



Nancy McMillan Dedman

Feb. 13, 1928 – Oct. 8, 2025

Remembering a cherished supporter of UT Southwestern

We are saddened to share the passing of **Nancy McMillan Dedman**, a beloved Dallas civic and philanthropic leader whose transformational gifts have left an indelible mark on UT Southwestern and the broader community. Mrs. Dedman passed away Oct. 8 at the age of 97.

Her legacy is one of profound generosity, vision, and personal connection. Alongside her late husband, Robert H. Dedman Sr., and through the Dedman Foundation, Mrs. Dedman championed medical research, public health, education, and the arts.

"Nancy Dedman was a cherished friend and an extraordinary supporter of UT Southwestern's academic medical center mission. She cared deeply about improving health care in our community and advancing the science upon which it is built," said **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**, President of UT Southwestern.

Among her many contributions, Mrs. Dedman established the Dedman Family Endowed Program for Scholars in Clinical Care, supporting 38 early-career faculty members. Her personal engagement and encouragement inspired excellence across our institution.

Read more about Mrs. Dedman's legacy and contributions on [Center Times Plus](#).

You are cordially invited to a special event

2025 LEADERS IN CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Save the date: Leaders in Clinical Excellence Awards

In just three weeks, we'll celebrate the incredible recipients of the eighth annual Leaders in Clinical Excellence Awards – and we'd love you to be part of one of our favorite events of the year.

You can learn more about [the honorees](#) in an upcoming story on *Center Times Plus*, but until then, we want to be sure you mark your calendar for the event, which will be hosted by 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.**, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost, and Dean of UT Southwestern Medical School.

The ceremony will begin at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, in the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium, with a food and drink reception to follow on McDermott Plaza. Please register if you will be attending in person. A livestream will also be available, but we hope to see you there!

[Register for this special event](#)

Join the Mavs for Breast Health Awareness Night

Cheer on the Dallas Mavericks and UT Southwestern's Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center on Wednesday, Oct. 29, as we team up for Breast Health Awareness Night at American Airlines Center.

During the Mavs game against the Indiana Pacers, we will celebrate the strength of UTSW breast cancer survivors, showcase some of our exceptional care providers, and share valuable breast health resources.

As the Official Health Care Partner of the Dallas Mavericks, UTSW faculty, staff, and learners can [buy discounted tickets](#) to most home games, including this one.

We hope you'll join us Oct. 29 and at future games. Let's go, Mavs!

[Purchase discounted tickets](#)

PeopleSoft and Procurement Portal downtime

On Thursday, Oct. 16, from 6 to 10 p.m., all PeopleSoft applications and the Procurement Portal will be unavailable during system maintenance. All other related systems such as myTime, iPerform (Goals and Performance), Taleo Talent Acquisition Management (TAM), and Taleo Learn will be available during this time.

If you experience any issues following the downtime, please contact the IR Service Desk at 214-648-7600 (select option 4 for PeopleSoft) or via [email](#).

Support for all of life's challenges

Let's navigate this together.
Sarah, Coach

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Headspace launches video coaching

UTSW employees, faculty, and students can now access Headspace video mental health coaching sessions alongside unlimited text-based support. Gain personalized guidance, learn new skills, and build healthy habits designed to help you navigate life's challenges.

What's included at no cost:

- 12 video coaching sessions per calendar year (up to 45 minutes each). Sessions refresh Jan. 1, and unused sessions do not carry over.
- Video sessions are always with your lead coach.
- In-the-moment support is still available through unlimited text-based chat sessions.
- You can switch between video and text-based sessions, but doing so may require changing coaches.

How to access video coaching:

- Open the Headspace app.
- Click on the "Care" tab to schedule a video session.
- If your coach doesn't offer video sessions, the app will help you find one who does.

Note: Currently, video coaching is only available in English for members 18 and older who reside in the U.S. and Canada.

To sign up for your free Headspace membership, use the links below and [learn more](#) on the Headspace website.

- [Employees and faculty](#)
- [Students](#)

Get help:

- UTSW Human Resources team: 214-648-9810 or [email](#)
- Headspace 24/7 confidential Employee Support line: 855-420-0734
- Headspace technical issues: [email Member support](#)

[Learn more about Headspace coaching](#)

Joan Conaway, Unscripted

Growing up in a family of scientists, **Joan Conaway, Ph.D.**, learned early on that discovery was an adventure and that she could achieve any of her research dreams. She built a career defined by groundbreaking findings, steadfast collaboration, and a lab environment that feels like family.

Today, as Vice Provost and Dean of Basic Research at UT Southwestern, Dr. Conaway continues to shape the future of basic research, not only through her own pioneering work but by championing and mentoring the next generation of scientists.

Get a behind-the-scenes look at the passion, purpose, and people advancing science in the latest episode of "UTSW Unscripted," a mini-docuseries revealing the authentic stories of our researchers and clinicians.

[Watch Dr. Conaway's story](#)

Congratulations to Strauss Award honorees!

From guiding patients through complex genetic decisions to helping pilots return to the skies, the most recent **Diana and Richard C. Strauss Service Excellence Award** recipients exemplify the spirit of service that defines UT Southwestern. Their roles are varied and include a Certified Genetics Counselor, Patient Services and Access Representatives, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and two registered nurses, but their shared mission is clear: delivering exceptional, professional, and compassionate care.

The six recipients of the Strauss Award were recently celebrated during a virtual awards ceremony hosted by **Jonathan Efron, M.D.**, Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs. Discover what motivates them, what they love about their work, and how they recharge outside of work on *Center Times Plus* (story and ceremony recap linked below).

[Explore their stories of service and success](#)

Retirement planning week starts Oct. 20

National Retirement Security Week is Oct. 20-24, featuring webinars from trusted financial experts. Whether you're just getting started or fine-tuning your long-term strategy, there's something for everyone.

Upcoming sessions include:

- [Maximizing Your Retirement Benefits Offered Through the UT System](#): Oct. 21, 2-3 p.m.
- [Make the Most of Your Retirement Savings](#): Oct. 22, 9-10 a.m.
- [Making the Most of Social Security](#): Oct. 22, 11 a.m.-noon
- [Connecting the Dots of Retirement Income Sources](#): Oct. 23, 11 a.m.-noon
- [Principles to Prioritize Before Retirement](#): Oct. 23, noon-1 p.m.
- [Budgeting](#): Oct. 23, 2-3 p.m.
- [How to Get the Most Out of Your Retirement Income](#): Oct. 24, noon-1 p.m.

If you have questions about registration or need help accessing the webinars, reach out to Human Resources at 214-648-9810 or via email.

[View the full schedule and learn more](#)

Insider Guide

President's Lecture Series:

Dr. Saad B. Omer

4 p.m., Oct. 16

Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium (C)

The campus community is invited to attend the President's Lecture, presented by **Saad B. Omer, M.B.B.S., M.P.H., Ph.D.**, Founding Dean of the Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health (OSPH). During the lecture, Dr. Omer will discuss major public health challenges and the early impact of the OSPH. A livestream is available, and registration is required.

[Register to attend in person or virtually](#)

State Fair Clásico

4 p.m., Oct. 18

Cotton Bowl Stadium, 3750 The Midway, Dallas

UT Southwestern invites faculty, staff, learners, and trainees to the inaugural State Fair Clásico at the Cotton Bowl! Discounted tickets include admission to the State Fair of Texas and the professional women's soccer match between Dallas Trinity Football Club (DTFC) and Club América Femenil. Visit the [employee discount page](#) for more sports deals. Questions? Contact the [Brand team](#).

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

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