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Spotlight

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READ MORE

If you'd like to nominate a faculty or staff member to spotlight, please email communications@untsystem.edu.

This Just In! News, Notes & Resources



Boost your allergy season defenses

Allergy season, like an unwelcome guest at your door, is here. Learn how [your pharmacy benefits can help you put up your best defense](#).



Keep an eye on your health — 2022 benefits ending on August 31

The 2022 plan year for participants in the Texas Employees Group Benefits Program (GBP) participants is more than half way over. If you're enrolled in State of Texas Vision, that means the clock is ticking for you to take full advantage of your FY22 benefits before they expire on August 31. Learn how to [use](#)

YOUR BENEFITS DID YOU KNOW?

Benefits available to UNT System faculty & staff

This summer, explore our wide variety of money-saving deals and packages on everything from entertainment, retail, vacation packages, and so much more. Check out the [UNT System HR](#) website, hover over the "Benefits" navigation dropdown menu, choose "[Perks](#)," then find the Discount Programs section and click on "[Beneplace](#)." After logging in, or signing up, explore all the employee discount program categories (from purchasing automobiles, concerts, electronics, pet supplies, to even moving services) or enter "a specific interest" in the search bar. Find all the UNT System discounts you can use (whether as presents for your spouse, parents, sibling, friend or something you want for yourself), there's no better time to take advantage and save!

UNT System Human Resources has numerous programs and tools available at no cost to assist you with health or well-being issues, work-life balance, financial issues and more. Explore your [UNT System benefits](#), and follow this space for tips, programs and promotions.



UNT SYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS:



Governor Greg Abbott appointed Lindy Rydman and reappointed Ashok "A.K." Mago and Laura Wright, and Student Regent to the UNT System Board of Regents

The Board of Regents has historically been composed of ardent advocates for excellence in quality of education, research, service and leadership, supporting institutional and regional growth and success. As the governing body for the University of North Texas System, the Board of Regents is composed of nine distinguished and dedicated Texans who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Regent terms last for six years and are staggered so that three members are appointed every two years during the legislative session. The Governor also appointed Andy McDowall, a UNT computer science and engineering major and political science minor, as a non-voting Student Regent for a one-year term.

Learn more:
[Office of the Texas Governor | Greg Abbott](#)



UNT names Angie Cartwright as new Assistant Vice Provost for Faculty Success

Dr. Cartwright is nationally known for her research, grant funding, and advocacy, and she brings a wealth of expertise in DEI, faculty mentoring, and faculty development. Since joining UNT as an assistant professor in 2015, she has led several innovative interdisciplinary research collaborations, made invaluable contributions to student success as director of the [undergraduate minor in counseling](#), and served as faculty director of diversity and inclusion in the Faculty Success office.

Dr. Cartwright will focus on academic policy, faculty programming, and initiatives, and faculty diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts — most notably the [Anti-Bias and Cultural Awareness \(ABCA\) program](#), which she co-developed with former Vice Provost for Faculty Success Dr. Bertina Combes.

Learn more:

[Office of the Provost, Faculty Success](#)



HSC names Ruth Roman as new Executive VP and Chief Operating Officer

Ruth Roman will join the UNT Health Science Center on July 6 as executive vice president and chief operating officer. She comes to the UNT enterprise with more than 30 years' experience in public health with a focus on developing, implementing, and leading public health programs at the local, national, and federal levels.

At HSC, Roman will be responsible for overseeing the core functional areas, such as finance, campus security, operations, built environment and more, as well as developing and implementing the long-term goals for the university's growth and improvement.

Learn more:

[UNT HSC Newsroom](#)

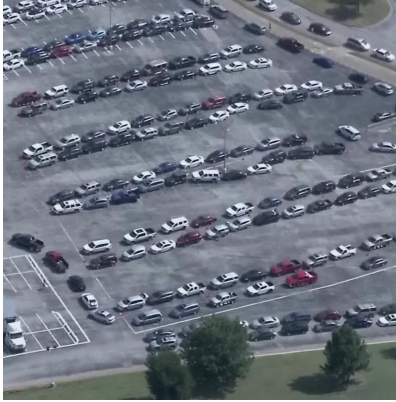


HSC Fort Worth made history by introducing the first immersive virtual reality simulation training center for its medical school in Texas.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony took place to celebrate the new Regional Simulation Center on the HSC campus last week on Thursday, June 23rd. The Regional Simulation Center uses cutting-edge immersive virtual reality technology, in addition to life-like simulation mannequins, multi-functional spaces, and more traditional virtual reality. The center's technology can replicate virtually any healthcare scenario across multiple disciplines. This now provides their medical students a unique space to learn new procedures in a low-risk environment, and also seasoned healthcare providers looking to hone their skills or acquire new ones.

Learn more:

[Newsroom](#) | [Regional Simulation Center](#) | [Regional Simulation Center Website](#)



UNT Dallas and the North Texas Food Bank's Mobile Food Pantry help current struggle posed by inflation

Local ABC (FWAA) Channel 8 did a recent news story covering the large crowds at the UNT Dallas and the North Texas Food Bank's latest mobile food pantry. The free drive-thru service is open to the public and any community member that needs food support. Participants are asked to complete a simple intake form and remain inside their car's while UNT Dallas volunteers load a box of food into their trunk. These drive-in events are held monthly on a designated Friday, from 9 a.m. until noon (or food runs out).

Learn more:

[FWAA Channel 8](#)



UNT and Fort Worth Museum of Science and History collaborated to hold *Girls SURGE into STEM XR Camp*

The camp introduced underrepresented young women in the 6-12 grade to technology tools like augmented reality and how to turn problems into STEM problem-solving opportunities. Thanks to [Noelle Walker](#) and NBC 5 Dallas-Fort Worth for covering their story!

