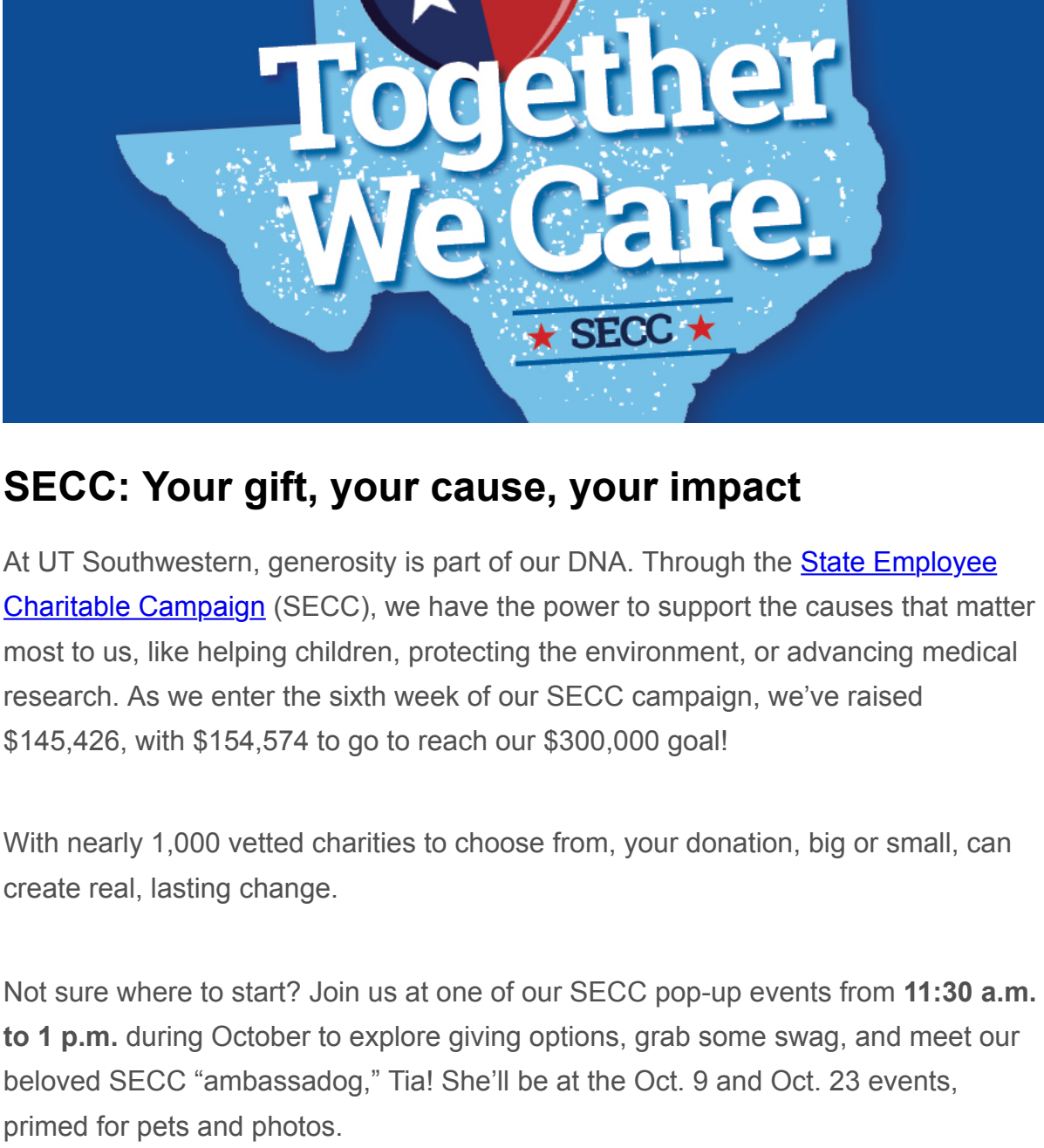




SECC: Your gift, your cause, your impact

At UT Southwestern, generosity is part of our DNA. Through the [State Employee Charitable Campaign](#) (SECC), we have the power to support the causes that matter most to us, like helping children, protecting the environment, or advancing medical research. As we enter the sixth week of our SECC campaign, we've raised \$145,426, with \$154,574 to go to reach our \$300,000 goal!

