

Values in Practice Engagement Survey

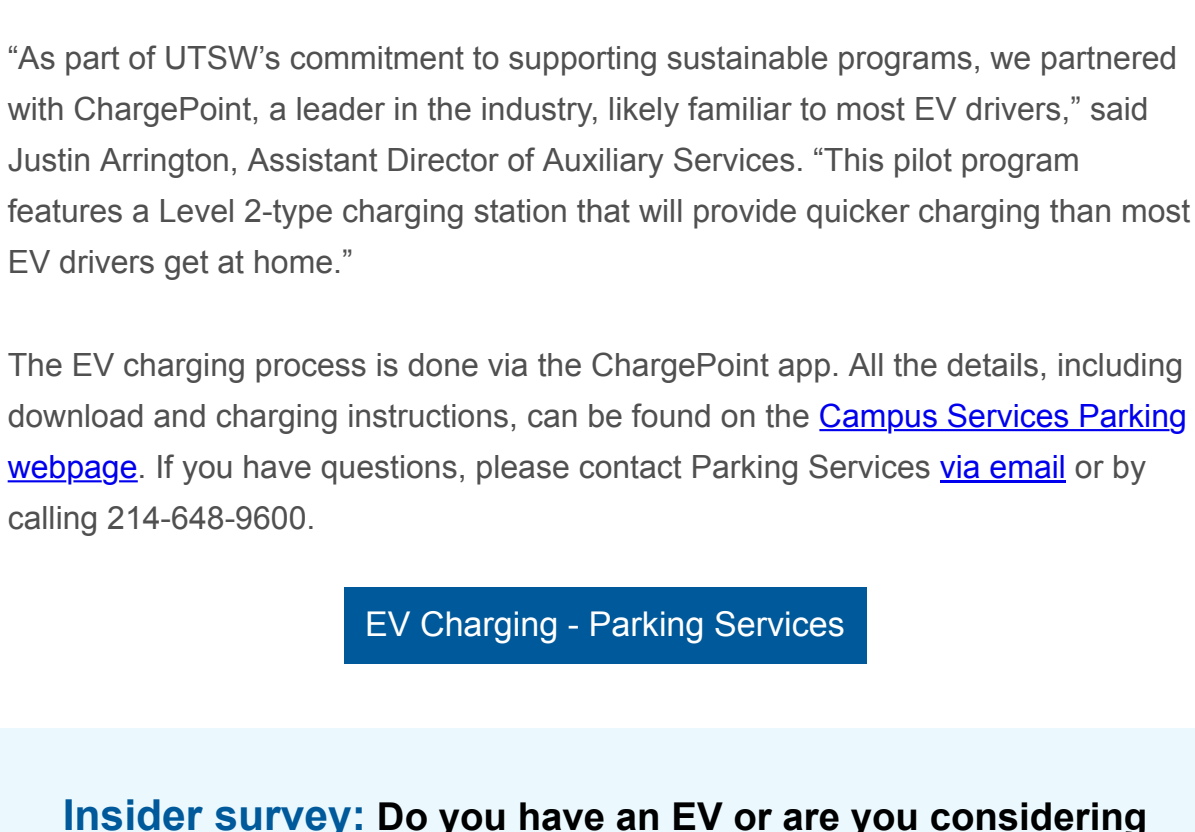
VIP survey: Early feedback

Thank you to everyone who participated and provided constructive feedback during our Values in Practice (VIP) employee engagement survey. As a result of your input and candor, we achieved a 77% response rate – the highest ever for our institution.

Collectively, you provided more than 15,000 comments, which help leadership identify key themes and ways to enhance your experience at UT Southwestern.

Soon, your managers will be communicating more about the results of the survey; departmental and institutional leaders are dedicated to taking meaningful action based on your insights.

Curious about your department's participation rate? Learn more [on Campus Update](#).



EV drivers can now get a charge on campus

UT Southwestern launched a pilot program on Nov. 1 for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, which are located in North Campus Employee Garage 1 under the NA-NH buildings.

"As part of UTSW's commitment to supporting sustainable programs, we partnered with ChargePoint, a leader in the industry, likely familiar to most EV drivers," said Justin Arrington, Assistant Director of Auxiliary Services. "This pilot program features a Level 2-type charging station that will provide quicker charging than most EV drivers get at home."

