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Spotlight

PAMELA PADILLA, PH.D.

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University of North Texas

Anyone working at UNT for any period of time knows [Pamela Padilla, Ph.D.](#) and her research that helped the university reach Tier One status. In January, this professor and dean of the College of Science was chosen to [lead UNT's research and innovation division](#), a position she'll assume on June 5 as she heads into a third decade in Denton. While her research lab might feel like home, she's most at ease in the outdoors thanks to being born into a family of ranchers on her dad's side. A proud mom and vegetarian, she doesn't say which side of the family is responsible for her devotion to grunge music and this one particular Seattle band that actually predates Pearl Jam. So, click the button below and get to know Dr. Padilla.

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



It's okay to need help: Mental Health Awareness Month

If you struggle with thoughts or feelings that make it harder to get through your day, you're not alone. [Learn to identify mental health warning signs and the resources covered by your HealthSelect medical plan](#) that can help you take charge of your mental health.



Brighten your home & patio with new plants, decor

Benefits available to UNT System Enterprise faculty & staff

Spring is here and there's no better way to take advantage of the warmer weather and brighten your home than with new plants and other home and garden decor. Did you know your UNT System benefits can set you up with home and garden savings? Just go to our [UNT System HR website](#), hover over **Benefits** and click on [Perks](#). Under **Discount Programs**, click on [PerkSpot](#), then log in or sign up. Once in, search [home and garden](#) and click on the Home and Garden link. Then check the "Lawn & Garden" box in the left-side menu and start shopping. Happy gardening!

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.



ENTERPRISE HIGHLIGHTS:



Welcome [Maleia Torres](#)

As Associate Vice Chancellor of Treasury, Maleia has recently joined the UNT System Enterprise Finance Treasury Leadership Team and is responsible for all aspects of banking, management of cash and investments, long-term debt planning and forecasting for the University of North Texas System Enterprise.

Read her bio:

[Connect with Finance Treasury.](#)



[HSC faculty receives U.S. patent for cancer-fighting therapy](#)

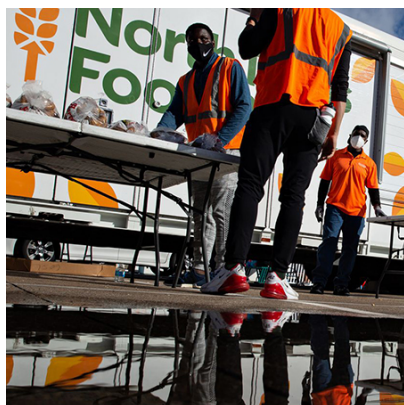
[Dr. Stephen Mathew](#) (pictured standing on left) and [Dr. Porunelloor Mathew](#) are two researchers at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth who recently received a U.S. patent for their cancer treatment therapy, “Compositions and methods for activation of NK cells killing of prostate and breast cancer cells.” The two have been working together on cancer research for the last 20 years, with a specific interest in the body’s natural killer, or “NK” cells, and harnessing their potential to cure certain cancers. They are working toward a future where patients can be cured in a matter of days with immunotherapy.



[UNT faculty honored for outstanding research, teaching and service at Salute to Faculty Excellence event](#)

The University of North Texas celebrated faculty for their cutting-edge research, dedicated service and exceptional teaching at the annual Salute to Faculty Excellence Awards Celebration last April 19.

Those awarded: [James Kennedy](#), [Christy Crutsinger](#), [Jennifer Callahan, d.](#) and [Leslie Roberts](#).
[Read full biographies of all 2022 Salute to Faculty Excellence honorees online.](#)



[UNT Dallas partners with North Texas Food Bank makes news](#)

The drive-through service is open to any community member in need. UNT Dallas’ mobile food pantry events are held the third Friday of each month and are part of a partnership between the university and the North Texas Food Bank.

Read more at:
[NewsBreak](#) | [The Dallas Morning News](#) | [The CW KDAF 33](#) | [NBC DFW 5](#)



IMPORTANT UPDATES

• FINANCE PORTAL CHANGE STARTS FRIDAY!

The Fluid Finance portal is where financial departments across the UNT System Enterprise will use to manage their tasks (controllers, asset management, budgets, etc.)

The conversion of the EIS finance portal to Fluid Finance is now scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Friday, May 6, and expected to be completed at noon Sunday, May 8. The portal won't be available for use during that time. In the meantime, learn more about the improvements you can expect and find training registration links and other helpful resources, at the [Fluid Finance webpage](#). If you have any questions, email FIST@ad.unt.edu.

• IMPORTANT UPDATE: GRAMS COI Module News!

Grants and Research Administration Management Suite for Conflict of Interest (GRAMS COI) is a suite of modules that research teams use across the UNT Systems Enterprise to manage grants, awards, and proposals for research studies, including other research matters.

Modules are currently being revised and configured (migrating data from our current proposal software, Cayuse) and are added to the new GRAMS suite one at a time. 'Conflict of Interest, (COI)' is scheduled to go live this May (the week of 16th) or later. **There will be a required blackout period for proposal submissions** within our current system until GRAMS COI is live.

Training is available to the users (disclosers, reviewers, etc.) on the Bridge. **Stay tuned for more BLACKOUT and GO LIVE information, dates, time, and links.** [UNT](#) | [UNT HSC](#) | [UNT Dallas](#)

If there are any questions, *please directly contact* your research department administrators.

>> **NEW DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE FOR HR HIGHLIGHTS:** Your trusty HR newsletter is now delivered directly to your inbox on an every-other-week basis. Look for the next edition coming your way on Thursday, May 19th.



Save The Date. Well-Being Calendar.

Upcoming well-being opportunities from UNT System Enterprise.

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Fitness Connect Community Discussion
How Fitness Can Improve Your Mental Health:
[May 10, 10 AM - 10:15 AM](#)

Using Guided Imagery for Wellness and Stress Reductions:
[May 11, 2022. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM](#)

Managing Worry And Anxiety:
[May 17, 2022. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM](#)

Domestic Violence Awareness:
[May 18, 2022. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM](#)

Developing Grit - Strategies for Success in Work and Life:
[May 19, 2022. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM](#)

An Emotionally Healthy Teen: Issues with Substance Abuse, Depression, Suicide and Eating Disorders
[May 24, 2022. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM](#)

Preventing Employee Burnout:

[May 26, 2022. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM](#)

The Impact of Substance Abuse on the Family:

[May 31, 2022. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM](#)

Fitness Connect Community Discussion: Get Fit Outdoors:

[June 14, 2022. 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM.](#)

Fitness Connect Community Discussion: What Moves You?

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

Summer Benefits Enrollment!

Hold the date!

UNT: June 27 to July 9

UNT Dallas: July 4 to July 16

UNT Health Science Center: July 4 to July 16

UNT System: July 4 to July 16

- Summer Enrollment is the annual time when you can make changes to your benefits (example, change Dental plans or drop Vision insurance).
- Changes made during Summer Enrollment are effective Sept. 1, 2022.
- Much more information will be coming to you via mail (from [ERS](#)), your campus news (watch your email), and from your [UNTS HR Benefits team](#). Information will include rate changes (if applicable), comprehensive information on your benefits options, and instructions for making changes.

Bookmark the Summer Enrollment page: <https://hr.untsystem.edu/benefits/summer-enrollment/index>

Important steps to take now: Make sure ERS has your correct address. Please log in to your [ERS portal here](#) before May 19th and check your personal information to ensure your address is correct.

Questions? HRBenefits@untsystem.edu and your [campus benefits advisors](#) are always glad to help.

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