our community, in celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month.



## Calling all UTSW moms: Send us your photos!

This Mother's Day, help us recognize the incredible moms who balance care at home and excellence at work. Share a photo of you and your family to be featured in a special social media Mother's Day tribute.

Submit your photo by 5 p.m. Thursday, May 8, to [social@utsouthwestern.edu](mailto:social@utsouthwestern.edu).

[Share a Mother's Day pic!](#)

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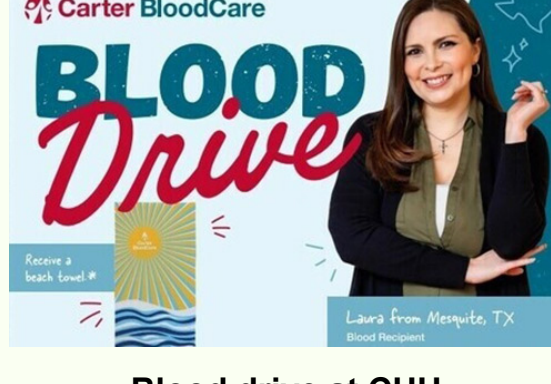


### Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., May 7  
Hybrid, South Campus, D1.600

This year's celebration promises an afternoon of culture, community, and inspiration! Festivities begin at 11:30 a.m. with a light lunch reception featuring Asian dishes. The keynote speaker is **W. P. Andrew Lee, M.D.**, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost of UT Southwestern Medical Center, and Dean of UT Southwestern Medical School. A tai chi demonstration by Wah Lum Kung Fu & Tai Chi of Dallas will follow. Registration is required.

[More about the celebration](#)



### Blood drive at CUH

8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., May 8

Clements University Hospital (CUH), John and Ginny Eulich Pavilion

UT Southwestern is hosting a Carter BloodCare Drive to address the critical need in North Texas for blood donors. A photo ID is required to donate. Appointments are encouraged and can be scheduled online. As a thank-you for their lifesaving gift, donors will receive a beach towel (while supplies last).

Email [Lesli Boles](mailto:Lesli.Boles) for more information.

[Blood drive details and scheduling](#)



## UTSW Events Calendar

Looking for your daily dose of happenings?

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