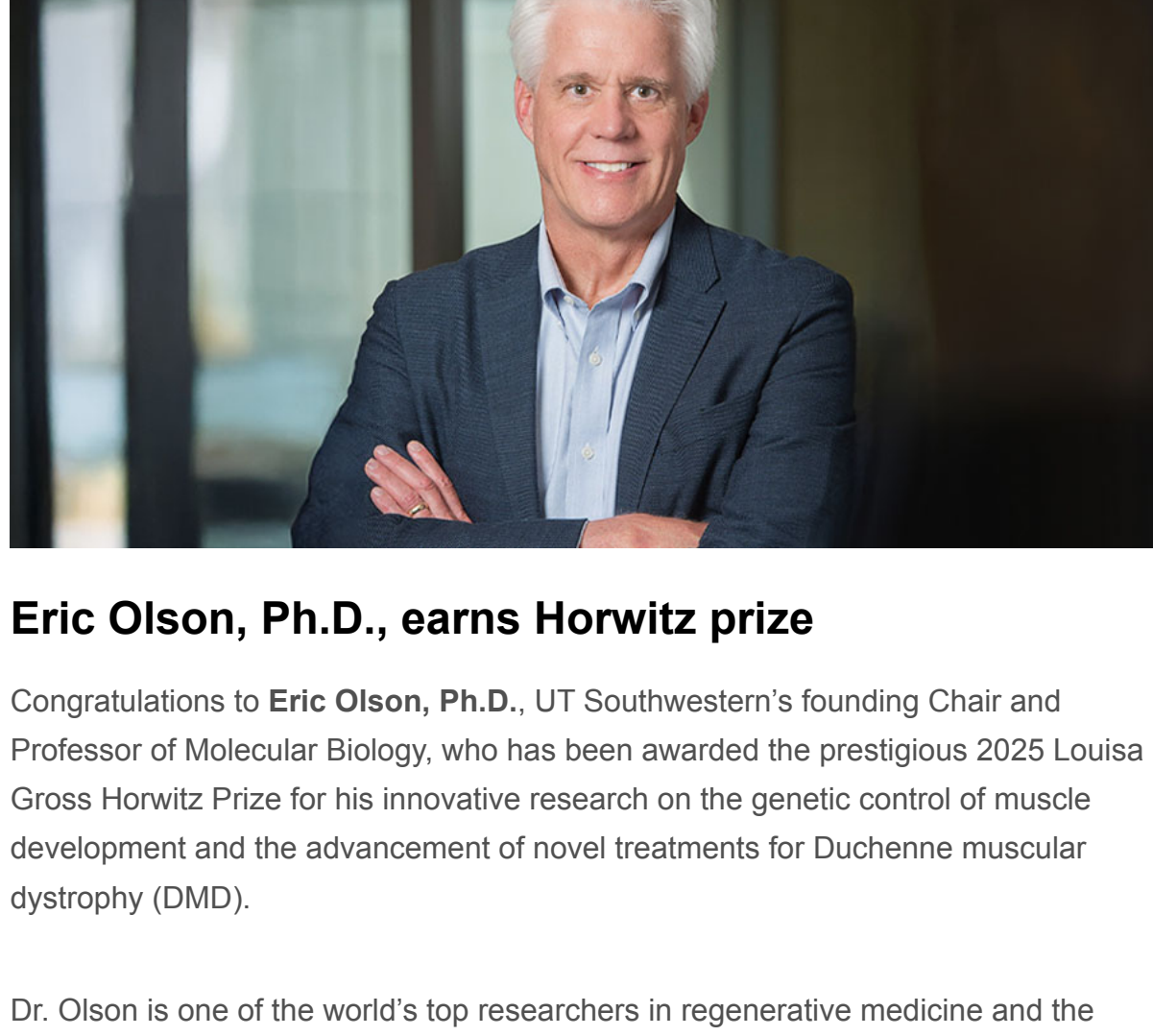




Eric Olson, Ph.D., earns Horwitz prize

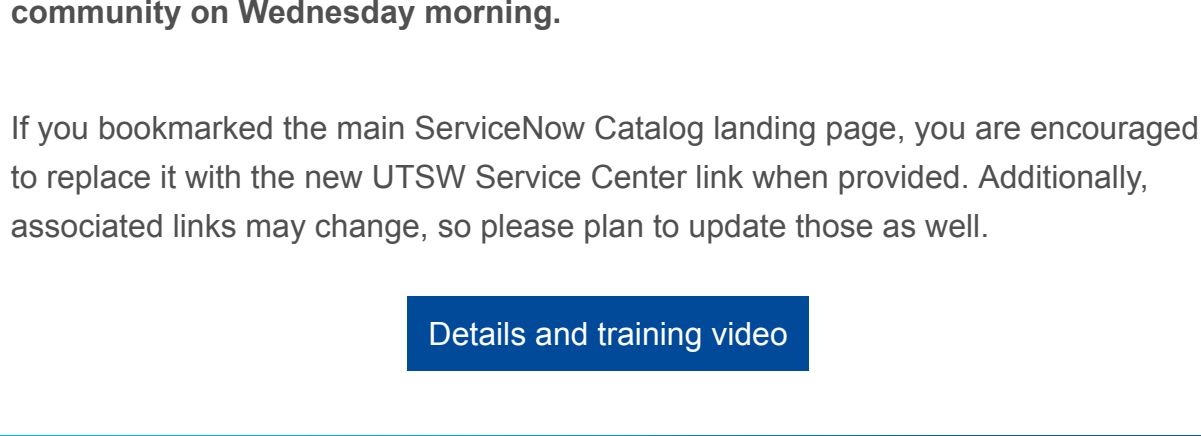
Congratulations to **Eric Olson, Ph.D.**, UT Southwestern's founding Chair and Professor of Molecular Biology, who has been awarded the prestigious 2025 Louisa Gross Horwitz Prize for his innovative research on the genetic control of muscle development and the advancement of novel treatments for Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD).

Dr. Olson is one of the world's top researchers in regenerative medicine and the mechanisms behind DMD, a debilitating genetic disorder that affects 1 in 3,500-5,000 males born worldwide.

The Horwitz Prize, presented by Columbia University, recognizes outstanding contributions in basic research in the fields of biology or biochemistry. Dr. Olson joins four other UTSW faculty who have received this high honor, including **Zhijian "James" Chen, Ph.D.**, Professor of Molecular Biology (2023), Nobel Prize Laureates **Michael S. Brown, M.D.** (1984), **Joseph L. Goldstein, M.D.** (1984), and the late **Alfred Gilman, M.D.** (1989).

"It is an honor to join the esteemed colleagues who have won this award in the past," Dr. Olson said in a UTSW news release. "We continue to make progress toward the biggest prize of all – a cure for this devastating disease."

[More on the Horwitz prize](#)



