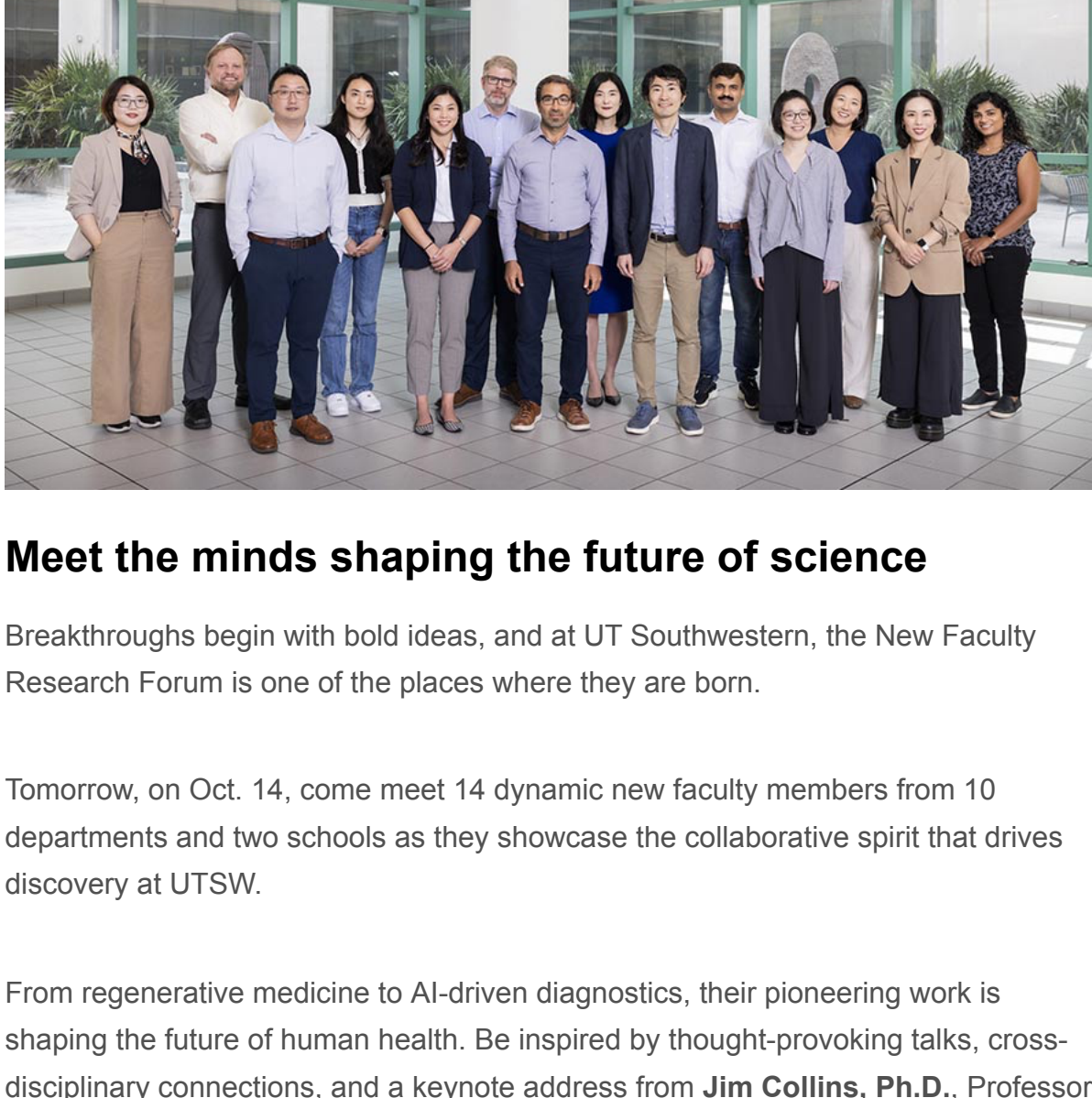




## Meet the minds shaping the future of science

Breakthroughs begin with bold ideas, and at UT Southwestern, the New Faculty Research Forum is one of the places where they are born.

Tomorrow, on Oct. 14, come meet 14 dynamic new faculty members from 10 departments and two schools as they showcase the collaborative spirit that drives discovery at UTSW.

