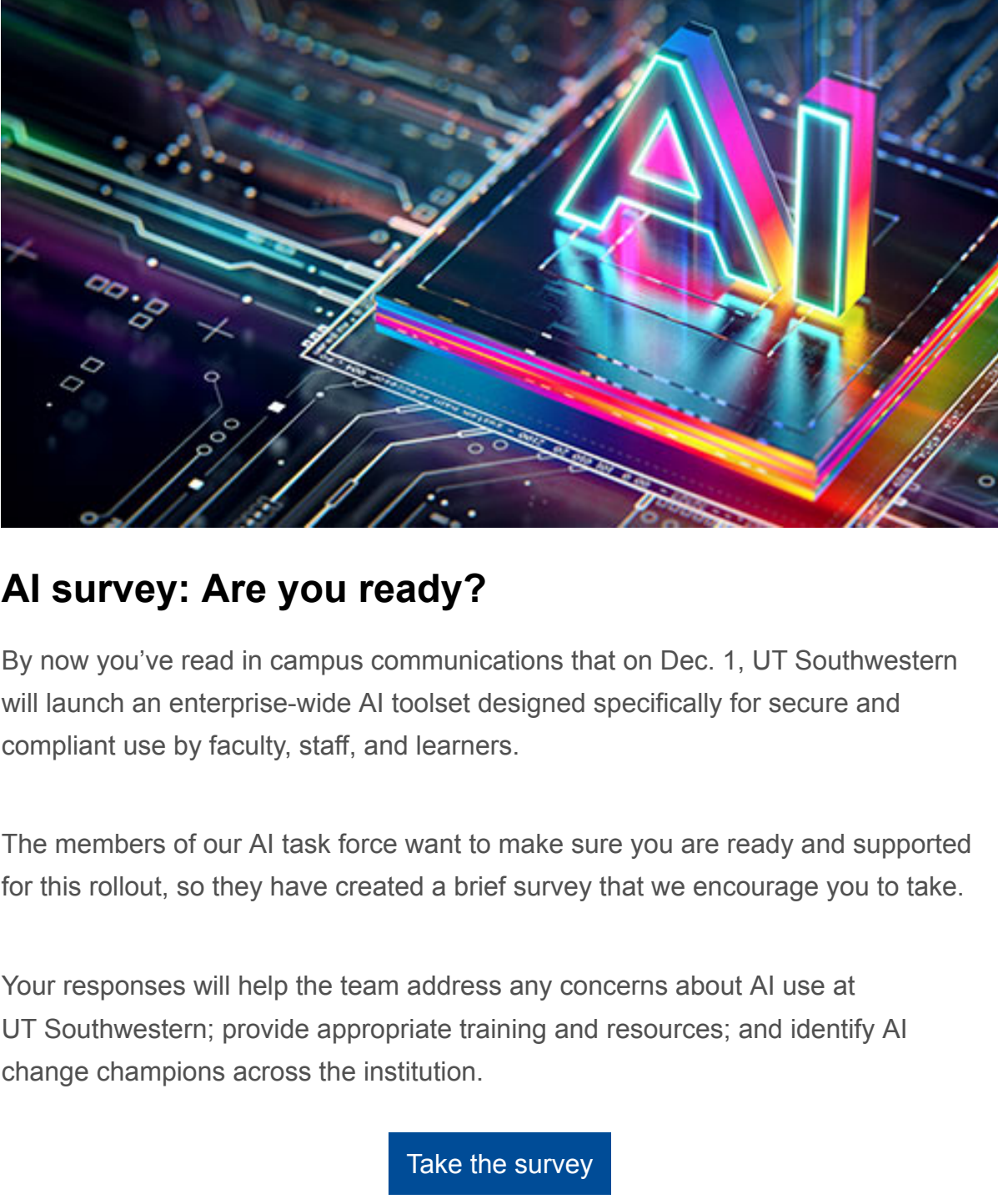




AI survey: Are you ready?

By now you've read in campus communications that on Dec. 1, UT Southwestern will launch an enterprise-wide AI toolset designed specifically for secure and compliant use by faculty, staff, and learners.

