



UTSW awarded liver cancer research program

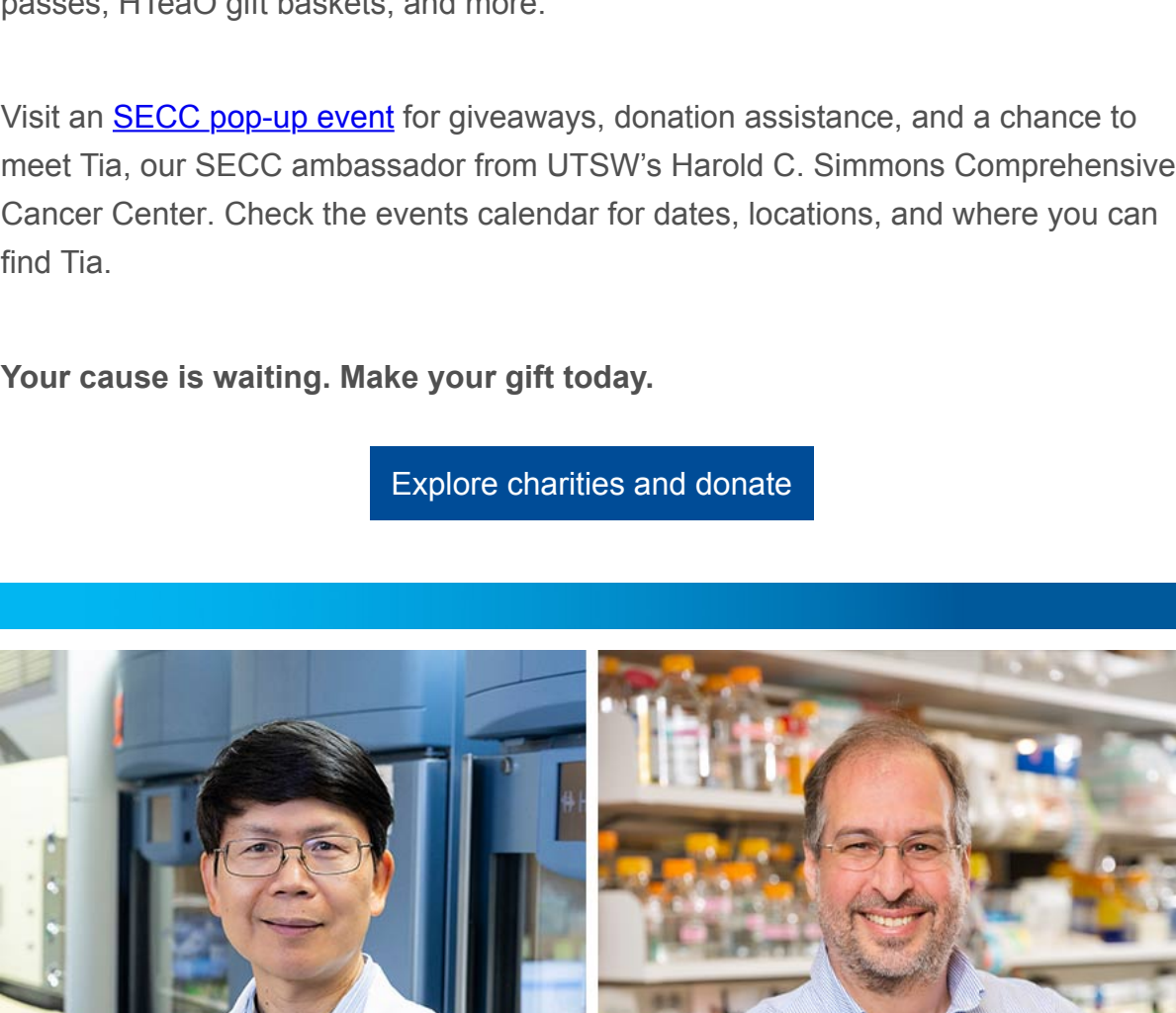
UT Southwestern's Liver Tumor Program has been selected by the National Cancer Institute as a Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE), making it the institution's third SPORE. Led by **Amit Singal, M.D., M.S.**, and **Yujin Hoshida, M.D., Ph.D.**, Professors of Internal Medicine in the Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases, the new SPORE will receive \$12 million over five years to focus on hepatocellular carcinoma, which is prevalent in Texas and accounts for more than 85% of liver cancer cases nationwide.

