



UTSW certified as a Comprehensive Cardiac Center

Hearty congratulations to our Cardiovascular Service Line. Last week we learned that UT Southwestern has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval as a [Comprehensive Cardiac Center](#) (CCC). This makes us one of just 24 hospitals nationwide to receive the designation, which represents the highest standard in cardiovascular care.

The certification means that UTSW exhibited excellence across the continuum of heart and vascular care – from prevention and diagnosis through treatment and recovery – and met rigorous standards developed by The Joint Commission and the American Heart Association (AHA).

UT Southwestern underwent a thorough, onsite review to earn the certification. Preparing for the CCC certification process has been a multiyear endeavor, and it has inspired quality improvements across the board for employees and patients.

It's another feather in the cap for our Cardiovascular team. Among other accolades, UT Southwestern was ranked No. 21 (tie) in the nation for Cardiology, Heart & Vascular Surgery by *U.S. News & World Report* in its 2024-25 Best Hospitals rankings.

[More about our Clinical Heart and Vascular Center](#)

History made: OSPH celebrates first graduating class

Launched in 2022 as UT Southwestern's first new school in half a century, the [Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health](#) (OSPH) will honor its inaugural graduating class on Wednesday. Ambassador and former U.S. Sen. **Kay Bailey Hutchison** will deliver the keynote address at the ceremony in NB2.EEF Auditorium.

By the numbers, here's a breakdown of the 33 graduating students from the Class of 2025:

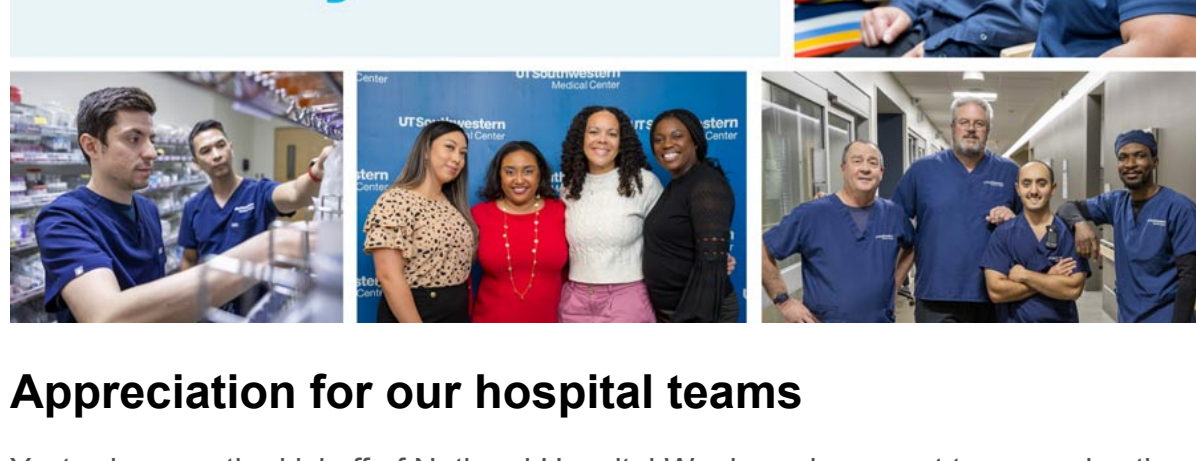
- 28 Master of Public Health
- 4 Master of Science in Clinical Investigation
- 1 Ph.D. in Public Health

This impressive group includes a neurologist, a former journalist, and a first-generation Ghanaian American college student – each bringing unique perspectives to a program designed to address some of society's most challenging health problems.

In a new story on *Center Times Plus*, we hear from five of these professionals who share their motivations for heading back to school.

If you're able to watch the [ceremony livestream at 10 a.m. on Wednesday](#), please join the OSPH grads and their friends and families!