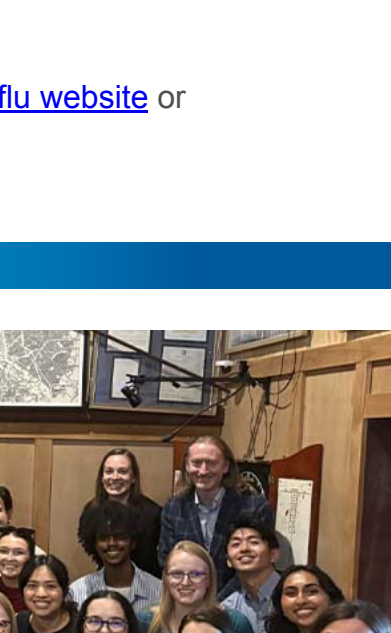
The members of our AI task force want to make sure you are ready and supported for this rollout, so they have created a brief survey that we encourage you to take.

Your responses will help the team address any concerns about AI use at UT Southwestern; provide appropriate training and resources; and identify AI change champions across the institution.

[Take the survey](#)

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Stop it from going viral every year.
Get your flu shot.



Flu shot compliance: Pop-up walk-in station added

We want to reiterate that the **compliance deadline for applicable UTSW employees to receive their flu shots is Nov. 15.**

For those who haven't yet had their annual influenza vaccination at **UT Southwestern**, Occupational Health has added a pop-up walk-in station at **Professional Office Building (POB) 1.108 – no appointments needed.** The station will be open today through Friday, Nov. 14, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

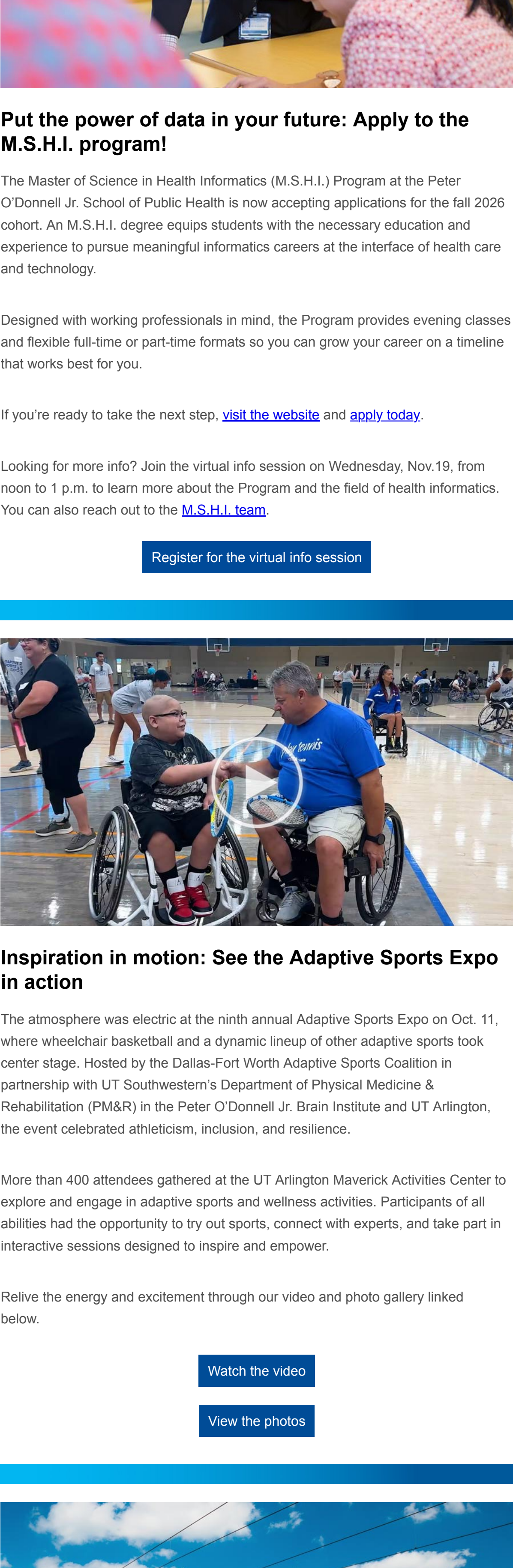
As a reminder, **UT Southwestern** policy ([HSO-203: Influenza Vaccination](#)) requires that all faculty, staff, house staff, and students working or training within our University Hospital and clinics, or at any UTSW or affiliated clinical research sites or locations, receive an influenza vaccination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

To stay compliant, you must complete **one** of the following before the deadline:

- **Get your flu shot at a UTSW Occupational Health vaccine site.**
- **Receive the flu vaccine elsewhere** (outside UTSW Occupational Health).
- **Submit a declination** if you choose not to receive the vaccine.