"Our goal is to significantly improve liver cancer survival rates by refining the prevention and treatment of this disease through various new approaches," said Dr. Hoshida, Director of Liver Tumor Translational Research.

The grant will support three major projects: testing a chemoprevention strategy in high-risk patients; exploring polyploidy induction to prevent HCC recurrence; and enhancing immunotherapy effectiveness. Simmons Cancer Center is home to two other SPOREs, focused on kidney and lung cancers.

"Our selection speaks to the quality of science and the potential for discovery and advances in clinical care at UT Southwestern," said Dr. Singal, Medical Director of the Liver Tumor Program and Chief of Hepatology at UTSW.

[Read more about the SPORE designation](#)



What moves you? Turn passion into action with SECC!

Whether you're an animal lover, a champion for children, a nature enthusiast, or someone who dreams of curing disease, there's a cause waiting for your support in the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC).

Every contribution, no matter the amount, can help improve lives across Texas, the nation, and the world. Even a small gift of just \$2 a month can provide childhood immunizations or plant 100 tree saplings.

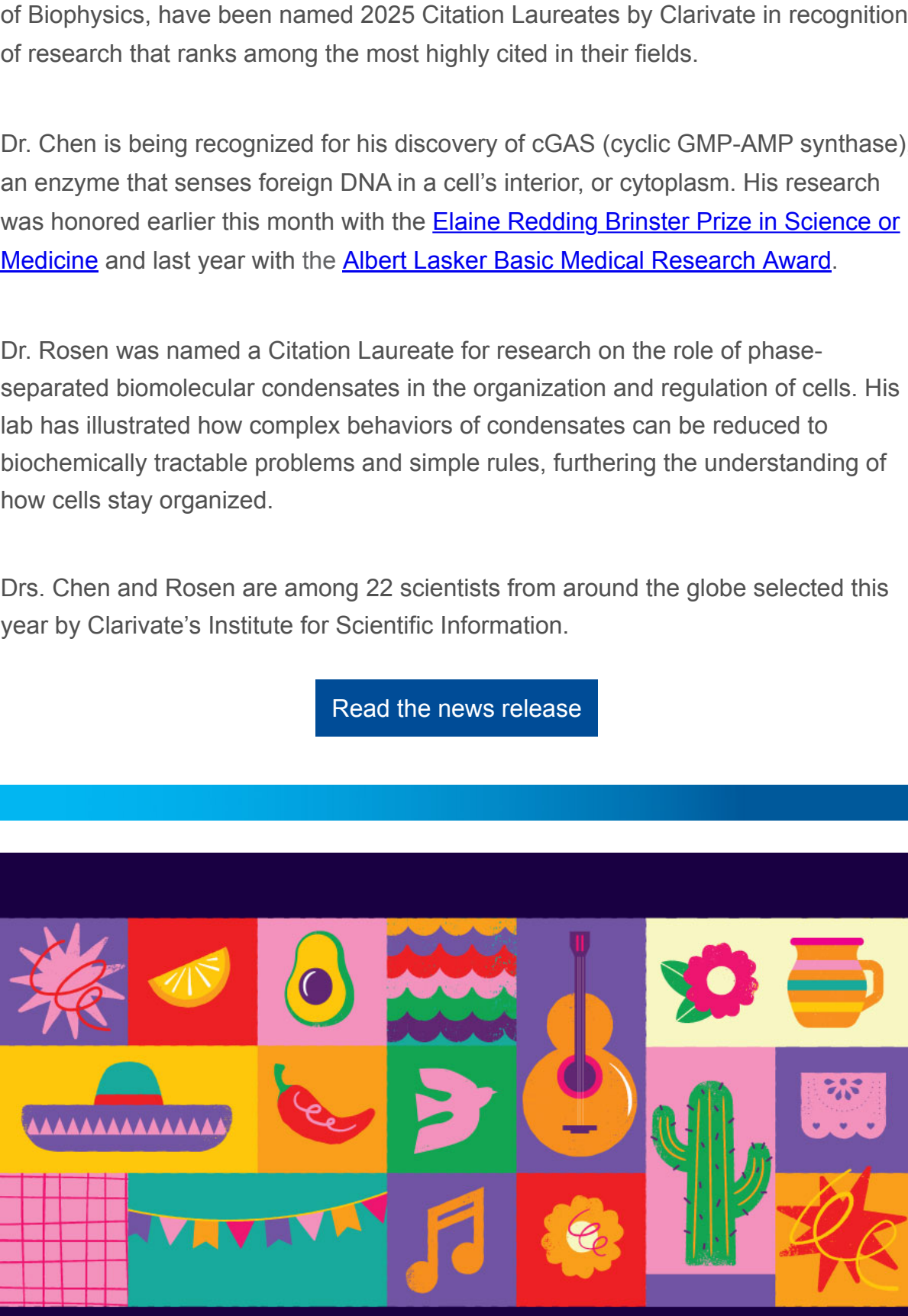
Giving is easy. You can make a [one-time donation](#) with a credit card or set up a [payroll deduction](#) that will start in January 2026. This year, **our goal is to raise \$300,000**, and every gift brings us one step closer. As of Friday, we had reached \$107,333.

