



Congratulations, graduates!

Last week was a whirlwind of celebrations as the Medical School and the O'Donnell School of Public Health honored their graduates in memorable commencement ceremonies. Graduates walked the stage as proud loved ones and supportive members of the UT Southwestern community cheered them on.

At the [Medical School](#) ceremony, the prestigious Ho Din Award was presented to **Prajwal Gowda, M.D.** The Ho Din is the highest honor given to a medical student by the Southwestern Medical Foundation.

"This special award symbolizes the greatest standards of knowledge, understanding, and compassion in the medical field," said **Michael T. McMahan**, President and CEO of Southwestern Medical Foundation. Read more about this achievement in [Center Times Plus](#).

In its inaugural commencement ceremony, the O'Donnell School of Public Health (OSPH) presented four student awards recognizing academic excellence, community service, and scholarship. In addition, the Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to faculty member **Miguel Cano, Ph.D.**, for his passionate and engaging approach to education. Learn about all the OSPH standouts on the school's [website](#).

And don't forget to stay tuned as spring commencement concludes with the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences ceremony this Thursday. You can livestream the event [here](#).

Congratulations to all our graduates, and best of luck in your future endeavors!



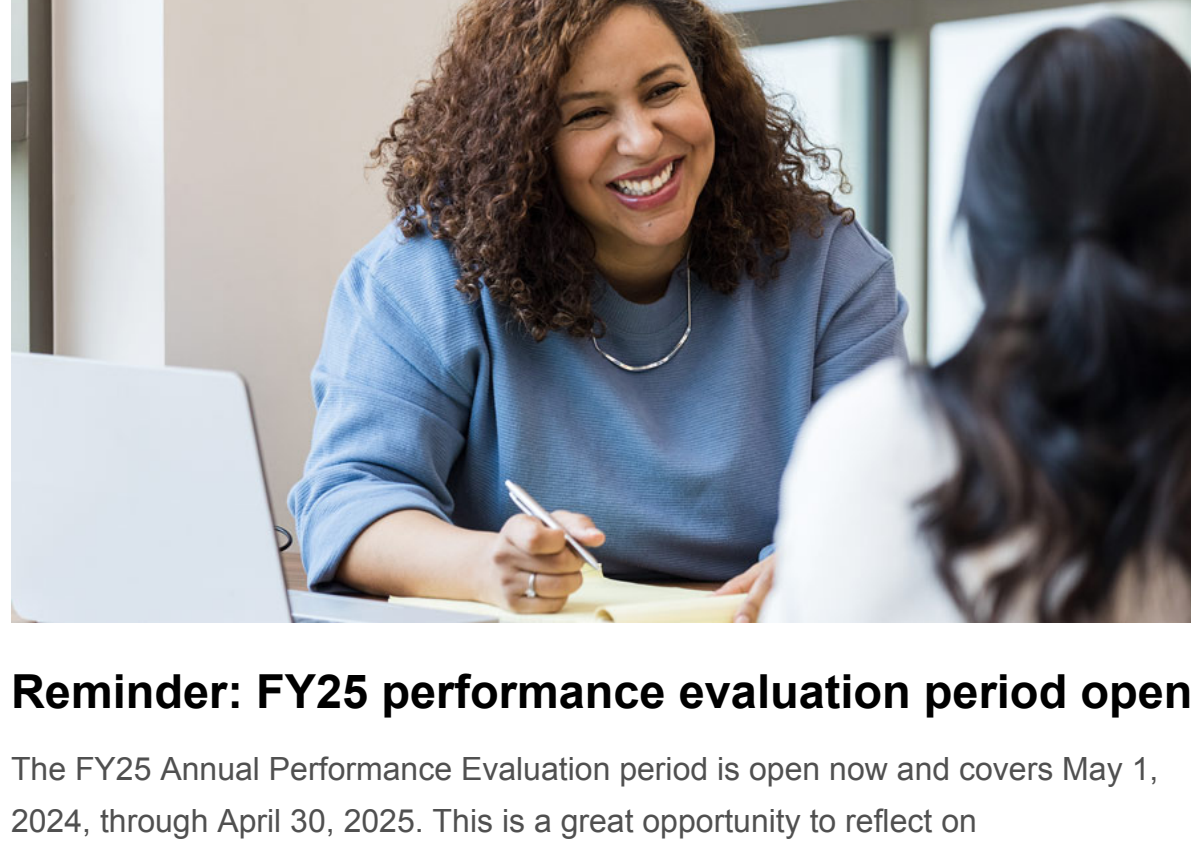
2025 KPMG Women's PGA Championship tickets

The KPMG Women's PGA Championship – one of five major championships in women's golf – will tee off at Fields Ranch East at PGA Frisco this June. Among the all-star standouts at the premier event are world No. 1 Nelly Korda, Olympic gold medalist Lydia Ko, and rising stars Charley Hull and Rose Zhang.

As the Official Medical Services Provider for the Championship, UT Southwestern is pleased to offer faculty, staff, and learners a 10% discount off the price of tickets. You can purchase yours by clicking the button below.

Additionally, as part of the PGA of America's mission to expand the public's interest in golf, children 15 years old and younger get in free with a ticketed adult (up to four junior tickets per adult, per day).

[Get your discounted tickets!](#)



Reminder: FY25 performance evaluation period open

The FY25 Annual Performance Evaluation period is open now and covers May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025. This is a great opportunity to reflect on accomplishments, align on expectations, and identify areas for future development.