Your participation protects you, your colleagues, and our patients. Let's finish strong and make this flu season safer for everyone!

For details and instructions, visit the [UT Southwestern flu website](#) or email [Occupational Health](#).



Recognizing the expertise and empathy of UTSW's genetic counselors

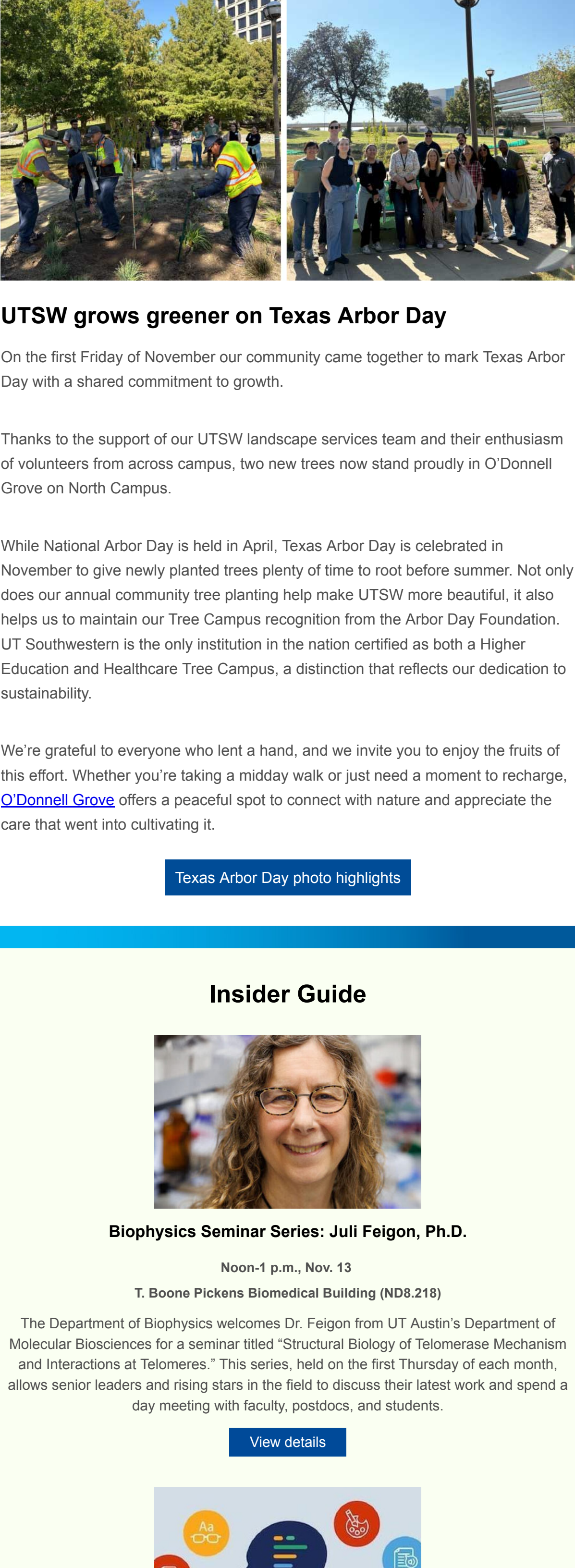
Genetic counselors at UT Southwestern do more than interpret DNA. They guide patients through some of life's most important health decisions.

Tomorrow, Nov. 13, marks Genetic Counselor Appreciation Day, an opportunity to recognize these highly trained health care professionals who blend science, compassion, and communication to help individuals and families understand how genetic factors contribute to health and disease. Whether they're guiding someone through a cancer diagnosis, supporting reproductive decisions, or contributing to cutting-edge research, their work is both powerful and personal.

Did you know there are only about 7,000 certified genetic counselors in the U.S. and 46 certified genetic counselors across UTSW and our partners at Children's Health and Parkland Health? Their impact is far-reaching as they help people understand health information, reduce uncertainty, and build confidence in health care decisions.

At UTSW, our genetic counselors are at the forefront of care in specialties like oncology, cardiology, prenatal care, and pediatrics.

Let's thank them for their expertise and heart, and be sure to check out a special post on [UTSW's Instagram](#) tomorrow to meet some of the team.



Put the power of data in your future: Apply to the M.S.H.I. program!

