



Photos: Record-breaking PACT pin celebrations

Over the past several months, UT Southwestern leaders have hosted multiple ceremonies to honor our team members' outstanding achievements in customer service and patient care through our PACT program.

This year, our UTSW community earned a record-breaking **1,332 Gold and Platinum PACT pins** – up more than 360 pins from last year, marking the highest number of PACT Gold and Platinum pins earned in a single year. To provide additional perspective for those who may be new to UT Southwestern, to earn a Gold pin, you must have received 16 PACT cards, and Platinum is achieved by reaching Gold status five times (that's 80 cards!). This achievement exemplifies our faculty and staff's unwavering commitment to excellence.

As a reminder, UT Southwestern's PACT program highlights staff and faculty who demonstrate these institutional standards:

- Problem solving
- Ability, attitude, and accountability
- Communications and compassion
- Teamwork

To submit a PACT card for one of your colleagues, please visit the [PACT website](#).

To learn more about the PACT Program, please reach out to our Human Resources team by [email](#) or by phone at 214-648-9810.

Check out some of the special moments from this year's pin celebrations on *Center Times Plus*.

[View the gallery](#)



Discover all things UTSW brand-related in one place

Whether you're looking to order branded T-shirts and lab coats or need a virtual background for an upcoming presentation, the recently upgraded UT Southwestern Brand Identity website makes it easier than ever to find the resources you need to support our institutional brand.

This internal resource, housed on SharePoint for quick and easy access, also includes updated PowerPoint and Word templates that comply with the digital accessibility standards going into effect in April 2026.

If you have questions or need help, contact the [Brand team via email](#).

[Explore the updated website](#)



Apply now: Health Equity Scholar Program

Applications for the Health Equity Scholar Program, funded by UT Southwestern and Parkland Health, are **due July 31** for the October 2025 cohort.

Offered through the Office for Institutional Opportunity, this program supports initiatives intended to advance better community health via improved clinical practice and research. It was designed to recruit, develop, and retain faculty with an interest in health equity.

Each of the five scholars accepted will receive financial support and professional mentorship for two years. Through this program, they will learn the tools and gain experience to engage the community in activities that promote health and wellness. They will also be invited to participate in the UTSW Office of Faculty Development's leadership cohort (LEAD). Scholars will also have 20% of their salary supported for protected time to pursue a mentored health equity/community outreach project.

Email the [Office for Institutional Opportunity](#) with any questions.

[Learn more and apply today](#)



UTSW's role in breakthrough brain cancer drug

In the field of neuro-oncology, good news can be hard to come by, but advancements in science delivered a major triumph to patients and physicians last August. The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved a breakthrough medication, vorasidenib, for the treatment of low-grade gliomas, a type of brain cancer.

The achievement was the result of years of research and innovation spearheaded by a group of experts, including a team at UT Southwestern. **Elizabeth Maher, M.D., Ph.D.**, Professor of Internal Medicine and Neurology, worked alongside several key leaders to shepherd the drug from its initial development to multiple clinical trials – transforming the lives of many during the process.

"This medication is a game changer, and I feel ecstatic that this could help future glioma patients," said Bernie Silva, a trial participant. "There are so many people who need it. Having this as an option is just incredible."

Dr. Maher is optimistic that scientists can build on this momentum to reach the next chapter of brain research.

"Not only can I tell my patients that there is a treatment I can prescribe right now that can extend their survival by years, not just months," she said, "but I can also tell them that they can go to bed at night knowing there are a lot of people here at UT Southwestern and all around the world who are invested in getting us to the next treatment. And the next one after that."

[Learn more about the lives impacted](#)

Insider Guide



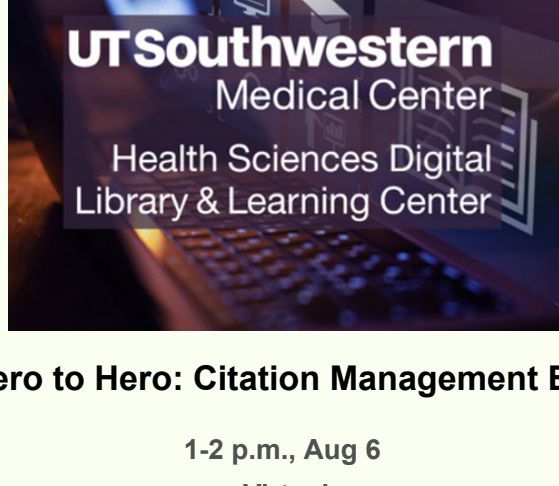
Ask a Benefits Representative: 2025 Annual Enrollment Webinar

11 a.m.-noon, July 29

Virtual

Discover your 2025-26 benefits plans, including updates and enrollment details. Benefits representatives will be at each session to answer questions. Visit the [Annual Enrollment](#) webpage for plan updates, rate changes, and resources. Check the [full schedule](#) of enrollment events.

[Details](#)



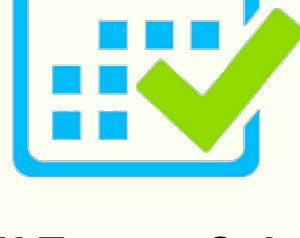
Z(ot)ero to Hero: Citation Management Basics

1-2 p.m., Aug 6

Virtual

The UT Southwestern Health Sciences Digital Library and Learning Center invites you to learn about Zotero, a free-to-start, open-source citation manager. Register using the link below. If you are unable to attend this session, you can sign up for [individual training](#).

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