



Join us in honoring our heroes: Tribute to Veterans

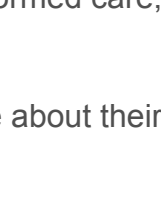
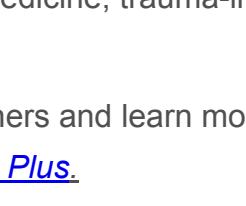
Let's come together to celebrate and honor those who served in the U.S. military – including the veterans who are part of our UT Southwestern community – during the 11th Annual Tribute to Veterans on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

The keynote speaker is **Tony Lakin, M.S.I.T.**, United States Air Force veteran and UTSW's Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer. Mr. Lakin brings a powerful perspective from his time as Director of Operations for the Air Force's premier Cyberwarfare Squadron, and he'll offer insights into leadership, service, and innovation during his talk. Enjoy a light lunch reception at 11:30 a.m., followed by the formal program at noon.

Hosted by the Office for Institutional Opportunity, this hybrid event will be held on South Campus in McDermott Lecture Hall (D1.502) and livestreamed on UTSW's [YouTube](#) channel.

Register to reserve your spot and be part of this special celebration!

[Tribute to Veterans registration](#)



Recognizing outstanding APP contributions across UTSW

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2025 APP Celebration Week Outstanding Achievement Awards, which celebrates the exceptional contributions of team members from our five professional groups of advanced practice providers (APPs): clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse midwives, certified registered nurse anesthetists, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners.

Awardees are deeply valued for their clinical practice, community service, leadership, scholarly endeavors, and teaching. Additionally, a faculty CHAMPion is recognized for exemplary support of, and collaboration with, APPs.

This year's honorees include individuals making a meaningful impact in areas such as foster care, chronic and acute pain management, clinical autism research, emergency medicine, trauma-informed care, and pediatric rheumatology.

Meet the winners and learn more about their inspiring work in a story featured on [Center Times Plus](#).

DART pass auto-renewal/purchase period opens

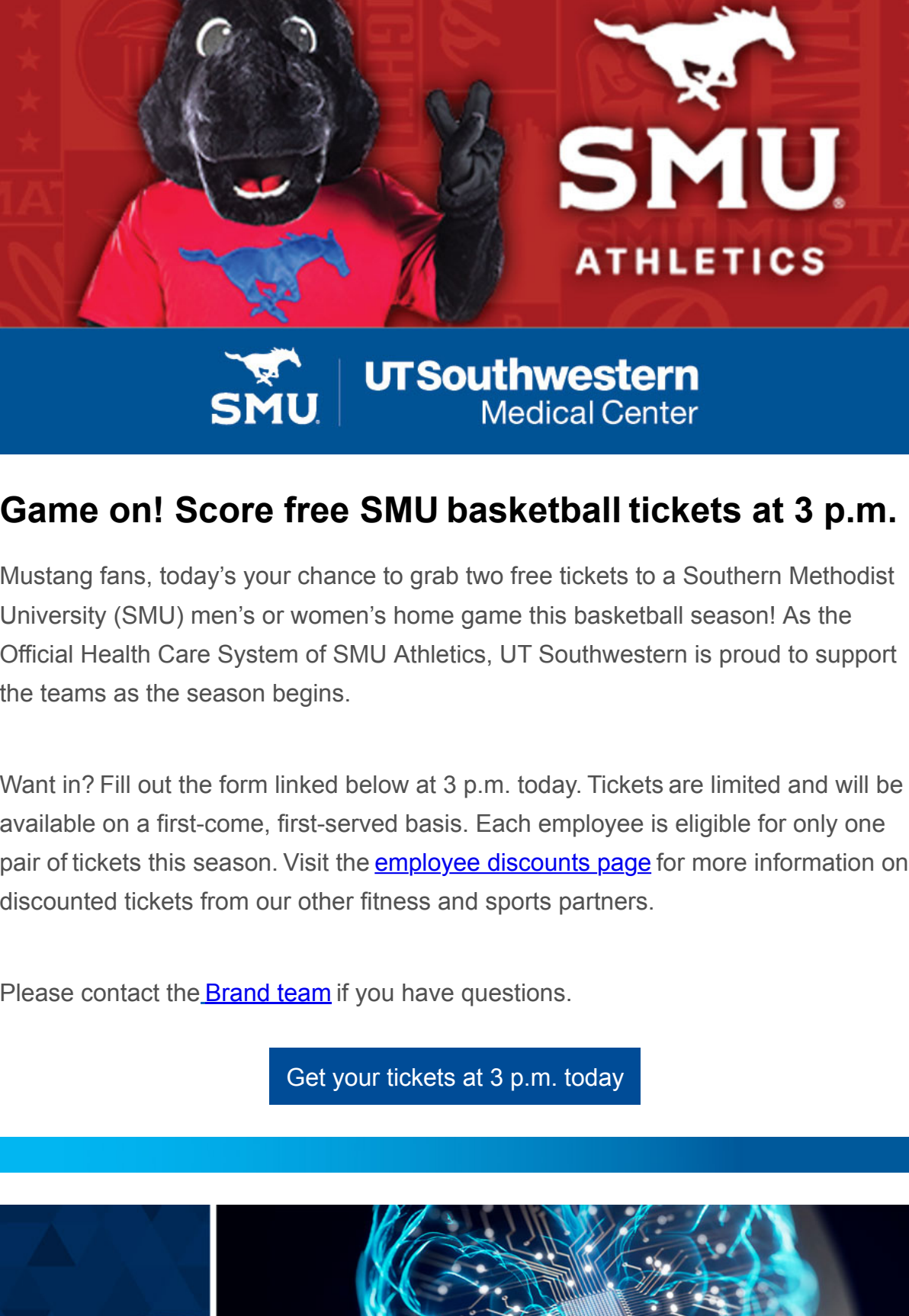
Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) remains a popular transportation option for many in the UT Southwestern community. The annual renewal and purchase period for DART passes begins today, and action may be required depending on user type.