From regenerative medicine to AI-driven diagnostics, their pioneering work is shaping the future of human health. Be inspired by thought-provoking talks, cross-disciplinary connections, and a keynote address from **Jim Collins, Ph.D.**, Professor of Pharmacology, a committed mentor to early-career faculty at UTSW who is renowned for his research on schistosomiasis, a parasitic disease affecting over 200 million people worldwide.

Read more about the speakers and their research on [Center Times Plus](#) and get a sneak peek at the bold ideas that will be featured.

[Register to attend](#)

# HEART WALK

# 2025

## New details for Heart Walk this Saturday

We're celebrating 15 amazing years of UT Southwestern showing up strong for heart health, and we want YOU to be part of the celebration!

Join us for the 2025 Dallas Heart Walk this Saturday, Oct. 18, at a new location: the Levy Event Plaza in Irving.

Below you'll find a refresher of some previously communicated details as well as some important new information.

**Registration:** It's free to sign up, and participants can either join a [UTSW team](#) or sign up as [individual walkers](#).

**Timing:** Festivities kick off at 7:30 a.m., followed by an executive leadership meet-and-greet from 8-8:40 a.m. (look for them at the UTSW merch table!). Be sure to gather for the company group photo, which will be taken at 8:40 a.m. The walk begins at 9 a.m.

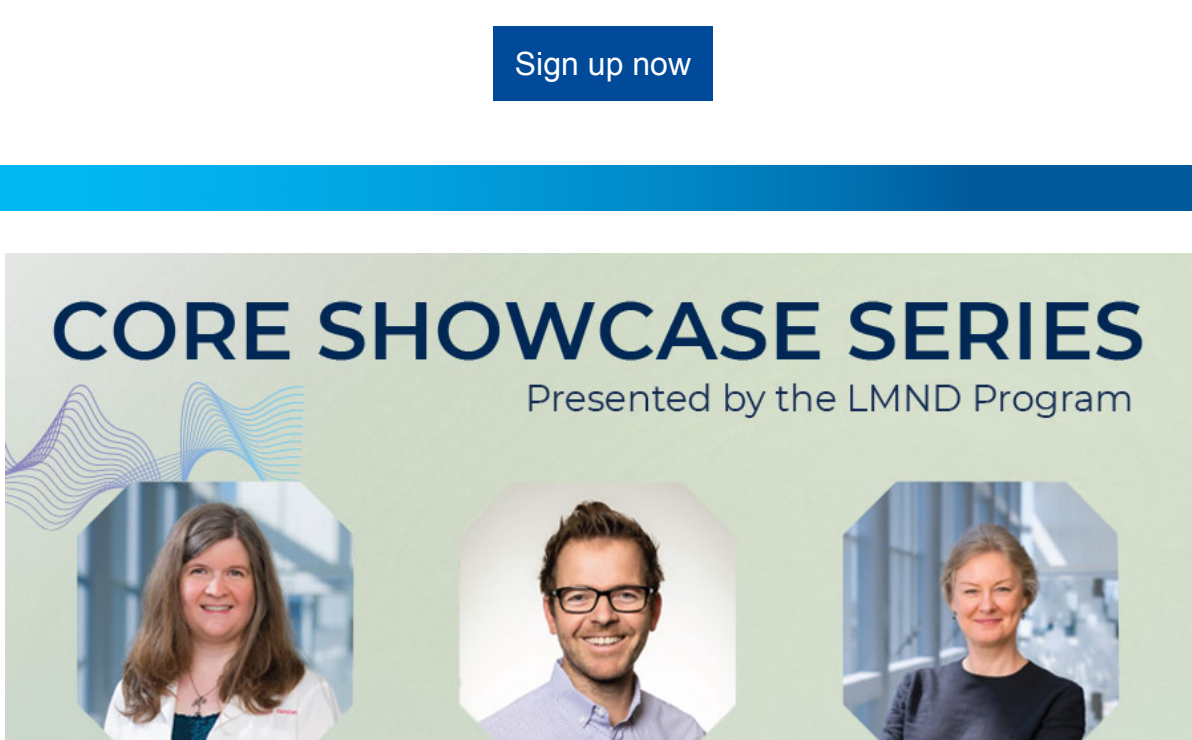
**On-site perks:** Wear your UTSW shirt at the walk to show your company spirit and to receive special 15th-anniversary giveaways.

