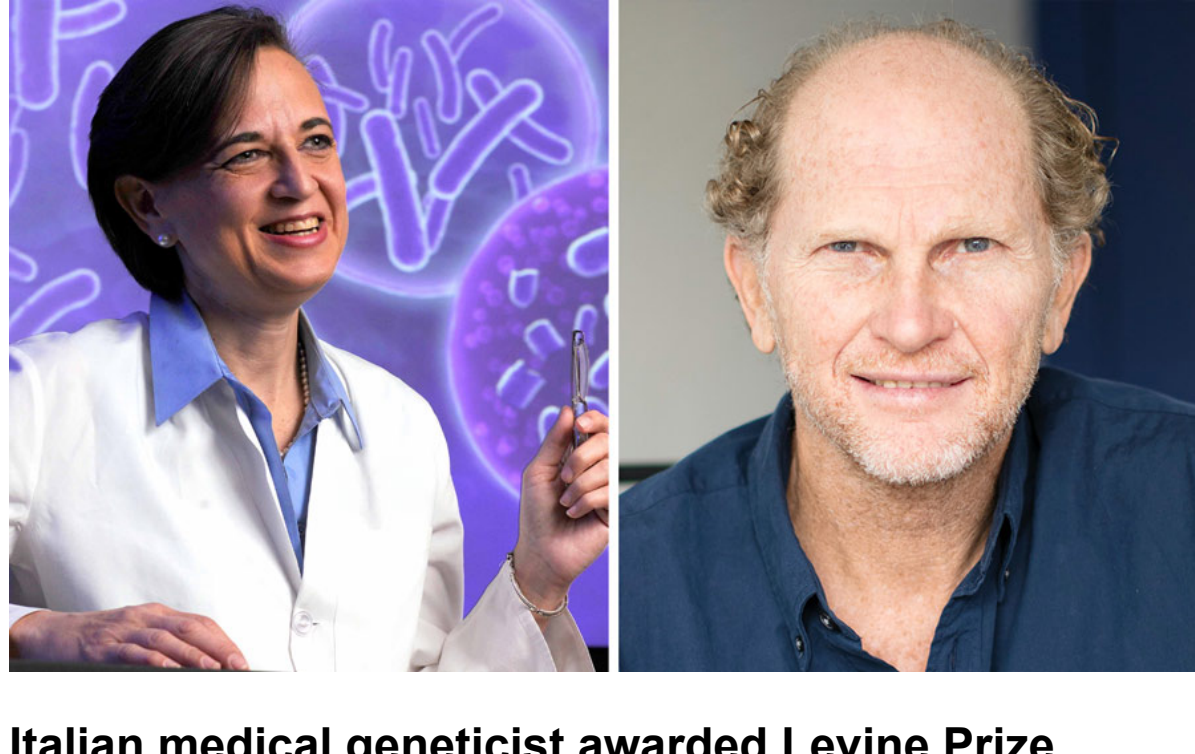




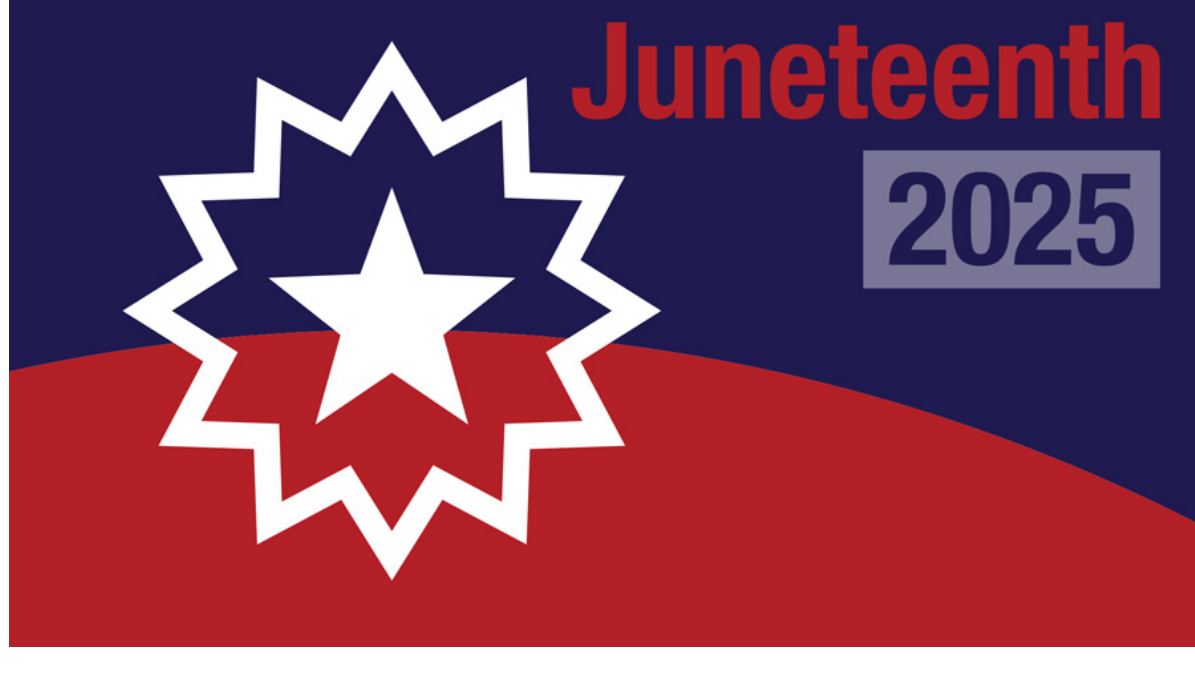
Italian medical geneticist awarded Levine Prize