[OSPH student spotlights](#)



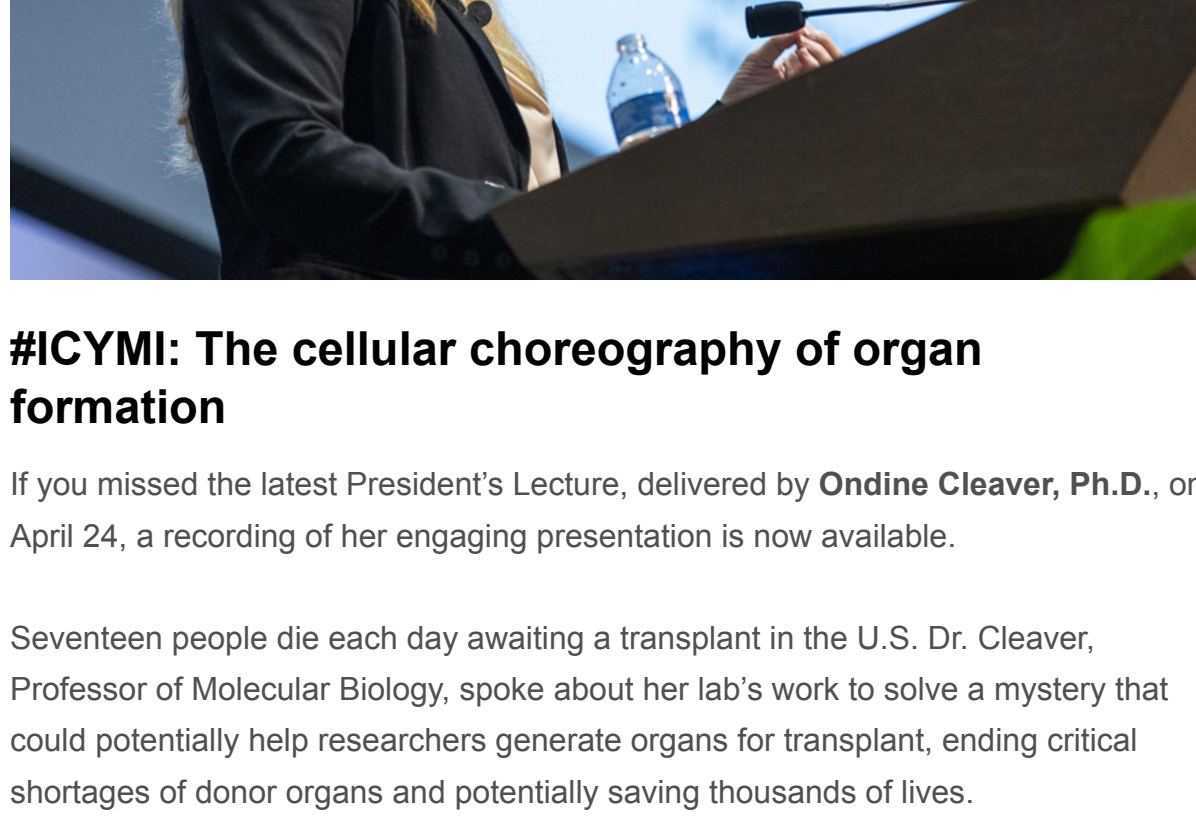
Appreciation for our hospital teams

Yesterday was the kickoff of National Hospital Week, and we want to recognize the work and dedication of our hospital staff and faculty across our clinical enterprise, including William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital and Zale Lipshy Pavilion.

The expertise and teamwork of these colleagues is reflected in successes and recognitions such as being named the [No. 1 hospital in Dallas-Fort Worth](#) for the eighth consecutive year in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings, and for earning recognitions like Press Ganey's Guardian of Excellence Award this past January.

We hope you join us in gratitude for all that our hospital teams have brought to our patients, their families, and our community.

Happy Hospital Week!



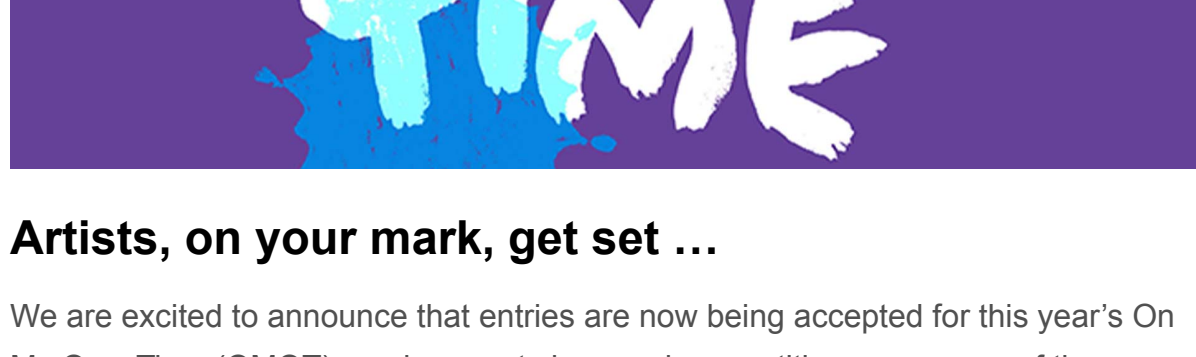
#ICYMI: The cellular choreography of organ formation

