



Tomorrow's health leaders begin here

At an awards ceremony on Nov. 7, six exceptional health professions students were honored for their outstanding achievements in service, leadership, research, and clinical excellence. Each recipient embodies dedication and innovation, from advancing community health to spearheading groundbreaking research. The students were presented with the John Schermerhorn, M.D., Student Service Award; the L. Ruth Guy, Ph.D., Student Leadership Award; the Raul Caetano, M.D., Ph.D., Student Research Award; the Gordon Green, M.D., Student Clinician Award; and the Rising Star Award.

The School of Health Professions (SHP) is proud to celebrate these and all 128 graduates at its commencement exercises this Saturday at 11 a.m.

You can join this weekend's celebration by streaming the event live on the SHP website and follow [@utswedu](#) on Instagram for real-time highlights.

[Meet the exceptional students](#)



Use new templates to help ensure digital accessibility

As UT Southwestern works to meet updated federal digital accessibility standards, it is essential that all content we create, revise, or update is accessible to everyone, including individuals with disabilities and impairments.

To help you create your documents with accessibility in mind, the UTSW Brand team has put together accessible [PowerPoint and Word templates](#). As we continue our endeavor to meet these standards by April 2026, please visit [Campus Update](#), where we will post tips, the latest information on training, and our compliance process. Additionally, more information is available on the [Digital Accessibility website](#).



Final reminder: Share your work at the Simulation Forum

This is the last reminder to submit your abstracts and emerging ideas for the 2026 Charles Morris Ginsburg Simulation-Based Quality Improvement and Research Forum. The deadline to submit is this Friday, **Dec. 12**.

Abstracts are welcome for any project involving simulation-based activities related to health care, health care science, health care education, and patient safety. If you have a concept still in development, consider submitting under the Emerging Ideas section, which offers opportunities for mentoring and early feedback.

For full details, use the link below.

[Submit your "sim-sational" work](#)



Last week to join the Holiday Cheer Challenge

The Employee Advisory Council (EAC) is spreading festive cheer institution-wide with an in-the-spirit competition, and there's still time to get in on the fun! Whether it's your decked-out office space, your most over-the-top ugly holiday sweater, or your team's celebrations, the EAC wants to see it.

Submit your seasonal snapshots by Dec. 17 for a chance to win UTSW-themed prizes. Winners will be announced Dec. 22, and your photos could be featured on UTSW social media and the [EAC SharePoint site](#).

Let's make this season merry, bright, and full of fun. Get your entries in today!

(Friendly reminder: Please consult the [holiday decorating safety webpage](#) for important guidelines.)

[Email your festive photos](#)



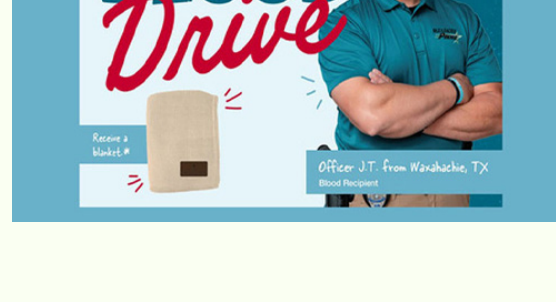
Put the power of data in your future: Apply to the M.S.H.I. program

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](#). The deadline to apply is **Jan. 15, 2026**. If you have questions, you can also reach out to the [M.S.H.I. team](#).

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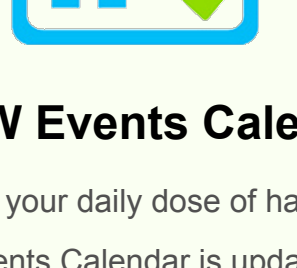
Blood Drive

10 a.m.-3 p.m., Today

North Campus/West Campus

Join Carter BloodCare and help save lives this holiday season. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. All donors must present valid identification (driver's license or equivalent). Schedule your appointment by texting CBCDonate to 999-777 or using the link below. As a thank-you, donors will receive a cozy blanket (while supplies last).

[Get the details and sign up](#)



UTSW Events Calendar

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