



Be inspired: Join us at the first Pinnacle Awards

Let's celebrate the incredible achievements of our extraordinary colleagues from all areas of our mission at UT Southwestern's Pinnacle Awards ceremony, hosted by President **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**

The awardees represent the highest standards of excellence, innovation, teamwork, and compassion, each making a meaningful and lasting impact on our community.

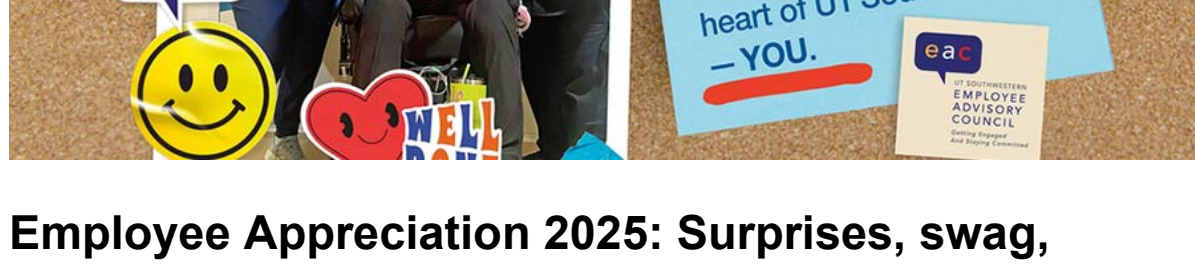
We hope you join executive leaders in honoring our colleagues from the inaugural Pinnacle Awards class: **Thuong “Trizzy” Bui, Amber Gemmell, Jose Rene Macias, Hugo Pons, Lauren Smith, and Kaylee Suarez.** You can read about them in a new story on [Center Times Plus](#).

The ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 17, in the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium on South Campus at 4:30 p.m., with a reception to follow on McDermott Plaza. Please register in advance to help us plan.

For more information about the awards, please visit the [Pinnacle Awards website](#).

Register to secure your spot

Get to know the winners



Employee Appreciation 2025: Surprises, swag, smiles, and more

As part of this year's Employee Recognition Program (June 9-20), the spotlight is on you – the incredible employees who are the heart and soul of UT Southwestern.

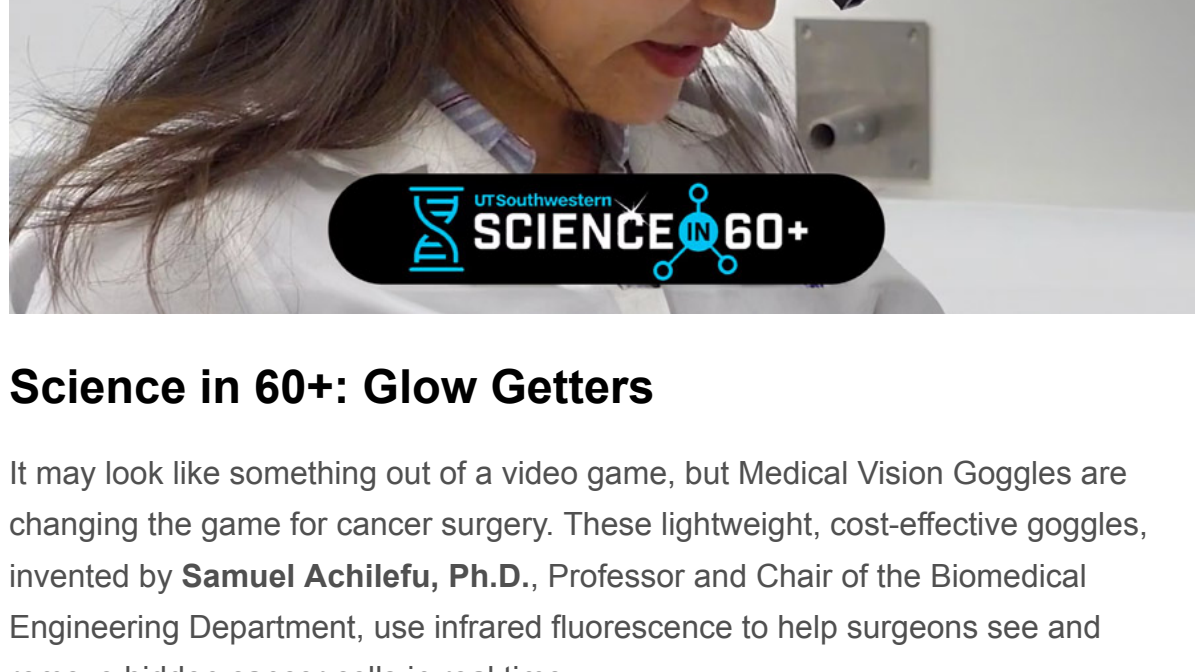
In appreciation of your hard work and dedication, you're invited to enjoy fun pop-up events and surprises happening across the main Dallas campus and our regional facilities.

When the EAC swag wagon stops nearby, you can score some cool UTSW goodies and pose in front of a photo backdrop to capture memories with your co-workers. A collection of these photos will be posted on the [EAC SharePoint site](#) and shared on UTSW social media channels.

The festivities continue through June 20. Click the button below to find out when and where the EAC will be stopping near you.

As a bonus, we hope you'll [watch this video](#) featuring a handful of this year's longstanding employees and faculty, who are each celebrating milestone anniversaries.

EAC swag wagon schedule!