The EV charging process is done via the ChargePoint app. All the details, including download and charging instructions, can be found on the [Campus Services Parking webpage](#). If you have questions, please contact Parking Services [via email](#) or by calling 214-648-9600.

[EV Charging - Parking Services](#)

Insider survey: Do you have an EV or are you considering buying one in the next five years?

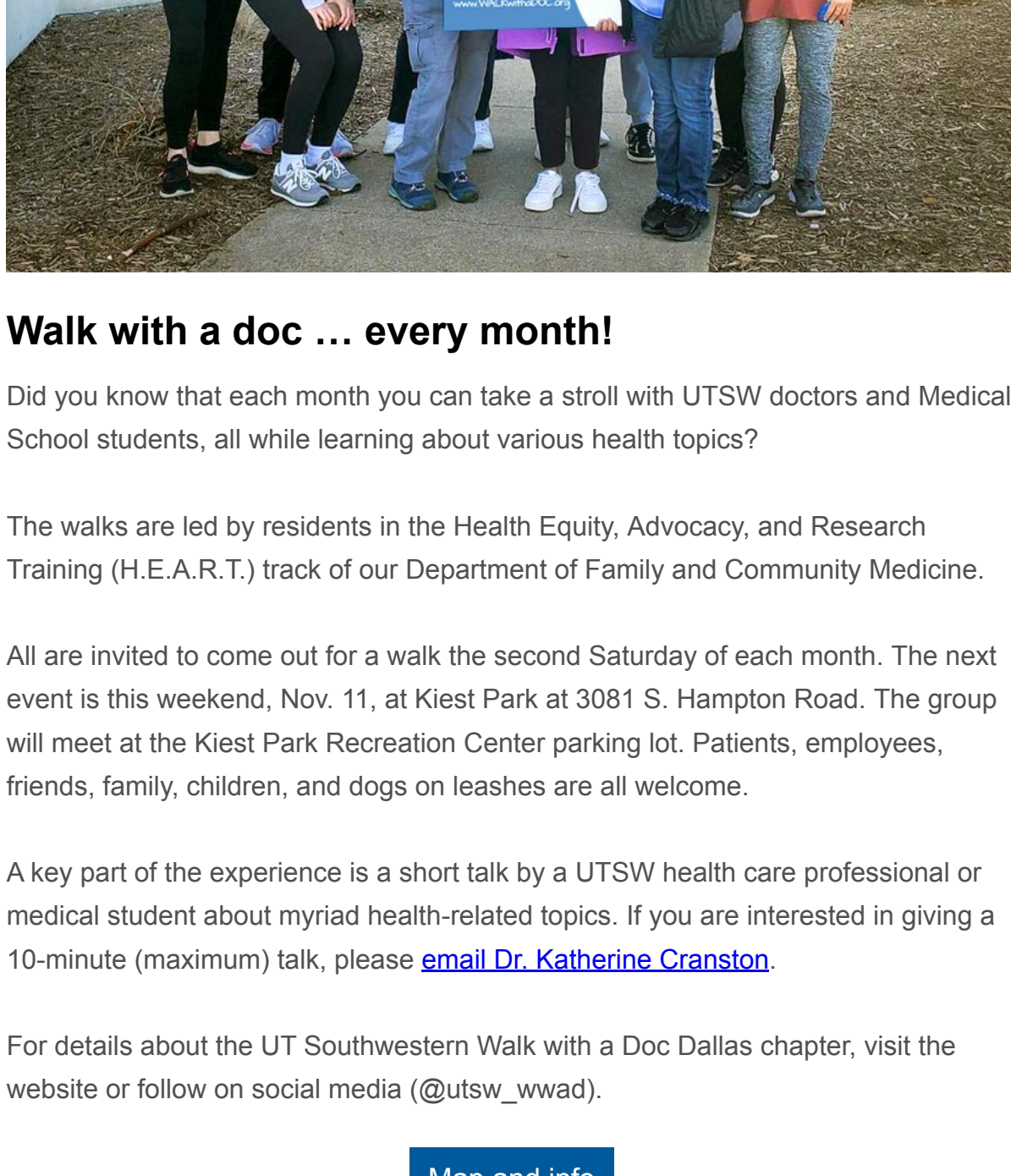


Recognizing UTSW's genetic counselors

Genetic counselors play a crucial role in health care, helping patients and families better understand genetic testing processes, identifying key information in their family history, and supporting them through important medical decisions.