With nearly 1,000 vetted charities to choose from, your donation, big or small, can create real, lasting change.

Not sure where to start? Join us at one of our SECC pop-up events from **11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** during October to explore giving options, grab some swag, and meet our beloved SECC "ambassador," Tia! She'll be at the Oct. 9 and Oct. 23 events, primed for pets and photos.

Pop-up dates:

- Oct. 9: Cancer Care Outpatient Building
- Oct. 15: Zale Lipshy Pavilion
- Oct. 23: Clements University Hospital

Donate today through [Converge Pay](#) or set up a [monthly payroll deduction](#), and you could earn one of [50 exciting prizes](#)!

Let's show our community what compassion looks like!

[Make a difference](#)



A legacy of generosity fuels the future of pediatric care

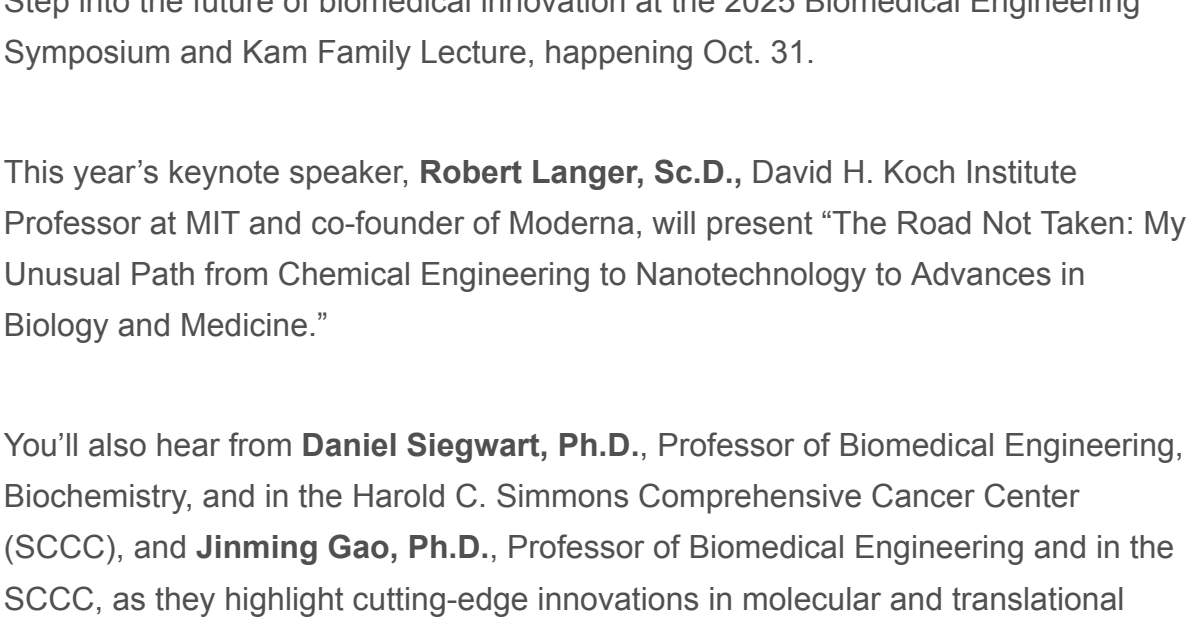
A generous \$25 million gift from the Harry W. Bass, Jr. Foundation is helping shape the future of pediatric medicine in North Texas.

Announced last week, the milestone contribution supports the \$5 billion joint pediatric campus now under construction in the heart of UT Southwestern's Medical District. In recognition of the gift, the new Specialty Center will feature the Harry W. Bass, Jr. Foundation Lobby – a tribute to a visionary philanthropist whose legacy continues to uplift generations.

"With their extraordinary support of the new pediatric campus, we will advance care and accelerate discoveries that bring hope to families, healing to children, and the promise of a healthier tomorrow," said **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**, President of UT Southwestern Medical Center.