### Parking information:

- Do not drive directly to the event site. Instead, please use one of the [designated parking garages](#) (free shuttle service provided).
- If you plan to use the \$10 parking garage (directly across from the event site), please note that for route safety, this garage will close to incoming cars at 8:30 a.m.
- If you are using free public parking at Toyota Music Factory, complimentary shuttles will run approximately every 15 minutes from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Shuttles will also run approximately every 15 minutes from the Urban Center DART stop between 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Visit the [Heart Walk webpage](#) to learn more.

[Step up for heart health](#)



## Trunk or Treat: A spook-tacular evening with UTSW police

Bring your little ghosts and goblins for a safe and spooky night of Halloween fun at UTSW Police Department's Trunk or Treat on Oct. 29 from 5:30-8 p.m.

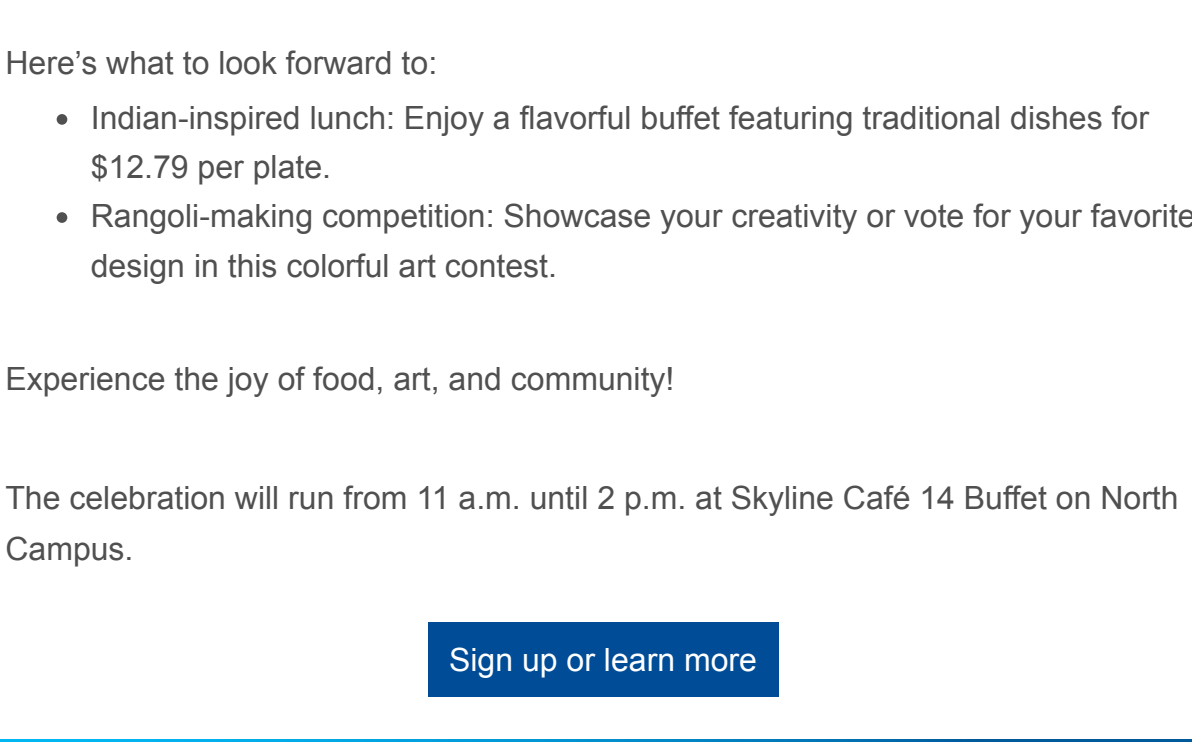
What's happening:

- **Trick-or-treating:** Collect candy from creatively decorated car trunks.
- **Games and prizes:** Play Halloween-themed games and win some boo-tiful prizes.
- **Face painting:** Become a monster, superhero, or favorite character with face painting.
- **Music:** Get into the spirit with Halloween hits and monster jams.
- **Where:** UTSW Police station parking lot (6010 Forest Park Road, Dallas)

Put on your best costume, bring the family, and prepare for a frightfully fun evening!

This event is open to the public and the UTSW community.

[Get the details](#)



## Build bridges through conversation

Looking to connect across cultures and make a meaningful impact? Join the [Conversation Partners program](#) at UT Southwestern where international postdocs and native English-speaking employees come together for language practice and cultural exchange.