In observation of Genetic Counselor Awareness Day on Nov. 9, we want to shine a light on UTSW's offerings in the field. To serve our patients, we have 23 genetic counselors who work across reproductive, cancer, and adult specialties. Additionally, with a growing need for these professionals, our School of Health Professions offers a [Master of Science in Genetic Counseling](#). One of the only genetic counseling programs of its kind in North Texas, this 21-month program is accepting applications until Dec. 15. Learn more about the program on [Center Times Plus](#).

Thank you to all our current and future genetic counselors!



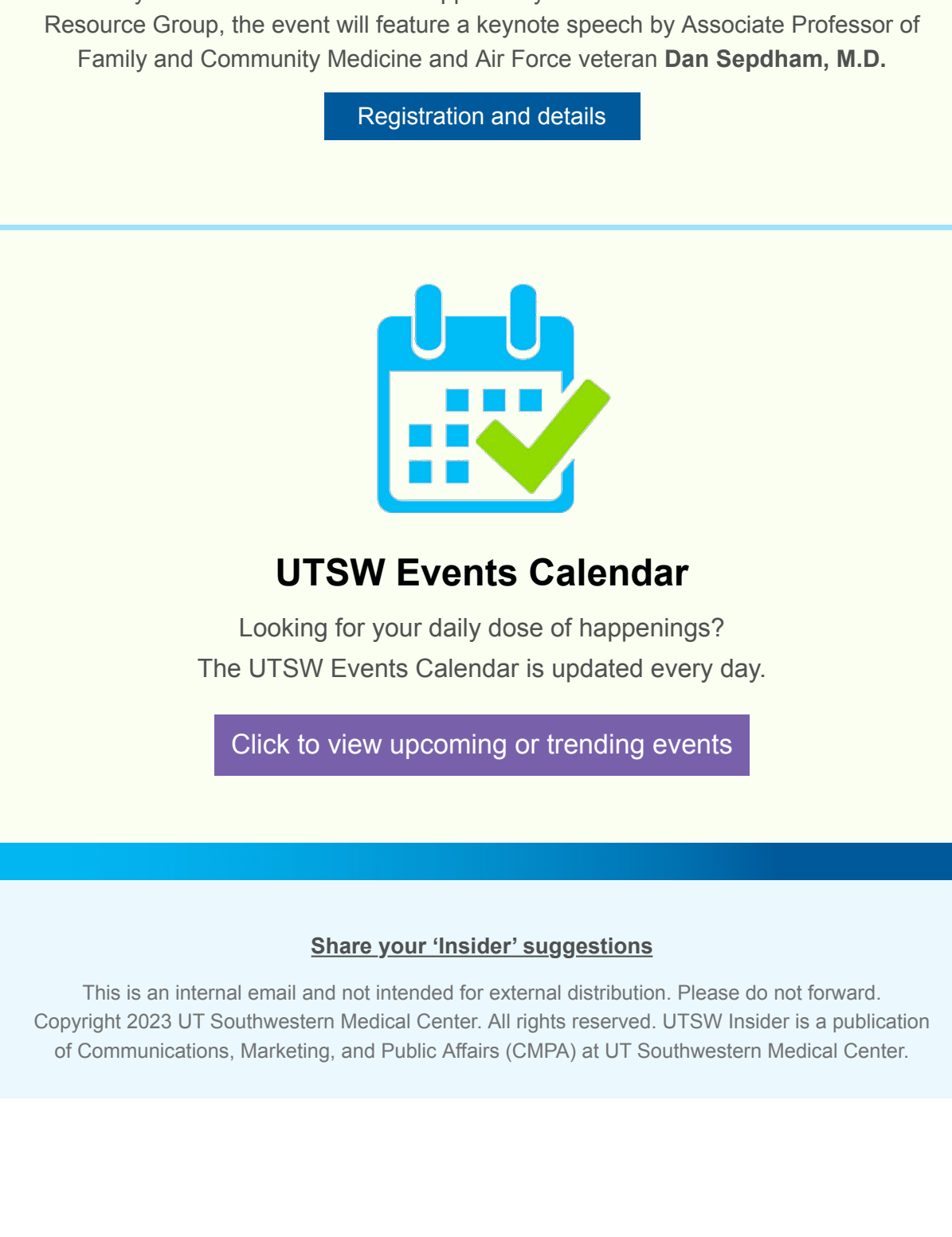
Honoring their sacrifice

At UT Southwestern, we honor veterans and their families in multiple ways – but perhaps none more valuable than the gift of life. Our Transplant team, working closely with the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center, has in recent years improved timely and nearby access to organ transplantation for veterans who used to have to travel to facilities in Houston or Nashville for transplants.