What to know:

- **Current users who want to renew:** No action is needed. Your DART pass will automatically renew for 2026.
- **Current users who do not want to renew:** [Email Parking Services](#) (include your employee number) by Nov. 7 to cancel your DART pass (applies to both DART Tap Card and GoPass users). *Note: Failure to cancel by this date will result in automatic renewal.*
- **New users:** Starting today, eligible employees can purchase a 2026 DART pass through the [Parking Portal](#) by clicking the "Order Permits" button. Complete your purchase by Nov. 7 to ensure access to passes by Jan. 1, 2026.

UT Southwestern will continue to offer DART subsidies to full-time employees based on salary and pass type. By purchasing a DART pass through UTSW, employees and students can save an average of more than 50% off the standard price. Part-time employees are eligible for the Level C pricing.

[Details and purchase](#)



Explore the future of women's health

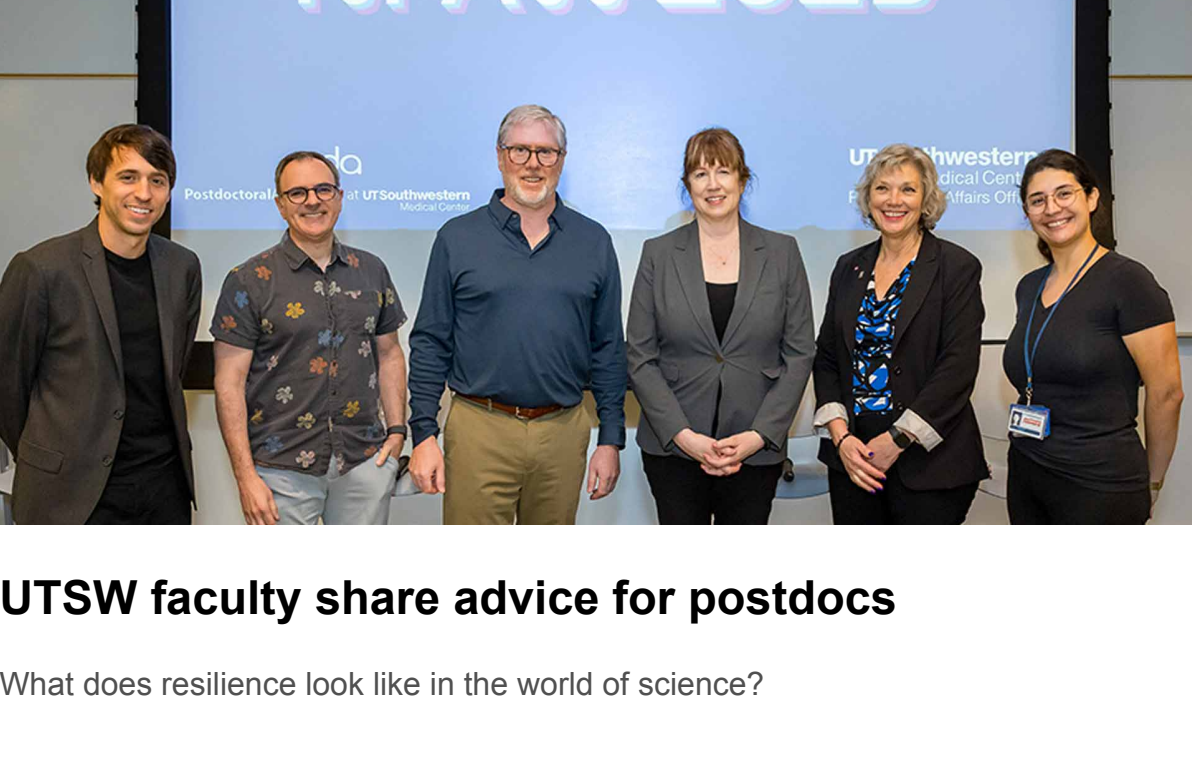
Join the Women's Health Research Initiative for a one-day event that brings together prominent voices in women's health research. The Women's Health Research Symposium, sponsored by the Cecil H. and Ida Green Center for Reproductive Biology Sciences, will feature talks from UTSW and external scientists and clinicians who are shaping the future of care, innovation, and discovery in the field.