By participating, you could earn one of [50 exciting prizes](#) donated by the community, including a one-of-a-kind experience with the Dallas Mavericks, State Fair of Texas passes, HTeaO gift baskets, and more.

Visit an [SECC pop-up event](#) for giveaways, donation assistance, and a chance to meet Tia, our SECC ambassador from UTSW's Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center. Check the events calendar for dates, locations, and where you can find Tia.

Your cause is waiting. Make your gift today.

[Explore charities and donate](#)



Chen, Rosen named Clarivate Citation Laureates

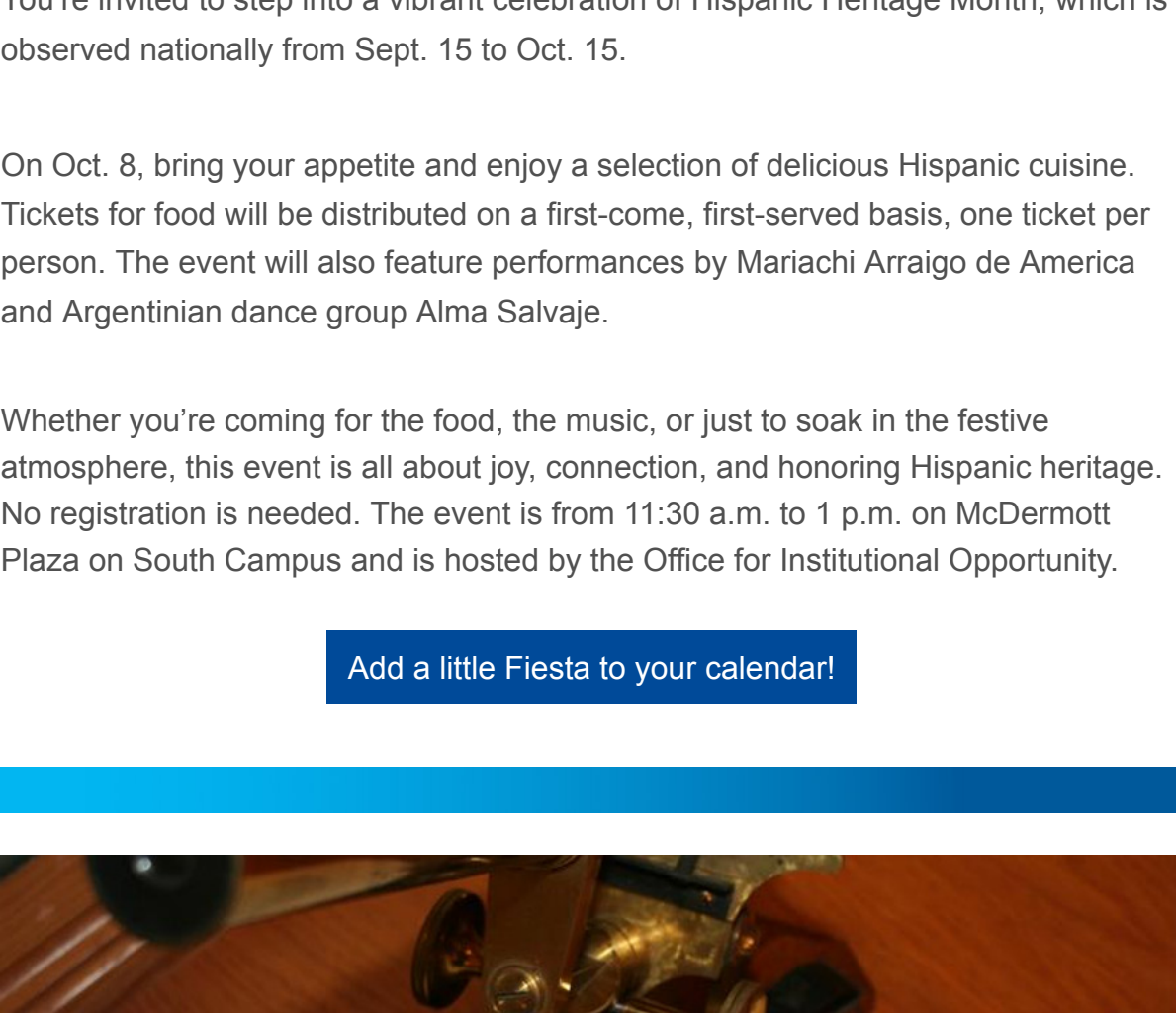
Zhijian "James" Chen, Ph.D., Professor of Molecular Biology and Director of the Center for Inflammation Research, and **Michael Rosen, Ph.D.**, Chair and Professor of Biophysics, have been named 2025 Citation Laureates by Clarivate in recognition of research that ranks among the most highly cited in their fields.

Dr. Chen is being recognized for his discovery of cGAS (cyclic GMP-AMP synthase), an enzyme that senses foreign DNA in a cell's interior, or cytoplasm. His research was honored earlier this month with the [Elaine Redding Brinster Prize in Science or Medicine](#) and last year with the [Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Award](#).

Dr. Rosen was named a Citation Laureate for research on the role of phase-separated biomolecular condensates in the organization and regulation of cells. His lab has illustrated how complex behaviors of condensates can be reduced to biochemically tractable problems and simple rules, furthering the understanding of how cells stay organized.

Drs. Chen and Rosen are among 22 scientists from around the globe selected this year by Clarivate's Institute for Scientific Information.

[Read the news release](#)