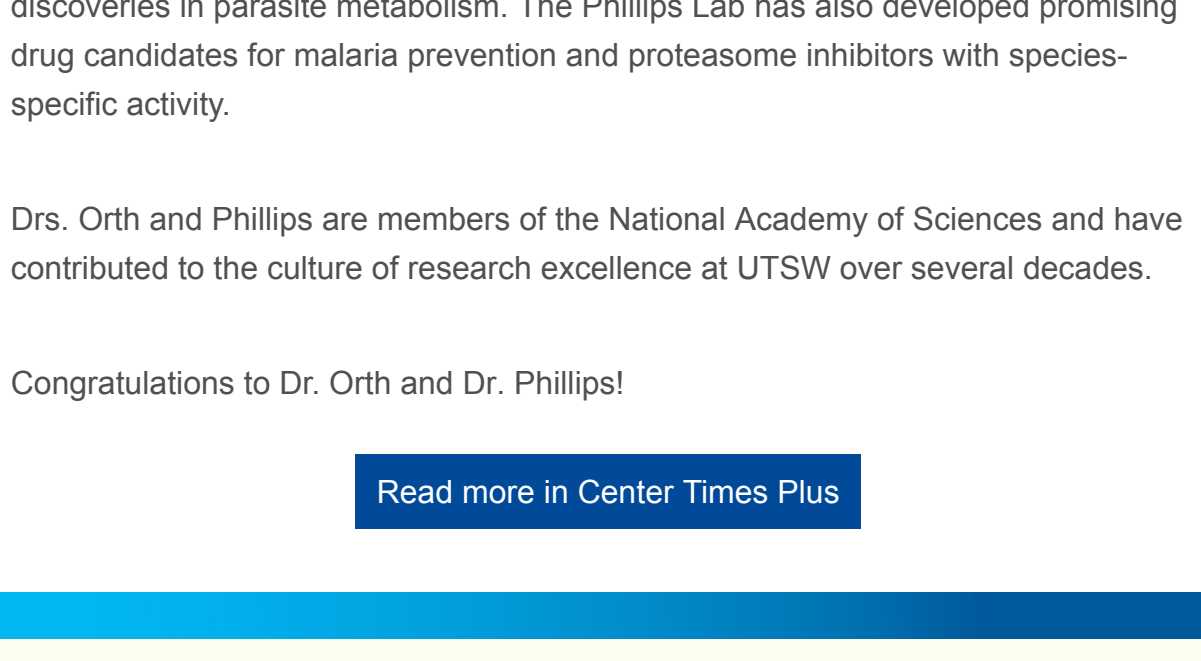
Coming Wednesday: New UTSW Service Center

On Sept. 10, the new UTSW Service Center portal will replace the current ServiceNow catalog, as well as provide many new tools and features, including streamlined access to Information Resources and other Business Affairs services. The new portal will make it faster and easier to submit requests, report issues, and find information.

A link to the UTSW Service Center will be provided in an email to the campus community on Wednesday morning.

If you bookmarked the main ServiceNow Catalog landing page, you are encouraged to replace it with the new UTSW Service Center link when provided. Additionally, associated links may change, so please plan to update those as well.

[Details and training video](#)



Orth, Phillips earn top ASBMB awards

UT Southwestern's **Kim Orth, Ph.D.**, and **Margaret Phillips, Ph.D.**, are being honored by the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) for their cutting-edge research in molecular biology and parasitology.

Dr. Orth, Professor of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry at UTSW and a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator, will receive the 2026 Earl and Thressa Stadtman Distinguished Scientist Award for her work uncovering multiple biochemical mechanisms used by bacteria to disrupt cellular processes. Her lab's insights have improved the understanding of diseases such as Type 1 diabetes and neuromuscular disorders.

Dr. Phillips, Chair and Professor of Biochemistry and Professor of Pharmacology, will receive the 2026 Alice and C.C. Wang Award in Molecular Parasitology for discoveries in parasite metabolism. The Phillips Lab has also developed promising drug candidates for malaria prevention and proteasome inhibitors with species-specific activity.