If you missed the latest President's Lecture, delivered by **Ondine Cleaver, Ph.D.**, on April 24, a recording of her engaging presentation is now available.

Seventeen people die each day awaiting a transplant in the U.S. Dr. Cleaver, Professor of Molecular Biology, spoke about her lab's work to solve a mystery that could potentially help researchers generate organs for transplant, ending critical shortages of donor organs and potentially saving thousands of lives.

[Watch Dr. Cleaver's lecture](#)

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Artists, on your mark, get set ...

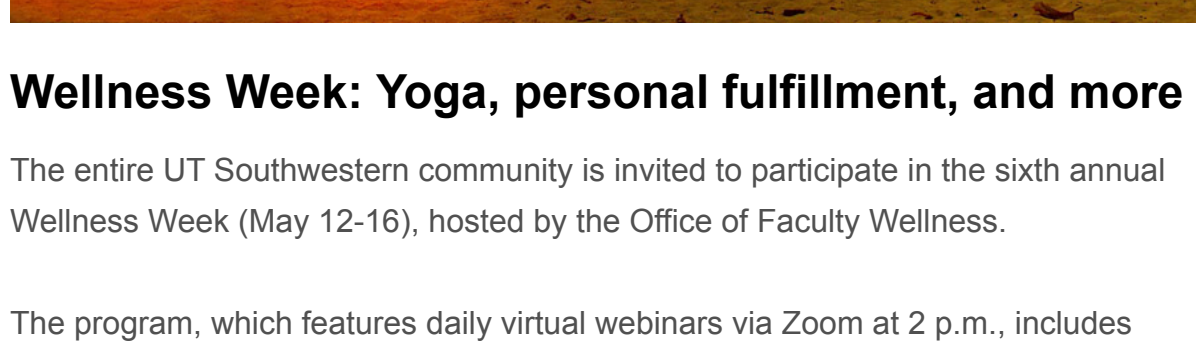
We are excited to announce that entries are now being accepted for this year's On My Own Time (OMOT) employee art show and competition, a program of the Business Council for the Arts.

Whether your medium is painting, photography, textiles, mixed media, or the written word, there's a category to show off your creative flair. New this year is an entry for AI art!

The deadline for submissions is July 9, but it's not too early to start thinking about which pieces you want to enter. Before you make a submission, please be sure to familiarize yourself with the rules for entry on the [OMOT website](#).

Visual art will be showcased at the A.W. Harris Faculty-Alumni Center beginning in mid-July, and literary works will be uploaded to the UT Southwestern Institutional Repository at the same time. Winning visual works will be included in a regional show at NorthPark Center starting Sept. 17, and authors of winning literary submissions will be invited to present works at a literary reception at Dallas College on Oct. 9. For submission forms, rules, and a display of our past winners' creations, visit the website linked below.

[Submit your masterpiece!](#)



Wellness Week: Yoga, personal fulfillment, and more

The entire UT Southwestern community is invited to participate in the sixth annual Wellness Week (May 12-16), hosted by the Office of Faculty Wellness.

The program, which features daily virtual webinars via Zoom at 2 p.m., includes UTSW experts speaking on the day's topic.