Who is included: Classified and Administrative and Professional (A&P) employees appointed to work 20 or more hours per week who were hired on or before March 1.

Due date: All steps must be completed by Aug. 31.

Guidance and training: To help navigate the process, the Human Resources team will host live virtual training sessions for [employees](#) and [managers](#).

What to do:

1. Log in to [iPerform](#).
2. Scroll to the bottom to find the "News and Announcements" section.
3. Click on the article related to FY25 Annual Performance Evaluation.

Upgraded platform: The iPerform platform has been upgraded to improve user experience and make it easier to navigate evaluation tasks, view feedback, and track progress.

If you have additional questions or need support, contact the Human Resources team [via email](#).

[Find guidance on the Performance Management SharePoint](#)



Master's Leadership Program application now open

In partnership with UT Dallas Jindal School of Management, UT Southwestern sponsors a comprehensive 18-month graduate-level Leadership Development Program. **All application materials must be submitted by July 15, 2025, to be considered for the next cohort.**

This program is comprised of a master's degree in business administration (MBA) emphasizing Healthcare Organization Leadership and is designed explicitly for UTSW faculty and staff. The 42-credit-hour master's program educates participants in three core areas: Leadership, Business Management, and Organizational Behavior.

Learn more about the curriculum and how to apply on the [Master's Leadership Program intranet page](#) (on-campus network or VPN connection required).

If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to our Talent Development team by contacting [Mark Raschke](#), Director of Talent Development, [Kristi Schramm](#), Senior OD Consultant, or [Suzanne Farmer](#), Assistant Vice President of Talent Development.



A culture of care: Energy awareness

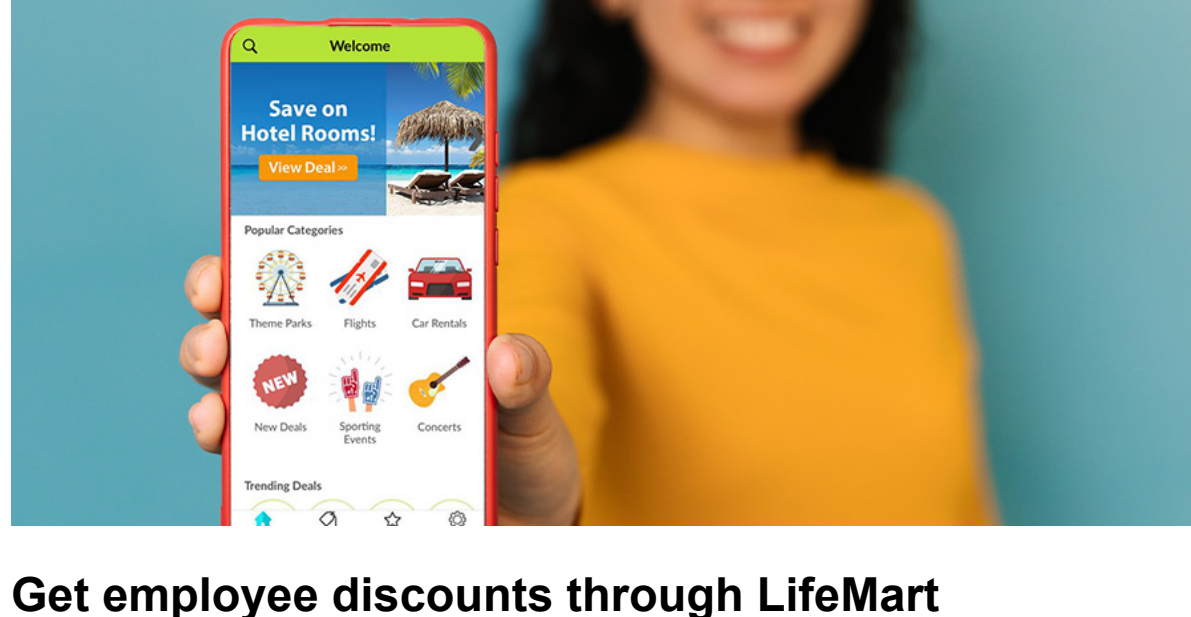
As temperatures rise, so does energy use, and every flip of a switch and tweak of a thermostat matters. Being mindful about how we use energy isn't just good for the budget, it's good for the planet and our health, too.

Check out the energy-saving tips from the Office of Sustainability for both campus and home. General conservation tips:

- Remember to turn off lights and equipment when not in use since they use energy even when they are idle.
- Use natural daylight whenever possible.
- Close blinds during hot days to reduce cooling needs.
- Dress for temperature settings as well as the weather.
- Keep a sweater in your office to avoid using space heaters – these use a lot of energy and can be a fire hazard!

Let's all do our part to support a cleaner, healthier future and live a culture of care every day.

[Questions? Contact the Office of Sustainability](#)



Get employee discounts through LifeMart

Did you know you have access to discounts on major brands and everyday essentials? LifeMart is a members-only discount platform, available to all UTSW employees. The platform offers savings on childcare, hotels, fitness gear, healthy eating, gyms and virtual fitness, and much more.

Sign-up for LifeMart:

- Visit discountmember.lifecare.com, and create a free membership with the registration code: UTSWMC
- Download the app from [GooglePlay](#) or the Apple [App Store](#)

To learn more about [LifeMart](#), please contact our HR team at 214-648-9810 or [by email](#).

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