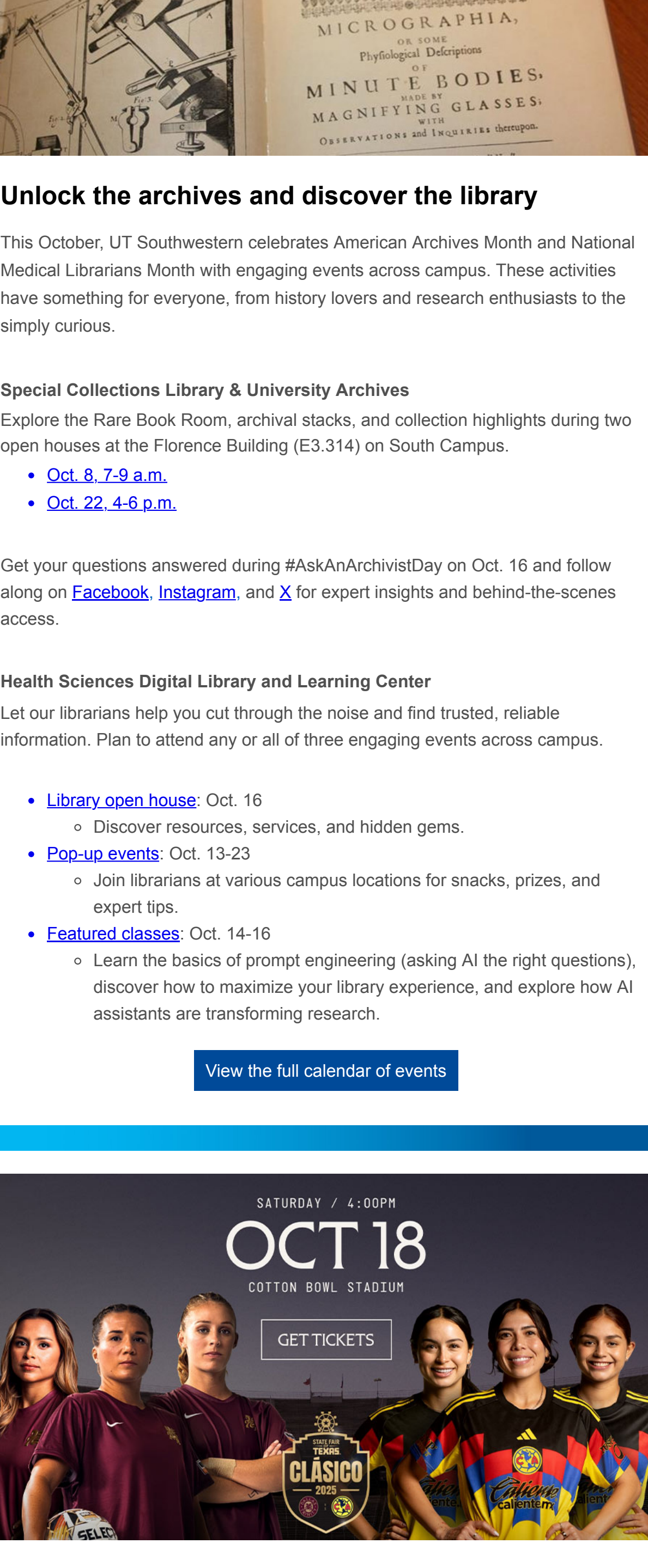
Culture, flavor, and rhythm at Fiesta on the Plaza!

You're invited to step into a vibrant celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, which is observed nationally from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

On Oct. 8, bring your appetite and enjoy a selection of delicious Hispanic cuisine. Tickets for food will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, one ticket per person. The event will also feature performances by Mariachi Arraigo de America and Argentinian dance group Alma Salvaje.

Whether you're coming for the food, the music, or just to soak in the festive atmosphere, this event is all about joy, connection, and honoring Hispanic heritage. No registration is needed. The event is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on McDermott Plaza on South Campus and is hosted by the Office for Institutional Opportunity.

[Add a little Fiesta to your calendar!](#)



Unlock the archives and discover the library

This October, UT Southwestern celebrates American Archives Month and National Medical Librarians Month with engaging events across campus. These activities have something for everyone, from history lovers and research enthusiasts to the simply curious.

Special Collections Library & University Archives

Explore the Rare Book Room, archival stacks, and collection highlights during two open houses at the Florence Building (E3.314) on South Campus.