**Registration is open until Oct. 27** for the fall 2025 session, which will run from Nov. 3, 2025, through March 16, 2026. Orientation sessions will be held on Oct. 29 for English-speaking volunteers and Oct. 30 for international participants.

If you have questions, please contact the Office of International Affairs via [email](#) or call 214-648-0010.

Whether you want to improve your English or help others feel at home, this is a great way to build friendships and broaden your world.

[Sign up now](#)

## CORE SHOWCASE SERIES

Presented by the LMND Program



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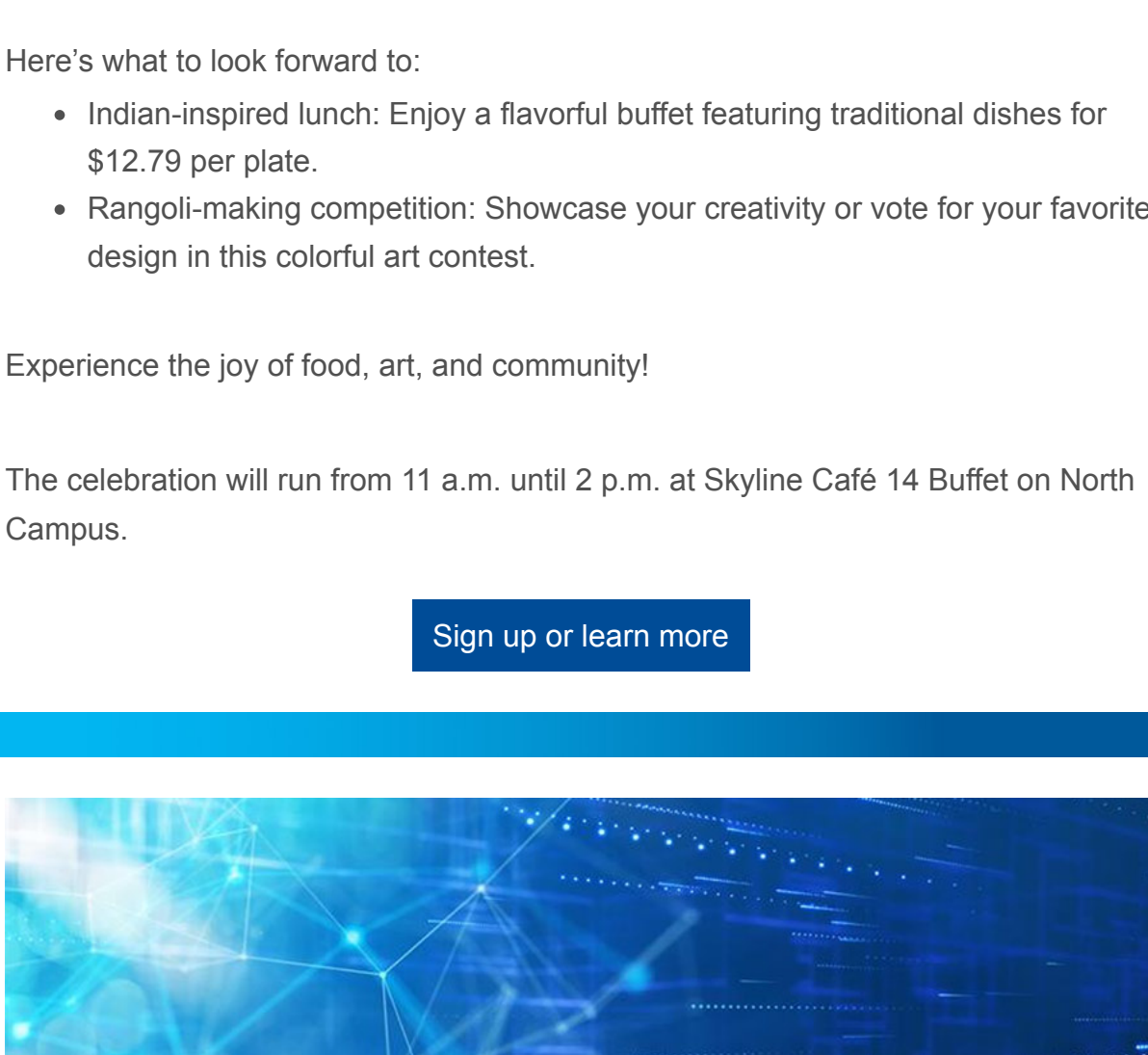
## Get to know the engines of innovation

Curious about the cutting-edge tools driving research across campus? The new Core Showcase Series offers an inside look at the technologies and services available through campus core facilities.