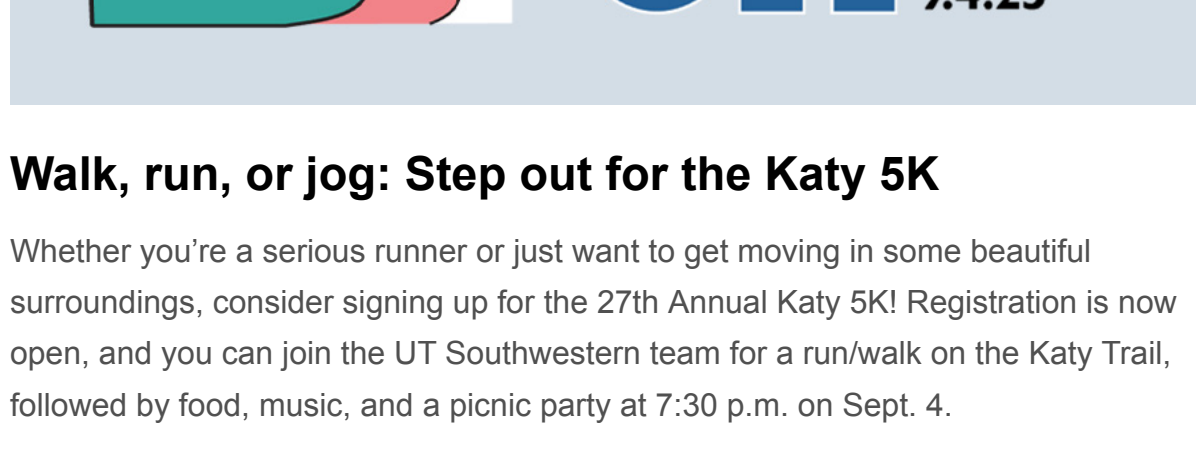
Things kick off today with "Gift of Yoga: Connecting with Your Present for a Better Self," led by **Marissa Hansen, M.A.**, a Management Analyst in the Office of Faculty Development and a yoga instructor.

Other sessions this week include:

- Tuesday: "Realities of the Working Parent"
- Wednesday: "The Journey Home: Defining Your Path to Personal Fulfillment"
- Thursday: "Lifestyle Medicine: Simple Steps for Optimal Well-Being"
- Friday: "Comprehensive Wellness Systems: Supporting Students, Faculty, and Employees at UT Southwestern"

Click the button below to see the panel leaders for each session.

[Wellness Week lineup](#)



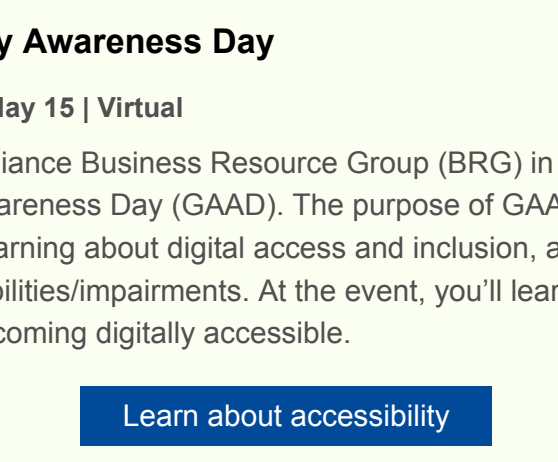
Walk, run, or jog: Step out for the Katy 5K

Whether you're a serious runner or just want to get moving in some beautiful surroundings, consider signing up for the 27th Annual Katy 5K! Registration is now open, and you can join the UT Southwestern team for a run/walk on the Katy Trail, followed by food, music, and a picnic party at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 4.

As the Katy Trail's Official Fitness Partner, UTSW is pleased to be able to provide our community with a \$5 discount – use **UTSWROCKS** at registration, and the link below will automatically add you to "Team UTSW."

[Come out for the Katy 5K!](#)

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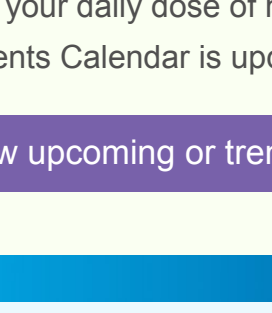


Global Accessibility Awareness Day

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., May 15 | Virtual

Join the EquallyAble Alliance Business Resource Group (BRG) in celebrating the 14th Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD). The purpose of GAAD is to get everyone talking, thinking, and learning about digital access and inclusion, and the more than 1 billion people with disabilities/impairments. At the event, you'll learn about how we can all contribute to UTSW becoming digitally accessible.

[Learn about accessibility](#)



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