- [Oct. 8, 7-9 a.m.](#)
- [Oct. 22, 4-6 p.m.](#)

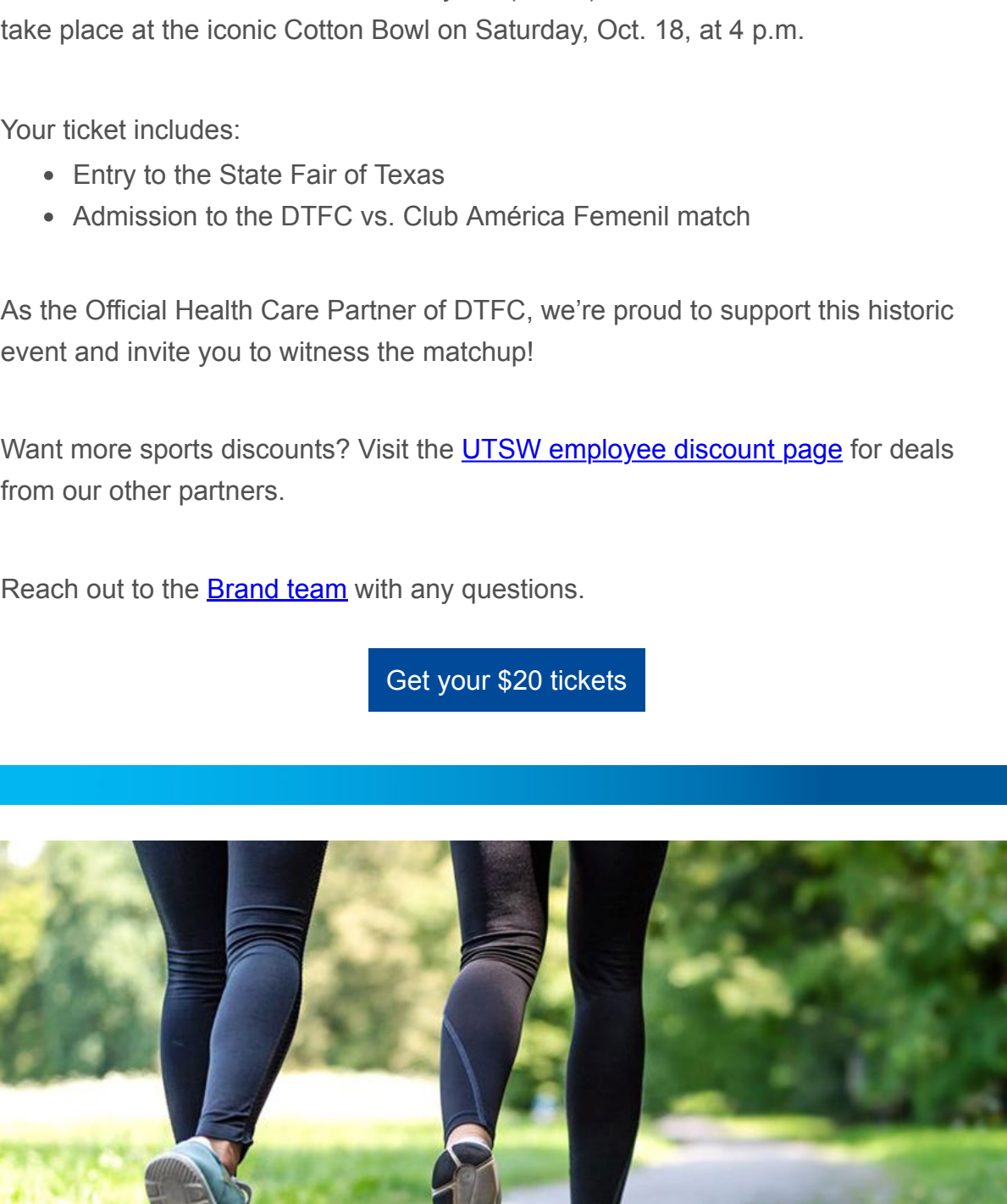
Get your questions answered during #AskAnArchivistDay on Oct. 16 and follow along on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X](#) for expert insights and behind-the-scenes access.

Health Sciences Digital Library and Learning Center

Let our librarians help you cut through the noise and find trusted, reliable information. Plan to attend any or all of three engaging events across campus.

- [Library open house](#): Oct. 16
 - Discover resources, services, and hidden gems.
- [Pop-up events](#): Oct. 13-23
 - Join librarians at various campus locations for snacks, prizes, and expert tips.
- [Featured classes](#): Oct. 14-16
 - Learn the basics of prompt engineering (asking AI the right questions), discover how to maximize your library experience, and explore how AI assistants are transforming research.