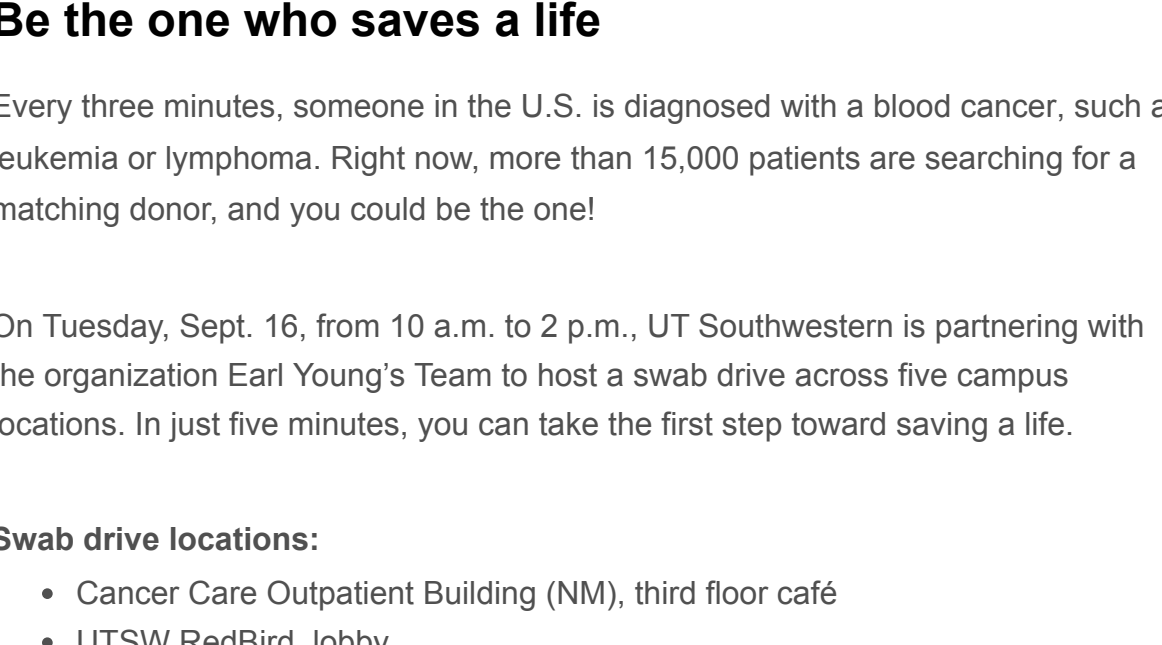
Drs. Orth and Phillips are members of the National Academy of Sciences and have contributed to the culture of research excellence at UTSW over several decades.

Congratulations to Dr. Orth and Dr. Phillips!

[Read more in Center Times Plus](#)

#ICYMI: Leaders in Clinical Excellence Class of 2025

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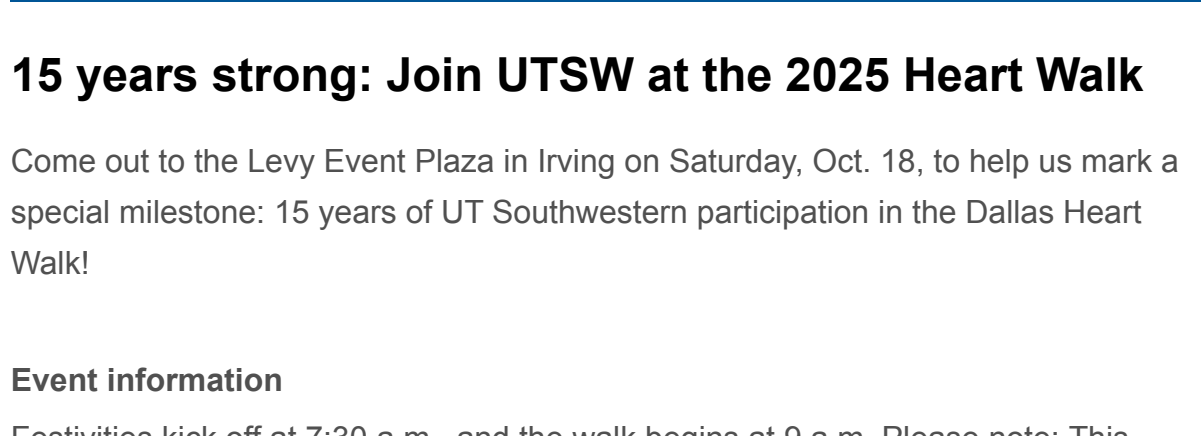


In case you missed it last Friday, the recipients of the eighth annual Leaders in Clinical Excellence Awards were named in a message from UT Southwestern President **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**; **Jonathan Efron, M.D.**, Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs; and **W. P. Andrew Lee, M.D.**, EVP for Academic Affairs, Provost, and Dean of the UT Southwestern Medical School.