Hear from directors of the Quantitative Light Microscopy Core Facility, Electron Microscopy Core Facility, and Whole Brain Microscopy Facility. Each session will highlight the capabilities that support scientific discovery and include opportunities to ask questions and network with colleagues across departments.

The first event in the series is Monday, Oct. 27, from noon to 1 p.m. at the T. Boone Pickens Medical Education & Conference Center (NG3.112). Light refreshments will be provided.

[Explore the Showcase](#)



## Brighten your day at the Festival of Lights Celebration

The Asian-Pacific Islander Alliance BRG (APIA BRG), in collaboration with the Auxiliary Restaurant Group (ARG), invites you to a vibrant Festival of Lights Celebration on Oct. 22.

Here's what to look forward to:

- Indian-inspired lunch: Enjoy a flavorful buffet featuring traditional dishes for \$12.79 per plate.
- Rangoli-making competition: Showcase your creativity or vote for your favorite design in this colorful art contest.

Experience the joy of food, art, and community!

The celebration will run from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Skyline Café 14 Buffet on North Campus.

[Sign up or learn more](#)



## 2025 Fall Mass Spectrometry Workshop Series

UTSW faculty, staff, and learners are invited to a free, four-part workshop series covering the fundamentals and applications of mass spectrometry. Sessions will explore topics from core principles to advanced techniques in lipidomics, metabolomics, and proteomics.

Each meeting features expert-led talks and highlights UTSW collaborators who use mass spectrometry in their research, followed by a meet-and-greet to enable attendees to network with speakers and colleagues.

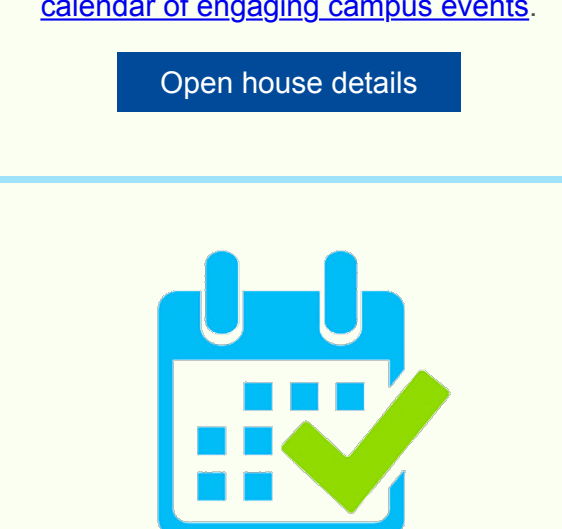
Workshop schedule:

- Oct. 27 - [Fundamentals of MS](#)
- Nov. 3 - [Lipidomics](#)
- Nov. 10 - [Metabolomics](#)
- Nov. 17 - [Proteomics](#)

Sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to noon in D1.602; registration is required.

[Get details and register](#)

## Insider Guide



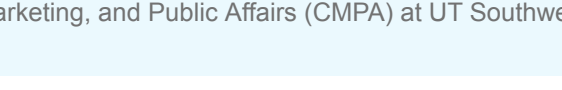
### State Employee Charitable Campaign pop-up at Zale Lipshy Pavilion

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 15

Zale Lipshy Pavilion, 1st floor, near cafeteria

Mingle with colleagues and SECC representatives as you support those in need by participating in the campaign, which runs through Oct. 31. You'll be able to get help with making your donation while you collect some swag. Plus, Mission Arlington will also be on site to share how their team uses thousands of volunteers and a multitude of services to assist people with physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual needs.

[SECC info](#)



### Library open house

9 a.m.-4p.m., Oct. 16

Fred F. Florence Bioinformation Center (E), Library

Celebrate American Archives Month and National Medical Librarians Month this October at UT Southwestern. Stop by the Health Sciences Digital Library and Learning Center open house to explore trusted resources, expert services, and hidden gems. Whether you're a history buff, research enthusiast, or just curious, don't miss the [month-long calendar of engaging campus events](#).

[Open house details](#)



## UTSW Events Calendar

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