This transformative momentum comes as Children's Medical Center Dallas was once again recognized among [the nation's top children's hospitals](#) by *U.S. News & World Report* in its 2025-26 rankings. The honor reflects the exceptional care delivered through the longstanding partnership between Children's Health and UT Southwestern – a collaboration now poised to reach even greater heights with the new pediatric campus.

[More about the gift and the new campus](#)



Clements University Hospital welcomes new CEO

Please join us in welcoming **Traci d'Auguste, M.B.A., M.S.H.A.**, who began her role as Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of Clements University Hospital (CUH) on Oct. 1. Ms. d'Auguste is responsible for operational oversight of CUH and Zale Lipshy Pavilion.

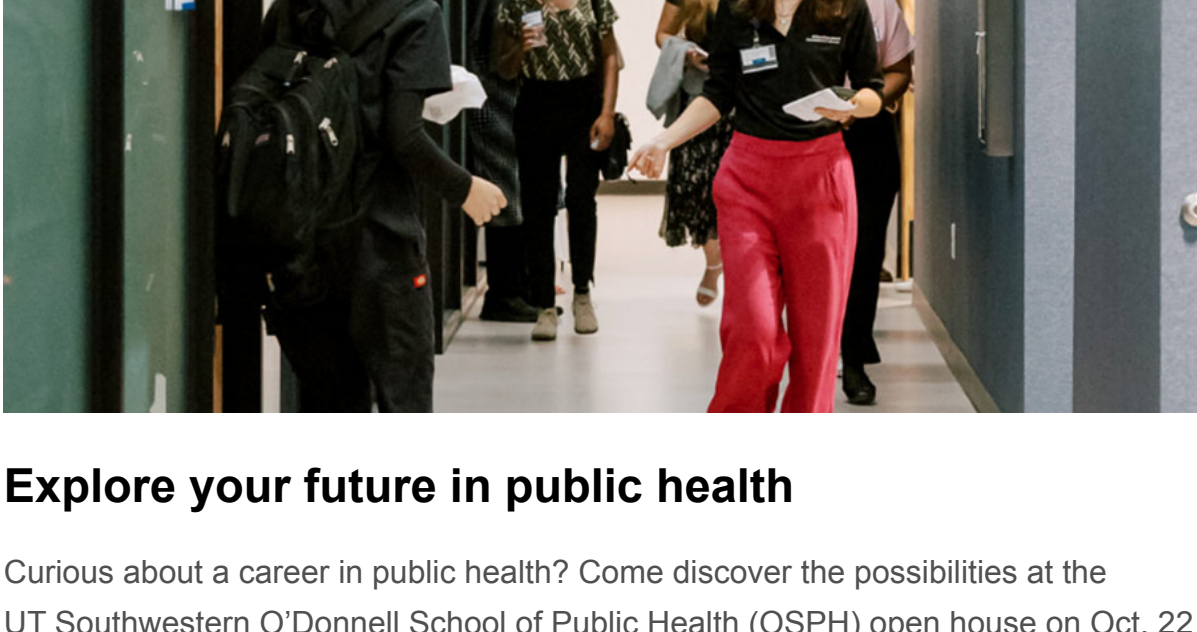
"I am humbled by the opportunity to support the incredible teams at UT Southwestern and look forward to helping more individuals in our community access our preeminent care," said Ms. d'Auguste (pronounced "Dee-August").

With more than 20 years of leadership experience at national academic medical institutions, she most recently served as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at the University of Florida Health Shands Hospital.

As CEO at CUH, Ms. d'Auguste is now collaborating with Health System leaders to advance strategic priorities, enhance operational performance, and ensure exceptional patient outcomes. In addition, she oversees the Solid Organ Transplant Program and the Cardiovascular service line.

Ms. d'Auguste succeeds **Chris Rubio, M.B.A.**, Vice President and Health System Chief Operating Officer, who had served as Interim CEO of the University Hospital since April 2023.