This symposium is a unique opportunity to:

- Gain insights into leading-edge research across disciplines, including cardiology, reproductive biology, bioengineering, and cancer.
- Network with experts and peers who share a passion for advancing women's health.
- Engage in meaningful discussions that could inspire new collaborations and ideas.

The event will take place on Nov. 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the T. Boone Pickens Medical Education & Conference Center (NG3.112). [Registration](#) is required.

[Get the details](#)



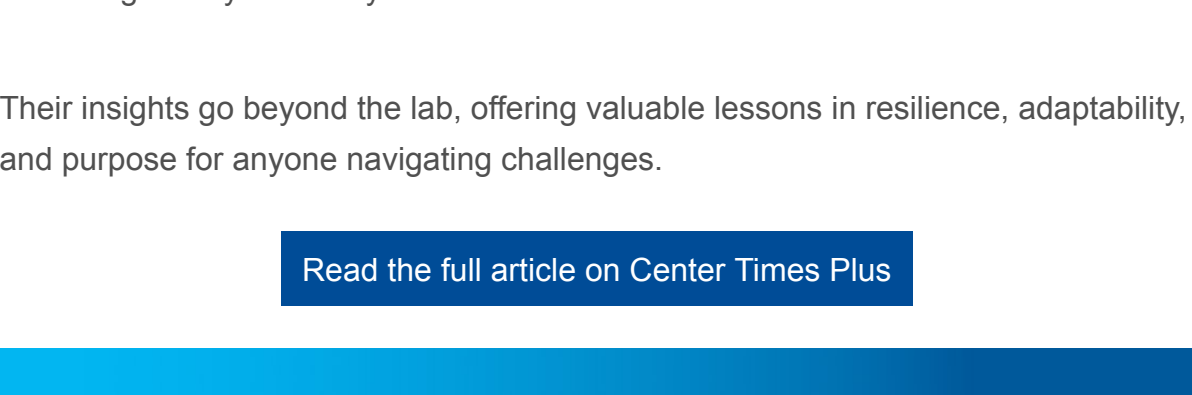
Game on! Score free SMU basketball tickets at 3 p.m.

Mustang fans, today's your chance to grab two free tickets to a Southern Methodist University (SMU) men's or women's home game this basketball season! As the Official Health Care System of SMU Athletics, UT Southwestern is proud to support the teams as the season begins.

Want in? Fill out the form linked below at 3 p.m. today. Tickets are limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Each employee is eligible for only one pair of tickets this season. Visit the [employee discounts page](#) for more information on discounted tickets from our other fitness and sports partners.

Please contact the [Brand team](#) if you have questions.

[Get your tickets at 3 p.m. today](#)



Join a study on bipolar depression treatments

UT Southwestern's Center for Depression Research and Clinical Care (CDRC), in collaboration with Massachusetts General Hospital, is recruiting participants for a clinical research study to determine which of four commonly prescribed medications for bipolar depression work best for which patients. This research is part of a national effort to improve personalized treatment options.