Awardees were selected for their clinical expertise, innovation, and compassion. The UTSW community is invited to honor these exceptional colleagues, who exemplify the very best of our institution, at an all-campus celebration on Wednesday, **Nov. 5**, at 4:30 p.m. in the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium, followed by a reception on McDermott Plaza.

You'll be able to learn more about the newest honorees and the programs they lead in an upcoming story on *Center Times Plus*. But for now, we invite you to read the message announcing their names and award categories.

[Learn who won!](#)



Be the one who saves a life

Every three minutes, someone in the U.S. is diagnosed with a blood cancer, such as leukemia or lymphoma. Right now, more than 15,000 patients are searching for a matching donor, and you could be the one!

On Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., UT Southwestern is partnering with the organization Earl Young's Team to host a swab drive across five campus locations. In just five minutes, you can take the first step toward saving a life.

Swab drive locations:

- Cancer Care Outpatient Building (NM), third floor café
- UTSW RedBird, lobby
- Richardson/Plano, lobby
- Pegasus Park, lobby
- Radiation Oncology (EC), lobby

If you are identified as a match, you may be asked to complete additional testing. Most donations involve a simple blood draw.

Wondering what it's like to be a donor?

Travis Kelly, B.S.N., RN, OCN, an Infusion Nursing Supervisor at UTSW, joined the registry four years ago. When he got the call, he donated and was back at work the next day. A year later, he found out his recipient was thriving.

Check out his story on [Instagram](#) and learn how five minutes could mean a lifetime for someone else.

[Find a location near you](#)



15 years strong: Join UTSW at the 2025 Heart Walk

Come out to the Levy Event Plaza in Irving on Saturday, Oct. 18, to help us mark a special milestone: 15 years of UT Southwestern participation in the Dallas Heart Walk!

Event information

Festivities kick off at 7:30 a.m., and the walk begins at 9 a.m. Please note: This year's event will be held at a new location. There is no cost to register. You can [join a UTSW team](#) or as an [individual walker](#). Visit the [Heart Walk webpage](#) to learn more.

T-shirt details

Within 24 hours of registering, you'll receive an email from the American Heart Association with a link to order your free UT Southwestern Heart Walk T-shirt (available while supplies last). T-shirts will begin shipping on Sept. 15, and the deadline to order is Oct. 13. **Wear yours on walk day to receive special anniversary goodies.**

Other Heart Walk fun

If you can't make the walk, you can still get in on the fun. There will be a farmers market and heart health fairs on Oct. 7, at William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital and Oct. 8, on South Campus, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Stay tuned for more details!

[Step up for heart health!](#)

Insider Guide

State Employee Charitable Campaign Pop-ups on South Campus

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 9
South Campus dining area/Faculty Club

Mingle with colleagues and SECC representatives at two pop-up events on South Campus and help make a profound impact on the lives of those in need by participating in the campaign, now through Oct. 31. You'll be able to get help with making your donation and collect some swag. Tia, the Simmons Cancer Center's beloved facility therapy dog, will be in attendance for pets and snuggles at the dining area on South Campus!

[Join in the fun!](#)

Mobile mammography: 15 minutes could save your life

8 a.m.-3 p.m., Sept. 11
Professional Office Building (POB) parking garage

Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center's mobile mammography unit will be on campus offering 3D screening mammograms to all faculty, staff, and learners. Early detection is key when it comes to breast cancer, and annual screenings are recommended for all women beginning at age 40. Don't miss the chance to prioritize your health!

[Reserve your spot](#)

UTSW Events Calendar

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