[Learn more about Ms. d'Auguste's background](#)



Biomedical visionaries take the stage at BME Symposium & Kam Family Lecture

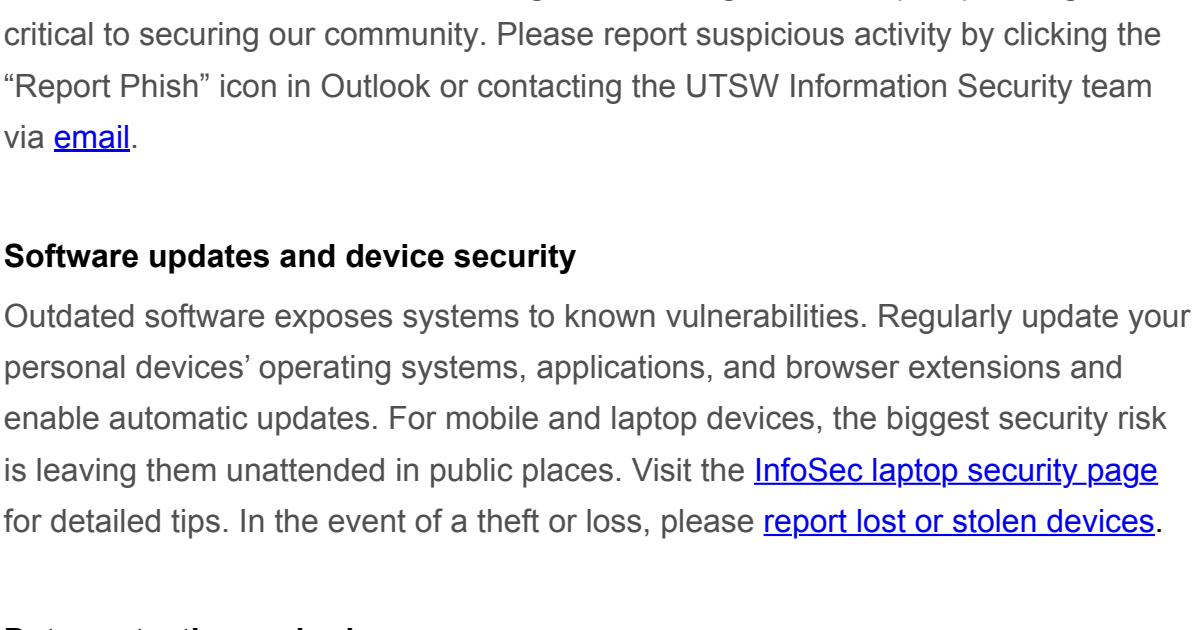
Step into the future of biomedical innovation at the 2025 Biomedical Engineering Symposium and Kam Family Lecture, happening Oct. 31.

This year's keynote speaker, **Robert Langer, Sc.D.**, David H. Koch Institute Professor at MIT and co-founder of Moderna, will present "The Road Not Taken: My Unusual Path from Chemical Engineering to Nanotechnology to Advances in Biology and Medicine."

You'll also hear from **Daniel Siegwart, Ph.D.**, Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Biochemistry, and in the Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center (SCCC), and **Jinming Gao, Ph.D.**, Professor of Biomedical Engineering and in the SCCC, as they highlight cutting-edge innovations in molecular and translational nanomedicine. The event, held in the Texas Instruments Biomedical Engineering and Sciences Building on East Campus from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., will also feature a poster session, panel discussion, and complimentary lunch.

Registration is required, and seats are limited, so sign up today!

[BME Symposium details](#)



Navigating mental health support as a leader

Leaders play a vital role in supporting the mental well-being of their teams, but starting conversations about mental health and knowing how to respond can be challenging, even for experienced managers.

To help, our Employee Support team and Headspace are offering a two-part virtual workshop series.