Learn more:

[NBC Channel 5](#)



UNT Dining Services brought home gold this month from the American Culinary Federation Team Competition

Congratulations to a winning team! Benito Gavirio, Sarah Kettelhut, Cristopher Williams and Rodrigo Blanquet-Suarez took part in the [annual Chef Culinary Conference](#) at UMass Amherst. Teams were required to prepare, cook, plate and serve a three-course meal and buffet platter from a basket of mystery ingredients in three hours! The UNT team's winning dishes included Southwest Chile Butter Poached Prawns, Pistachio Crusted Colorado Lamb, Vanilla Panna Cotta and Olive Oil Zucchini Cakes. Also, this spring, [Eagle Landing received honorable mention](#) in the Foodservice Equipment and Supplies Facility Design Project of the Year judging. The dining hall was recognized for its focus on sustainability initiatives as well as its design. [Check out the gold medals, photos from the Mystery Box Challenge and the winning dishes!](#)



IMPORTANT UPDATES

• New “MyTRS” portal is now updated YOU WILL NEED A NEW USERNAME & PASSWORD!

TRS has launched an updated “MyTRS” portal ([featured in your June TRS e-newsletter](#)).

Note: Due to new security enhancements, when visiting the newly launched *MyTRS* for the first time, you must create a new username and password, via [“MyTRS” portal on the TRS homepage](#):

Click this link to [establish your account](#)

1. Create a new login
2. Security questions
3. Redesignate your Beneficiary online

In the portal, you'll see your service information but can also use the Planning Tools, including the [“Benefit Calculator”](#) to estimate your retirement. And, you have a personal resource in your [HR Benefits Advisors](#). They can help you plan ahead by meeting with you to help you navigate your TRS account, understand future benefits, and discuss other benefits such as health insurance. *Beware of imposters – outside companies indicating they can consult with you about your TRS benefits may be trying to get sensitive financial information from you.*

TRS and your [HR Benefits Advisors](#) are your true resources. Whether you are just planning ahead or it's time to start your retirement process, your Benefits Advisors will meet with you and help you one on one so that you are well-prepared.

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Office of the Controller

FY 2022 UNT System Campuses Year-End Processing Deadlines

The new academic year is quickly approaching, and with that brings the end of Fiscal Year 2022.

Please click the following link for the [FY 2022 Year-End UNT System Controller Year-End Processing Calendar](#), also available on the UNT System website [FY 2022 Year-End Processing Deadlines](#) at the bottom of the page. This schedule does not apply to the Strategic Sourcing Team (Purchasing/Contracts/Accounts payable).

We greatly appreciated your assistance in processing documents, monitoring your budgets and purchase orders, and adhering to deadlines. Your collaboration will help ensure our records are timely and accurate as we close out another tremendous year for the UNT System.

If you have any questions, please contact your campus Controller Office:

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***Please note:* The FY 2022 year-end processing deadlines apply to all University accounts, including grants. We recognize certain grants may be multi-year grants or have a fiscal year that does not coincide with the University's fiscal year; however, year-end audit requirements mandate that the University report all of its activity, including grants, on an August 31 basis.



Save The Date. Well-Being Calendar.

Upcoming well-being opportunities from UNT System.

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Get to Know Your HealthSelect Benefits: HealthSelectShoppERS

Organized by BlueCross BlueShield of Texas

[Wednesday, July 6, 2022. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM \(CDT\).](#)

Providing Customer Service To Bereaved Callers

Organized by ComPsych EAP

[Wednesday, July 6, 2022. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM \(CDT\).](#)

Fitness Connect Community Discussion: What Moves You?

[Tuesday, July 12, 2022. 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM \(CDT\).](#)

Hobbies for Mental and Physical Health

Organized by ComPsych EAP

[Tuesday, July 12, 2022. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM \(CDT\).](#)

Building a Movement Mindset

Organized by ERS

[Thursday, July 14, 2022. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM \(CDT\).](#)

Mindfulness: Being Present in Your Work and Life

Organized by ComPsych EAP

[Thursday, July 14, 2022. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM \(CDT\).](#)

Journey to Wellness: HealthSelect Wellness Benefits Overview Organized by BlueCross Blue Shield of Texas

[Wednesday, July 20, 2022. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM \(CDT\).](#)

Guided Meditation with Dean Kinshuk

Organized by UNT

[Wednesday, July 20, 2022. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM \(CDT\).](#)

Staying Engaged and Advancing Your Career as a Remote Employee

Organized by ComPsych EAP

[Wednesday, July 27, 2022. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM \(CST\).](#)

Feeling Stuck? Practical Ways To Get Yourself Going Again

Organized by ComPsych EAP

[Wednesday, August 3, 2022. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM \(CST\).](#)

Summer Enrollment Benefits has begun for UNT employees

Now through July 9!

Mark the Date

UNT Dallas • UNTHSC • UNT System: July 4 – July 16

What: Annual Benefits Enrollment Event — Make changes to your benefit elections (health, dental, vision, life insurances; short and long term disability; TexFlex). Changes you make will be effective September 1, 2022.

- If you don't need to make changes – *you don't need to do anything*. Your coverages will continue “as is” into the new plan year that starts on September 1, 2022. *Summer Enrollment is only for making changes to existing benefit coverages, if needed.*

Where: Online at ers.texas.gov (“My Account Login”)

Watch the [UNTS HR Benefits Summer Enrollment Video](#). It's a quick and comprehensive update on any plan or premium changes, plus provides information on how to make changes during your summer enrollment period.

Learn more on the [Summer Enrollment page](#), where we've posted helpful guides and information, as well as the schedule for virtual and in person Q&A sessions.

Questions? HRBenefits@untsystem.edu or contact your campus [Benefits Advisors](#).

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