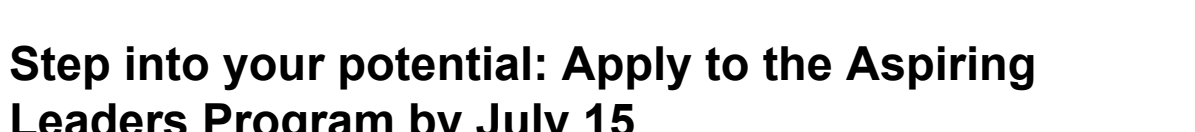
Science in 60+: Glow Getters

It may look like something out of a video game, but Medical Vision Goggles are changing the game for cancer surgery. These lightweight, cost-effective goggles, invented by **Samuel Achilefu, Ph.D.**, Professor and Chair of the Biomedical Engineering Department, use infrared fluorescence to help surgeons see and remove hidden cancer cells in real time.

In the latest "Science in 60+" video, Dr. Achilefu explains how the new technology works by overlaying glowing tumor margins directly onto the surgical field to ensure more precise cancer removal and fewer repeat surgeries. This innovation aims to make advanced fluorescence-guided surgery accessible in hospitals worldwide, improving outcomes for cancer patients everywhere.

Take a deep dive into the technology on [MedBlog](#), and watch the video below.

Learn how Medical Vision Goggles work



Step into your potential: Apply to the Aspiring Leaders Program by July 15

If you've completed at least two years of service at UT Southwestern and are interested in pursuing a leadership path, the Aspiring Leaders Program could be right for you.

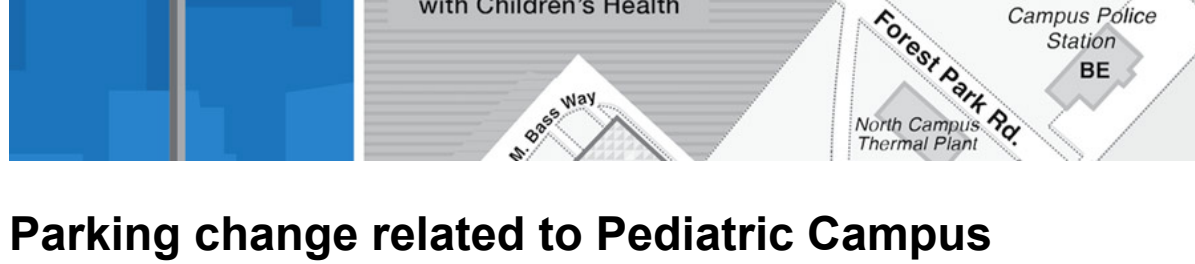
This 12-month development series is designed for employees who aspire to be leaders but are not currently in a supervisory role. It offers a valuable opportunity for professional growth, equipping employees with leadership training and resources essential for a successful transition into leadership roles.

The curriculum includes:

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

The candidate application and supervisor referral form are available on the [Aspiring Leaders Program website](#), and candidates should submit their application, along with a supervisor referral, and complete the instructor-led DISC profile training in Taleo Learn by the **July 15 deadline**.

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



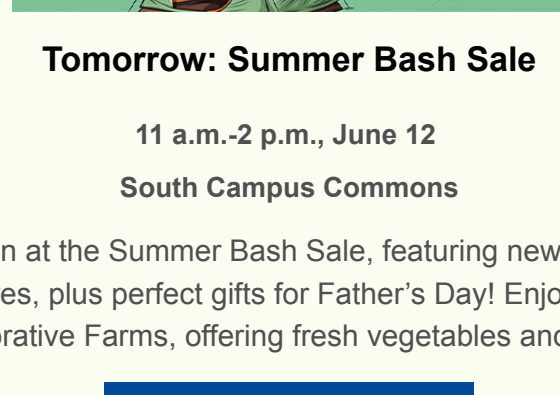
Parking change related to Pediatric Campus construction

As the site of our future Pediatric Campus with Children's Health evolves, to accommodate this transformational project, a change to street parking will be necessary. Beginning June 16, parking will no longer be allowed on Bomar Avenue until further notice. This is a high-traffic thoroughfare for excavation vehicles, and cars on the street would restrict construction vehicle access.

Speaking of construction, we want to remind you that Parking Services has a webpage dedicated to keeping you updated about roads and traffic in the Medical District as UTSW continues to grow.

Construction updates

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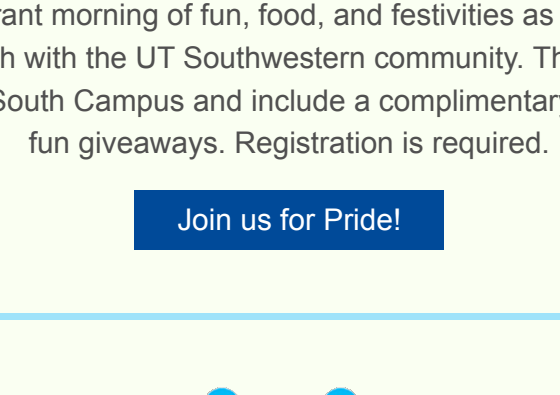


Tomorrow: Summer Bash Sale

11 a.m.-2 p.m., June 12
South Campus Commons

Celebrate the season at the Summer Bash Sale, featuring new UTSW merchandise, grilled food, and s'mores, plus perfect gifts for Father's Day! Enjoy a pop-up market from Restorative Farms, offering fresh vegetables and more.

Summer Bash details

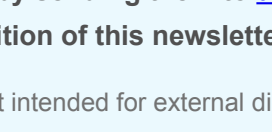


Pride Celebration

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., June 15
McDermott Plaza, South Campus

Get ready for a vibrant morning of fun, food, and festivities as we come together to celebrate Pride Month with the UT Southwestern community. The event will be held at McDermott Plaza on South Campus and include a complimentary brunch, a live DJ, and fun giveaways. Registration is required.

Join us for Pride!



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