



SECC: You have until Friday to make an impact

We're in the homestretch of the State Employee Charitable Campaign ([SECC](#)), and we need your help to reach our goal before the campaign closes at 11:59 p.m. this Friday, Oct. 31.

Thanks to your generosity, we've already raised over \$199,313. Let's rally together to raise another \$100,687 and hit our \$300,000 goal to show what UTSW stands for – excellence, innovation, teamwork, and compassion.

Every gift makes a difference. Whether it's \$5 or \$50, your donation helps support causes that matter to our community.

How to give:

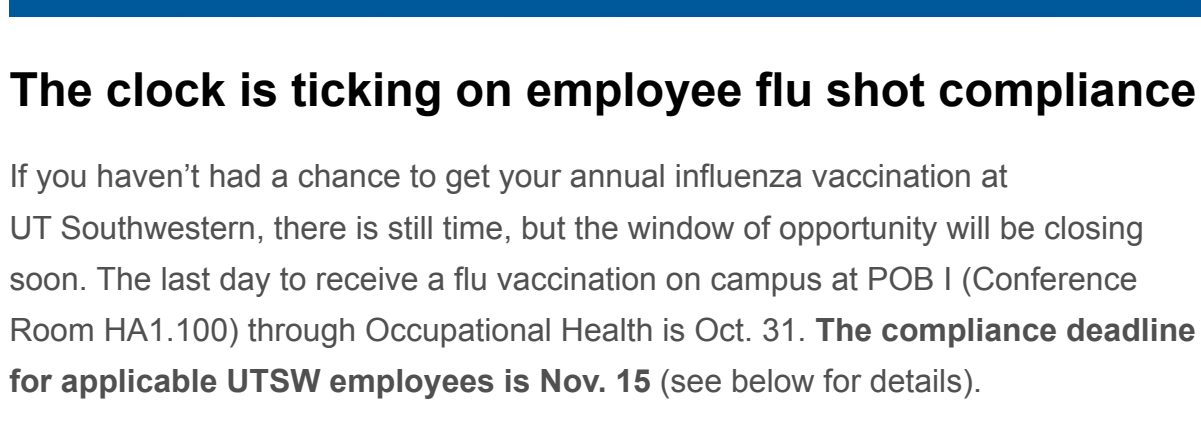
- Donate with a credit/debit card via [Converge Pay](#).
- Set up a monthly payroll deduction through [PeopleSoft](#).

Plus, we still have plenty of exciting prizes left. Winners will be notified by email.

Please note: All donations made through PeopleSoft need to be completed by Oct. 31 at 11:59 p.m. Paper forms, checks, and cash donations must be submitted in person to the UT Southwestern Cash Management office in Trinity Towers (room 3.230H) by Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 5 p.m. The office is not open on Mondays. Contact the SECC via [email](#) with any questions.

Make your gift and be part of something bigger.

[Donate today](#)



The clock is ticking on employee flu shot compliance

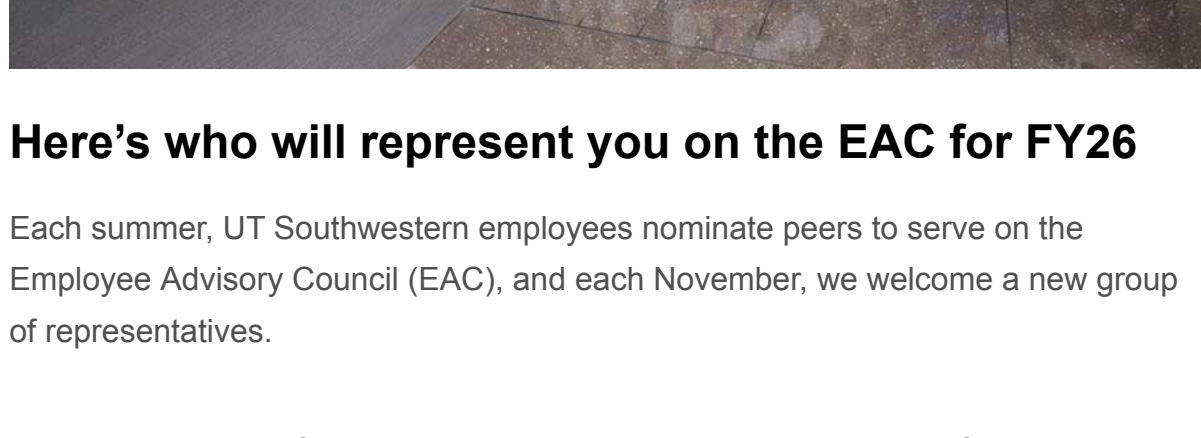
If you haven't had a chance to get your annual influenza vaccination at UT Southwestern, there is still time, but the window of opportunity will be closing soon. The last day to receive a flu vaccination on campus at POB I (Conference Room HA1.100) through Occupational Health is Oct. 31. **The compliance deadline for applicable UTSW employees is Nov. 15** (see below for details).