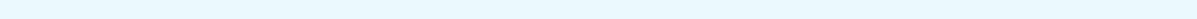
The Master of Science in Health Informatics (M.S.H.I.) Program at the Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health is now accepting applications for the fall 2026 cohort. An M.S.H.I. degree equips students with the necessary education and experience to pursue meaningful informatics careers at the interface of health care and technology.

Designed with working professionals in mind, the Program provides evening classes and flexible full-time or part-time formats so you can grow your career on a timeline that works best for you.

If you're ready to take the next step, [visit the website](#) and [apply today](#).

Looking for more info? Join the virtual info session on Wednesday, Nov. 19, from noon to 1 p.m. to learn more about the Program and the field of health informatics. You can also reach out to the [M.S.H.I. team](#).

[Register for the virtual info session](#)



Inspiration in motion: See the Adaptive Sports Expo in action

The atmosphere was electric at the ninth annual Adaptive Sports Expo on Oct. 11, where wheelchair basketball and a dynamic lineup of other adaptive sports took center stage. Hosted by the Dallas-Fort Worth Adaptive Sports Coalition in partnership with UT Southwestern's Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PM&R) in the Peter O'Donnell Jr. Brain Institute and UT Arlington, the event celebrated athleticism, inclusion, and resilience.

More than 400 attendees gathered at the UT Arlington Maverick Activities Center to explore and engage in adaptive sports and wellness activities. Participants of all abilities had the opportunity to try out sports, connect with experts, and take part in interactive sessions designed to inspire and empower.

Relive the energy and excitement through our video and photo gallery linked below.

[Watch the video](#)

[View the photos](#)

DART pass renewal/purchase period ends Friday

The annual Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) pass renewal and purchase period ends this Friday, Nov. 14, and action may be required depending on user type.

For **current users who want to renew**, no action is required. Your DART pass will automatically renew for 2026.

Current users who do not want to renew should [email Parking Services](#) (include your person number) by Nov. 14 to cancel a DART pass (applies to both DART Tap Card and GoPass users). Note: Failure to cancel by this date will result in automatic renewal.

All **new users** may purchase a 2026 DART pass through the [Parking Portal](#) by clicking the "Order Permits" button by Nov. 14 to ensure access to passes by Jan. 1, 2026.

By purchasing a DART pass through UTSW, employees and students can save an average of more than 50% off the standard price, and part-time employees are eligible for the Level C pricing tier.

[Details and purchase](#)

UTSW grows greener on Texas Arbor Day

On the first Friday of November our community came together to mark Texas Arbor Day with a shared commitment to growth.

Thanks to the support of our UTSW landscape services team and their enthusiasm of volunteers from across campus, two new trees now stand proudly in O'Donnell Grove on North Campus.

While National Arbor Day is held in April, Texas Arbor Day is celebrated in November to give newly planted trees plenty of time to root before summer. Not only does our annual community tree planting help make UTSW more beautiful, it also helps us to maintain our Tree Campus recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation. UT Southwestern is the only institution in the nation certified as both a Higher Education and Healthcare Tree Campus, a distinction that reflects our dedication to sustainability.

We're grateful to everyone who lent a hand, and we invite you to enjoy the fruits of this effort. Whether you're taking a midday walk or just need a moment to recharge, [O'Donnell Grove](#) offers a peaceful spot to connect with nature and appreciate the care that went into cultivating it.

[Texas Arbor Day photo highlights](#)

Insider Guide

Biophysics Seminar Series: Juli Feigon, Ph.D.

Noon-1 p.m., Nov. 13

T. Boone Pickens Biomedical Building (ND8.218)

The Department of Biophysics welcomes Dr. Feigon from UT Austin's Department of Molecular Biosciences for a seminar titled "Structural Biology of Telomerase Mechanism and Interactions at Telomeres." This series, held on the first Thursday of each month, allows senior leaders and rising stars in the field to discuss their latest work and spend a day meeting with faculty, postdocs, and students.

[View details](#)

Digital Accessibility: MS Word – Simple Steps to Accessibility

1-2 p.m., Nov. 17

Virtual event

UT Southwestern is offering numerous training sessions to help everyone prepare for [updated ADA accessibility standards](#). In this course, you'll learn how to create accessible Word documents using proper structure and styles, restructure existing documents to improve accessibility, and check and refine content using Word's built-in Accessibility Checker. These practical skills will help build your accessibility knowledge and contribute to a more inclusive digital environment.

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