[View the full calendar of events](#)



Score \$20 Tickets to the State Fair Clásico!

UT Southwestern is excited to offer all members of our campus community – faculty, staff, and trainees – discounted tickets to the inaugural State Fair Clásico. The showdown between Dallas Trinity FC (DTFC) and Club América Femenil will take place at the iconic Cotton Bowl on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 4 p.m.

Your ticket includes:

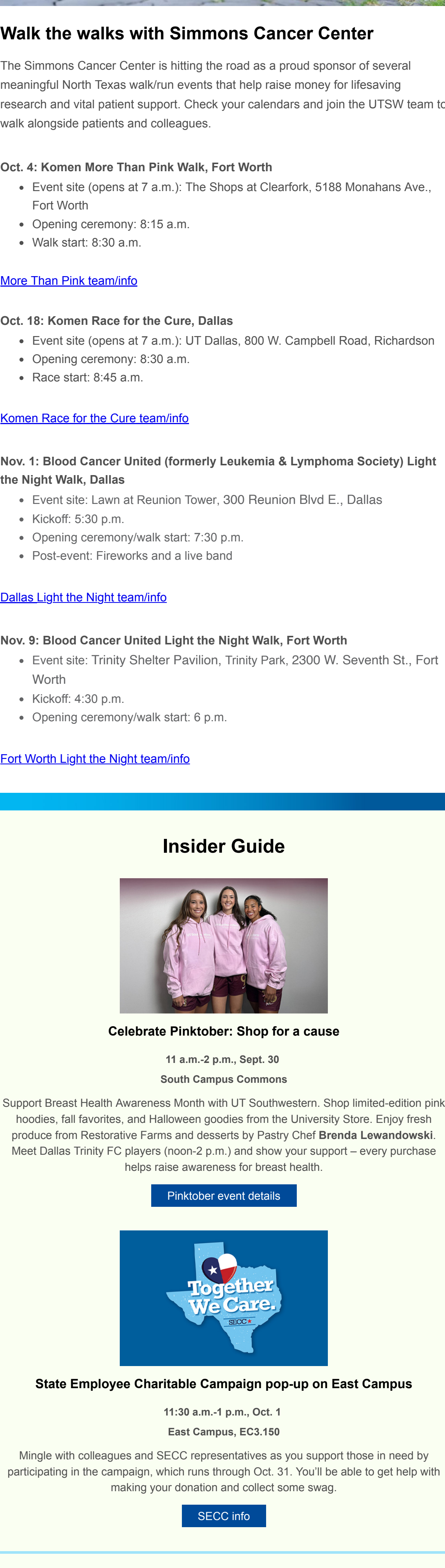
- Entry to the State Fair of Texas
- Admission to the DTFC vs. Club América Femenil match

As the Official Health Care Partner of DTFC, we're proud to support this historic event and invite you to witness the matchup!

Want more sports discounts? Visit the [UTSW employee discount page](#) for deals from our other partners.

Reach out to the [Brand team](#) with any questions.

[Get your \\$20 tickets](#)



Walk the walks with Simmons Cancer Center

The Simmons Cancer Center is hitting the road as a proud sponsor of several meaningful North Texas walk/run events that help raise money for lifesaving research and vital patient support. Check your calendars and join the UTSW team to walk alongside patients and colleagues.

Oct. 4: Komen More Than Pink Walk, Fort Worth

- Event site (opens at 7 a.m.): The Shops at Clearfork, 5188 Monahans Ave., Fort Worth
- Opening ceremony: 8:15 a.m.
- Walk start: 8:30 a.m.

[More Than Pink team/info](#)

Oct. 18: Komen Race for the Cure, Dallas

- Event site (opens at 7 a.m.): UT Dallas, 800 W. Campbell Road, Richardson
- Opening ceremony: 8:30 a.m.
- Race start: 8:45 a.m.