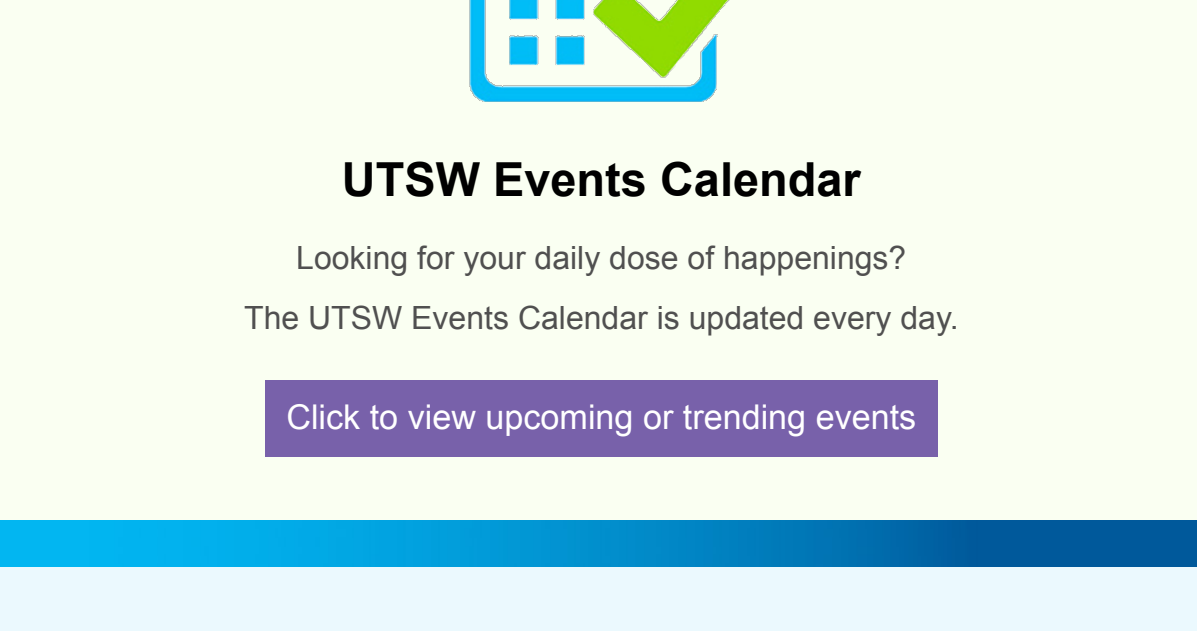
This program, **Leaders as a Lifeline: Navigating Mental Health Support as a Manager**, is designed to equip leaders with tools to recognize signs of mental health challenges and respond with empathy and confidence. Learn how to foster a culture of care, practice supportive conversations, and incorporate mindfulness-based strategies.

Workshop dates:

- Part I: [Oct. 16: Noon-1:30 p.m.](#)
- Part II: [Oct. 23: Noon-1:30 p.m.](#)

Can't attend live? You can still register to receive the recordings after each workshop.

For more information about Headspace or our Employee Support resources, please contact the Human Resources team at 214-648-9810 or by [email](#).



Explore your future in public health

Curious about a career in public health? Come discover the possibilities at the UT Southwestern O'Donnell School of Public Health (OSPH) open house on Oct. 22 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

You'll have the chance to meet with inspiring faculty and connect with enthusiastic students and staff. Throughout the event, there will also be opportunities to dive deeper into specific academic programs, including the M.P.H., M.D./M.P.H., M.S.C.I., M.S.H.I., Ph.D., and graduate certificates. Engaging breakout sessions will help you find the right fit for your goals.

Representatives from admissions, financial aid, and student services will be available to answer your questions and guide you through the application process. And as you learn about all that the school has to offer, you can enjoy light refreshments and snacks.

Questions? Reach out to the OSPH via [email](#).

[Register to attend](#)

Cybersecurity starts with you

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, a global effort to stay safe and protected when using technology and connecting online. UT Southwestern Information Security (InfoSec) has tips and guidance on how faculty, staff, and learners can keep their digital lives and UTSW secure.

Phishing scams

Scams like email phishing, vishing (recorded voice phishing), and smishing (SMS/text phishing) aim to steal sensitive data or money. UTSW employees are the first line of defense and understanding how to recognize and report phishing is critical to securing our community. Please report suspicious activity by clicking the "Report Phish" icon in Outlook or contacting the UTSW Information Security team via [email](#).

Software updates and device security

Outdated software exposes systems to known vulnerabilities. Regularly update your personal devices' operating systems, applications, and browser extensions and enable automatic updates. For mobile and laptop devices, the biggest security risk is leaving them unattended in public places. Visit the [InfoSec laptop security page](#) for detailed tips. In the event of a theft or loss, please [report lost or stolen devices](#).