"Our veterans are part of that heroic population," said **Parsia Vagefi, M.D.**, Chief of Surgical Transplantation at UTSW. "To be able to give back to them the medical care they deserve is something that we really are invested in."

As Veterans Day approaches, we want to share the stories of two brave souls: a military mom and an Air Force veteran, both of whom received lifesaving organ transplants at UTSW.

[Watch the videos](#)



Video: President's Lecture Series

If you weren't able to attend last week's President's Lecture Series (PLS), the recording is now available on the [UTSW intranet](#) (network connection or VPN required).

The presenter for the final PLS of 2023 was **Samuel Achilefu, Ph.D.**, Professor and inaugural Chair of the Department of Biomedical Engineering.

Dr. Achilefu's fascinating talk explored how he and his lab aim to use fluorescence imaging technology to expose and defend against cancer.

"We are really excited that this technology is here to stay and will only grow bigger as we move into the future," he said.

[Dr. Achilefu's PLS presentation \(VPN required\)](#)



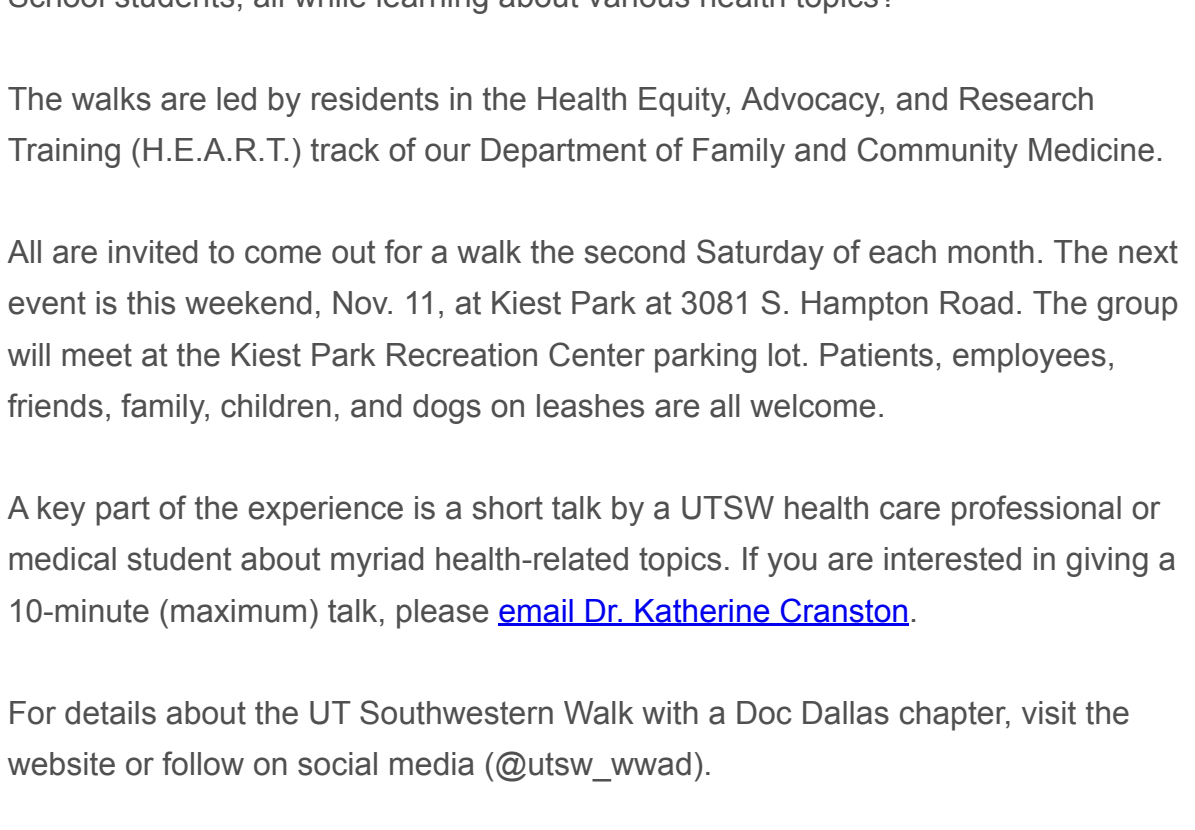
Pony up, Mustang fans: SMU ticket opportunity