[Komen Race for the Cure team/info](#)

Nov. 1: Blood Cancer United (formerly Leukemia & Lymphoma Society) Light the Night Walk, Dallas

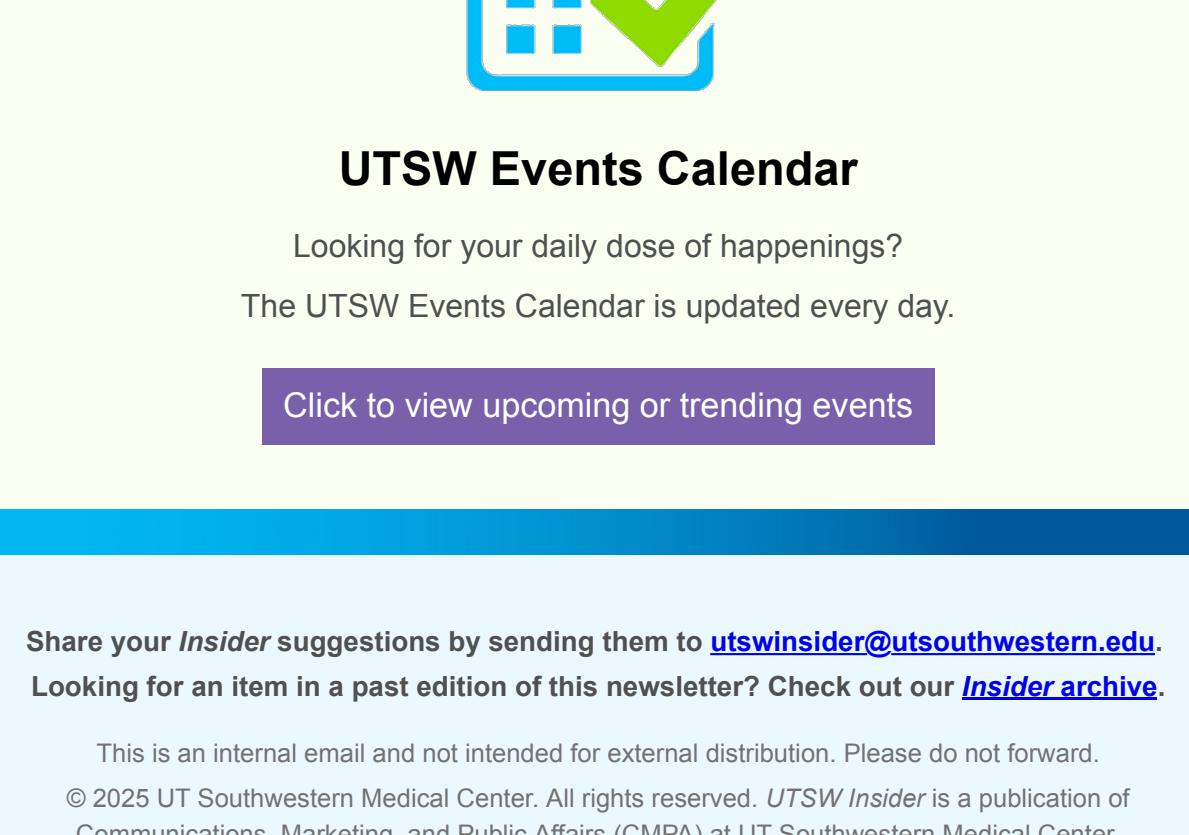
- Event site: Lawn at Reunion Tower, 300 Reunion Blvd E., Dallas
- Kickoff: 5:30 p.m.
- Opening ceremony/walk start: 7:30 p.m.
- Post-event: Fireworks and a live band

[Dallas Light the Night team/info](#)

Nov. 9: Blood Cancer United Light the Night Walk, Fort Worth

- Event site: Trinity Shelter Pavilion, Trinity Park, 2300 W. Seventh St., Fort Worth
- Kickoff: 4:30 p.m.
- Opening ceremony/walk start: 6 p.m.

[Fort Worth Light the Night team/info](#)



UTSW Events Calendar

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The UTSW Events Calendar is updated every day.

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