The 2025 [Beth Levine, M.D. Prize in Autophagy Research](#), established in honor of the late Director of UT Southwestern's Center for Autophagy Research, has been awarded to **Andrea Ballabio, M.D.**, (above, right) an internationally recognized scientist who has devoted his career to explaining the mechanisms underlying genetic diseases.

Dr. Ballabio, the founder and former director of the Telethon Institute of Genetics and Medicine and Professor of Medical Genetics at the University of Naples "Federico II," has produced groundbreaking research on the lysosome and its role in the control of cell metabolism in health and disease. He is also a Visiting Professor in the Department of Molecular and Human Genetics at Baylor College of Medicine and co-founded Casma Therapeutics with Dr. Levine.

Dr. Levine was a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator and member of the National Academy of Sciences, known for her significant contributions to the field of autophagy, a highly regulated process by which cells break down and recycle their own components, including proteins and organelles. She died in 2020.

[Learn more about Dr. Ballabio and his research](#)



Honoring Juneteenth

Tomorrow, UT Southwestern will observe Juneteenth, a federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. In recognition, ambulatory, administrative, and business operations will be closed.

Texas was the first state to celebrate Juneteenth, starting in 1866; the commemoration was designated a state holiday in 1980 by then-Gov. William P. Clements Jr., for whom our hospital is named. The federal holiday was established in 2021.

To learn more about UT Southwestern's connection to Juneteenth, check out our special [Instagram](#) post tomorrow.



Join a study on the effect of dietary phosphate

UT Southwestern's Hypertension Research Team is conducting a study on how dietary phosphate affects skeletal muscles and exercise capacity in humans. The aim is to better understand the physiological changes caused by high phosphate intake. These insights could help shape future public health policies, including potential updates to food labeling practices.

Participants must be healthy adults with no history of cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, or chronic kidney disease.

Study details:

- Duration is approximately 10 weeks.
- 10–11 visits in total.
- Participants will follow a diet provided by the research team.
- Participants will be compensated for their time.

If you're interested in participating in this study, please email ashley.murillo@utsouthwestern.edu to find out if you meet the eligibility criteria.

[See if you qualify](#)



Chief Nurse Executive talks growth and gratitude during State of Nursing Address

During National Nurses Week, UT Southwestern Vice President and Health System Chief Nurse Executive **Susan Hernandez, D.N.P., M.B.A., RN**, delivered the annual State of Nursing Address on May 7. This year's theme, "The Power of 10," honored the 10th anniversary of Clements University Hospital and set the stage for a reflection on the milestones, successes, and opportunities that shaped the past year.

Dr. Hernandez recognized the strength of the nursing team and the meaningful ways they continue to elevate patient care, from clinical excellence and collaboration to guiding and mentoring the next generation of nurses. Following Dr. Hernandez's address, six nurses and one supporting clinical colleague were honored at the Nursing Excellence Awards ceremony.

[Recap on Center Times Plus](#)

Insider Guide



TODAY: Employee Appreciation events

June 18

Various locations

Enjoy fun pop-up events and surprises happening across the main Dallas campus and our regional facilities today. You can score some cool UTSW goodies and pose in front of a photo backdrop to capture memories with co-workers.

[EAC swag wagon locations](#)



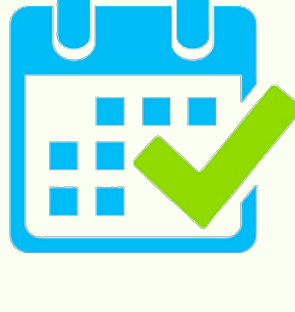
TODAY: Ask a Librarian Live

Noon -1 p.m., June 18

Virtual

Whether your question is big or small, the UT Southwestern Health Sciences Digital Library and Learning Center is here to help! Join the library staff for a Q&A session today. If you can't make it, you can reach out anytime through the [Ask Us Form](#) or explore the [FAQs](#) for quick answers.

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