Medications being studied:

- Cariprazine (Vraylar)
- Lurasidone (Latuda)
- Quetiapine (Seroquel)
- Aripiprazole & Escitalopram (Abilify & Lexapro)

Study details:

- Duration is 12 months
- Attend 12 remote visits
- Participants will be compensated for their time

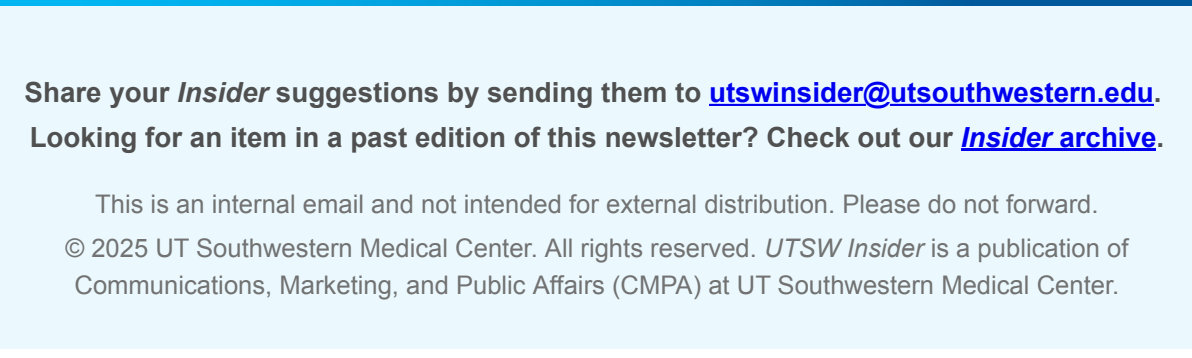
Eligibility:

- Adults ages 18 to 75
- Patients diagnosed with bipolar disorder (I or II) who are currently experiencing a depressive episode
- Participants of reproductive age must be using adequate birth control measures
- Willing to be randomized and able to complete study procedures

Recruitment for this initial phase is open until Dec. 1.

If you're interested in participating or want to learn more, please visit the study website.

[Learn more and get started](#)



UTSW faculty share advice for postdocs

What does resilience look like in the world of science?

Four UT Southwestern researchers – each a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Medicine, or both – shared personal reflections on their postdoctoral journeys during a special panel event. The discussion was part of National Postdoc Appreciation Week and marked the 20th anniversary of [UTSW's Postdoctoral Association](#).

Their stories underscored a powerful theme: Setbacks often pave the way for breakthroughs.

Sean Morrison, Ph.D., Professor and Director of Children's Medical Center Research Institute at UT Southwestern (CRI), recalled a year of failed experiments that nearly led him to quit science. "Resilience isn't something you're born with – it's a set of skills you have to cultivate," he said.

Ralph DeBerardinis, M.D., Ph.D., Director of the Eugene McDermott Center for Human Growth and Development and Professor in CRI and of Pediatrics, emphasized embracing failure as part of progress, while **Lora Hooper, Ph.D.**, Chair of Immunology and a Professor in the Center for the Genetics of Host Defense and of Microbiology, urged postdocs not to be discouraged by funding uncertainty.

When it comes to evolving as a scientist and balancing career with parenthood, **Kim Orth, Ph.D.**, Professor of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and an HHMI Investigator, said, "I can tell you that the quality of my science did not change. What did change is my efficiency."

Their insights go beyond the lab, offering valuable lessons in resilience, adaptability, and purpose for anyone navigating challenges.

[Read the full article on Center Times Plus](#)

Insider Guide



Health Disparities Research Lecture Series: L. Ebony Boulware, M.D., M.P.H.

Noon-1 p.m., Oct. 29

Hybrid, McDermott Lecture Hall (D1.502)

L. Ebony Boulware, M.D., M.P.H., Dean of Wake Forest University School of Medicine and Chief Science Officer at Advocate Health, will present "Not a Zero-Sum Game: Dismantling Race-Based Medicine on our Quest to Improve Health for All." Her talk is hosted by the Office for Institutional Opportunity and the O'Donnell School of Public Health. Lunch will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The event will also be livestreamed on [UTSW's YouTube channel](#) for virtual attendees.

[Get the details](#)

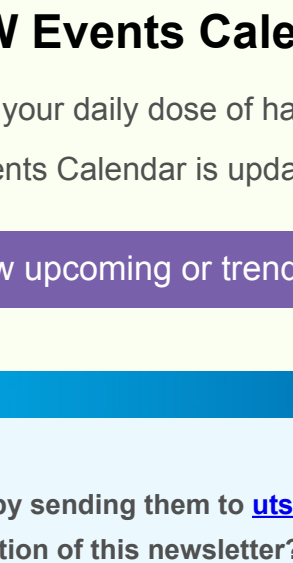
Join the Mavs for Breast Health Awareness Night

7:30 p.m., Oct. 29

American Airlines Center (2500 Victory Ave., Dallas)

Cheer on the Dallas Mavericks and UT Southwestern's Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center during the Mavs game against the Indiana Pacers. Help the UTSW community celebrate the strength of breast cancer survivors and meet our exceptional care providers, who will share valuable breast health resources. Because we are 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.

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