Reserve your time by visiting Occupational Health's [ReadySet platform](#). You'll find more information, including [vaccination locations](#) and step-by-step scheduling instructions, on [UTSW's flu webpage](#).

As a reminder, UT Southwestern policy ([HSO-203: Influenza Vaccination](#)) requires that all faculty, staff, house staff, and students working or training within our University Hospital and clinics, or at any UTSW or affiliated clinical research sites or locations, receive an influenza vaccination or provide written notice to Occupational Health that they decline to be vaccinated for medical, religious, or personal reasons. For questions, please contact [Occupational Health](#).

Employees may also receive vaccinations outside of UTSW, but they will need to upload proof. For details and instructions, please visit UTSW's flu webpage and scroll down to the "Be Compliant" section.

[Flu shot details](#)



Here's who will represent you on the EAC for FY26

Each summer, UT Southwestern employees nominate peers to serve on the Employee Advisory Council (EAC), and each November, we welcome a new group of representatives.

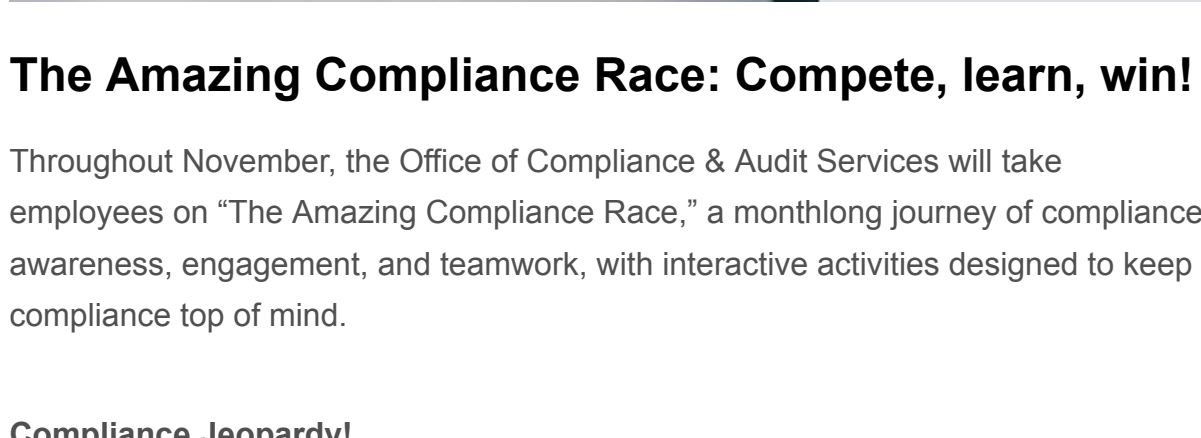
Members represent five districts across campus and provide direct feedback on systemwide institutional programs and processes to UT Southwestern President **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**

The EAC is excited to introduce the following new members for FY26:

- District 1 (Administrative Support Services): **Chandra Martin**
- District 2 (Basic Science Departments and Centers): **Shinny Abraham**
- District 3 (Campus Services): **Rita Fuentes**
- District 4 (Clinical Departments and Centers): **Amanda Carmona and Angela Rollins**
- District 5 (University Hospital): **Judy Nguyen, Paige Reno, Ashley Sloan, and Jessica Varela**

Congratulations to all the new representatives, and thank you for stepping up to serve the UTSW community!

[Meet the new EAC members](#)



The Amazing Compliance Race: Compete, learn, win!

Throughout November, the Office of Compliance & Audit Services will take employees on "The Amazing Compliance Race," a monthlong journey of compliance awareness, engagement, and teamwork, with interactive activities designed to keep compliance top of mind.

Compliance Jeopardy!

Join an online, on-demand game of Compliance Jeopardy! to test your knowledge, speed, and strategy to determine who will cross the finish line first. Compete for tiered prizes, recognition, and the ultimate bragging rights as this year's Compliance Champions.

Weekly challenges

Each Monday in November, new online challenges will be posted on the [Compliance Month SharePoint site](#), where individuals and teams can compete for more points.