Southern Methodist University is finishing strong in its last season in the American Athletic Conference (next year, it's on to the ACC, or Atlantic Coast Conference). So, whether you are a fan of football or basketball, now is your chance to see the Mustangs in action. Today at 3 p.m., [this ticket link will go live](#) and you can score free tickets to SMU's final football games of the season (against the University of North Texas and the Navy Midshipmen) as well as select men's and women's basketball games.

Next week, UTSW is the presenting partner of SMU basketball games. Early arrivals to Saturday's Lady Mustangs matchup against Colorado will receive a free T-shirt.

UT Southwestern is the Official Health Care System of SMU Athletics.

[SMU ticket opportunity](#)



Walk with a doc ... every month!

Did you know that each month you can take a stroll with UTSW doctors and Medical School students, all while learning about various health topics?

The walks are led by residents in the Health Equity, Advocacy, and Research Training (H.E.A.R.T.) track of our Department of Family and Community Medicine.

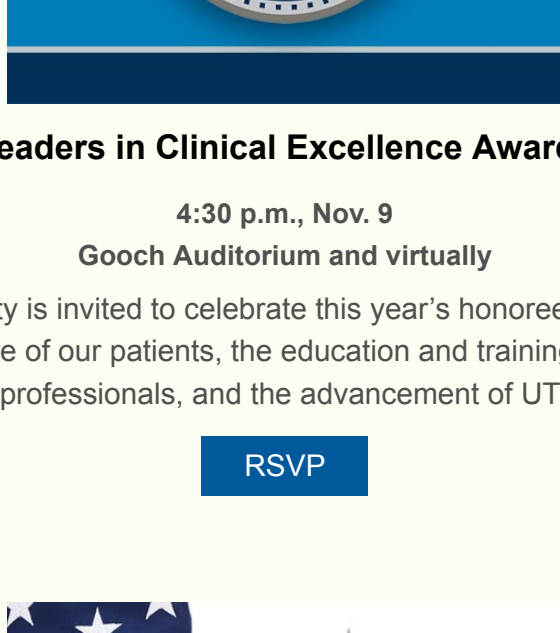
All are invited to come out for a walk the second Saturday of each month. The next event is this weekend, Nov. 11, at Kiest Park at 3081 S. Hampton Road. The group will meet at the Kiest Park Recreation Center parking lot. Patients, employees, friends, family, children, and dogs on leashes are all welcome.

A key part of the experience is a short talk by a UTSW health care professional or medical student about myriad health-related topics. If you are interested in giving a 10-minute (maximum) talk, please [email Dr. Katherine Cranston](#).

For details about the UT Southwestern Walk with a Doc Dallas chapter, visit the website or follow on social media (@utsw_wwad).

[Map and info](#)

Insider Guide



Leaders in Clinical Excellence Awards

4:30 p.m., Nov. 9

Gooch Auditorium and virtually

The UTSW community is invited to celebrate this year's honorees for their exceptional contributions to the care of our patients, the education and training of the next generation of health care professionals, and the advancement of UT Southwestern.

[RSVP](#)



Ninth annual Veterans Day Tribute

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., Nov. 10

Clements University Hospital Education Center - Lecture Hall 02.138 and virtually

Hosted by the Office for Institutional Opportunity and the Veterans Alliance Business Resource Group, the event will feature a keynote speech by Associate Professor of Family and Community Medicine and Air Force veteran **Dan Sepdham, M.D.**

[Registration and details](#)



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