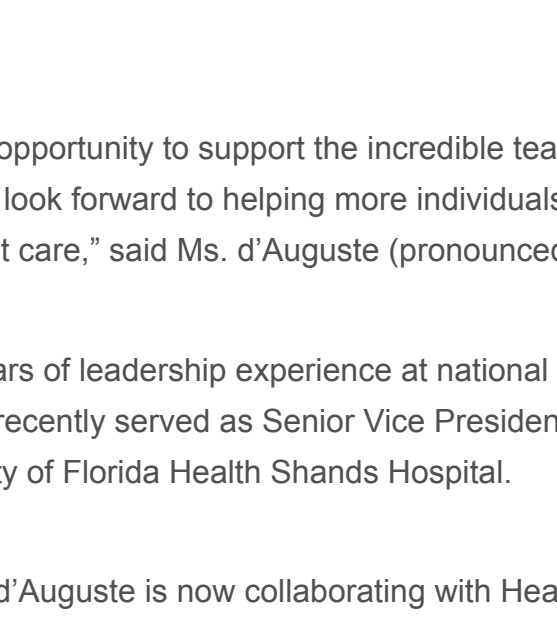
Data protection and privacy

Personally identifiable information (PII) and protected health information (PHI) must be handled with care to prevent unauthorized access, identity theft, and costly data breaches. To reduce risk, always follow the principle of data minimization: Share only what's necessary for the task at hand.

Ensuring information security is a shared responsibility across our organization. Everyone plays a vital role in safeguarding our systems, data, and operations by remaining vigilant, adhering to established protocols, and responding appropriately to potential threats.

[More security info on Campus Updates](#)

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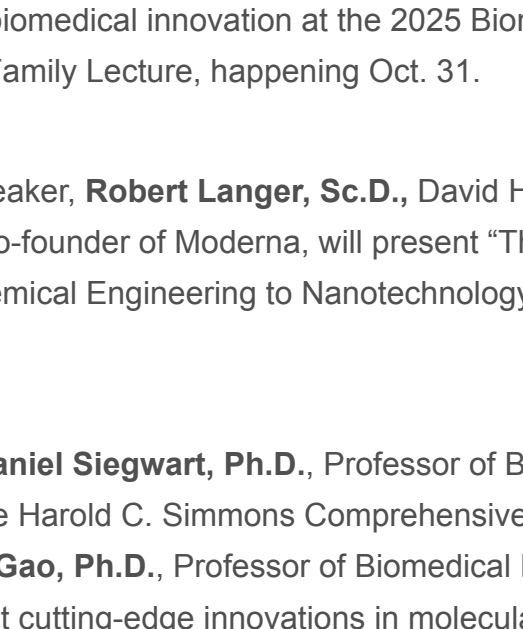
Rescuing U.S. Health Care: Principles for Redesign

Noon-1 p.m., Oct. 10

Virtual event

Join us for a special lecture by **Don Berwick, M.D.**, President Emeritus and Senior Fellow of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. This event is made possible by Parkland Health, which invited Dr. Berwick to the UTSW campus for an insightful conversation about the future of health care.

[See what's on the agenda](#)



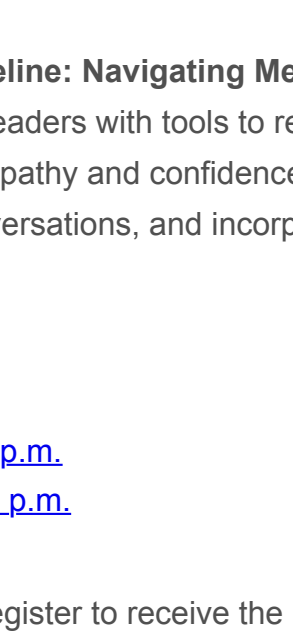
Komen Dallas Race for the Cure

7-11 a.m., Oct. 18

The University of Texas at Dallas, 800 W. Campbell Road, Richardson

The SCCC is proud to sponsor the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Walk, supporting groundbreaking research and helping ensure patients have access to vital education, resources, and care. [Join the UTSW team](#), and walk alongside patients, colleagues, and friends.

[Add to your calendar and register](#)



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