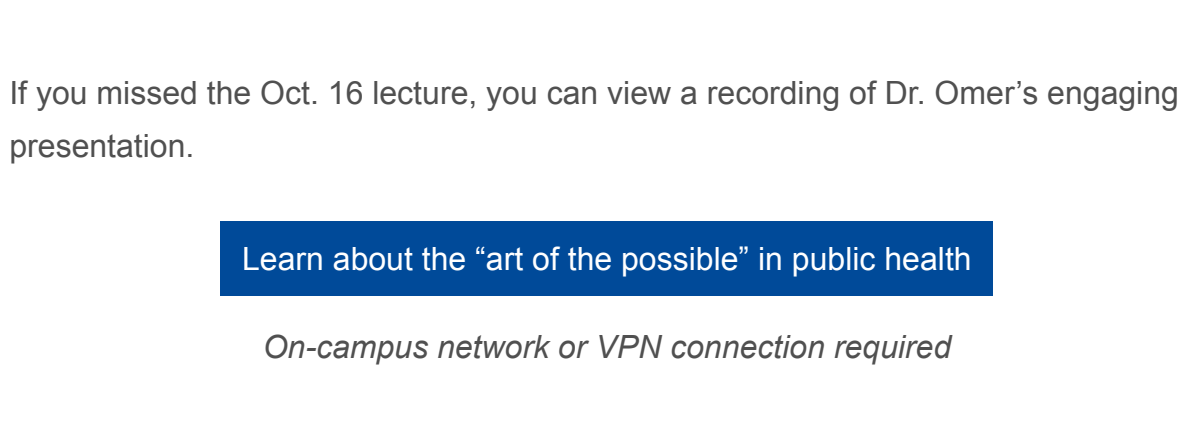
Campus pop-up events

Our Compliance & Audit Services team is also bringing the fun to you with meet-and-greets across campus, *Amazing Race*-inspired games, free swag, and snacks.

Share your feedback

Take the Compliance Program Survey, which is open all month, to help shape the culture of ethics and accountability at UTSW. It only takes 5-10 minutes to complete, and every response helps fine-tune the course for the year ahead. A special prize will be awarded to the first 100 participants to complete the survey!

For more information, visit the [Compliance Month SharePoint site](#) or contact the team via [email](#).



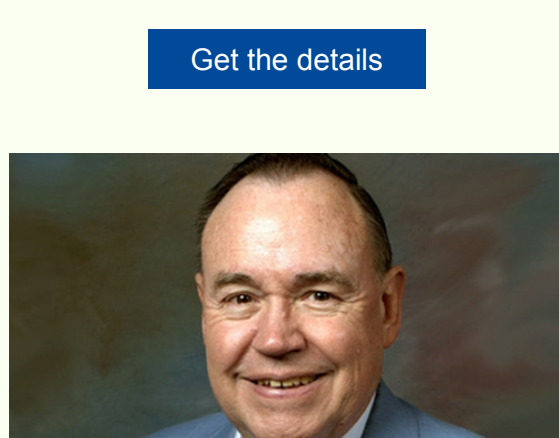
At the latest President's Lecture, **Saad B. Omer, M.B.B.S., M.P.H., Ph.D.**, founding Dean of the Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health (OSPH), took a deep dive into current major public health challenges and the early impact of the OSPH.

If you missed the Oct. 16 lecture, you can view a recording of Dr. Omer's engaging presentation.

[Learn about the "art of the possible" in public health](#)

On-campus network or VPN connection required

Insider Guide



UTSW Police Department Trunk or Treat

5:30-8 p.m., Oct. 29

UTSW Police parking lot, 6010 Forest Park Road, Dallas

Bring your little ghosts and goblins for a safe and spooky night of Halloween fun. There will be plenty of trick-or-treating, games, face painting, music, and more. 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](#)



Scott Grundy Symposium

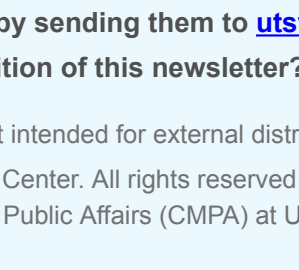
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Oct. 30

Excellence in Education Foundation Auditorium (NB2.EEF), North Campus

UT Southwestern's Center for Human Nutrition invites you to a special event honoring the legacy of **Scott Grundy, M.D., Ph.D.**, the founding Director of the Center. The event features speakers whose groundbreaking work has been inspired by Dr. Grundy's pioneering research. This event is free and open to all. Lunch will be provided.

Get a preview of the symposium on [Center Times Plus](#).

[RSVP to attend](#)



UTSW Events Calendar

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The UTSW Events Calendar is updated every day.

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