



The second annual **UNT System Season of Giving** is upon us! In light of [Our Values](#), we celebrate this time and season to give back and provide hope and resources to those in need. Not only can we provide hope to others, but studies have proven that generosity – of time, efforts, or resources – is good for your health!

VOLUNTEER:

UNT System institutions have created a volunteer program for each of our employees who are interested in living our **We Care** value and volunteering to “help at least one person every day” through giving back to their communities. Beginning on Nov. 20 and ending on Dec. 22, employees may volunteer their time, up to half a workday, for a [501\(c\)\(3\) organization\(s\)](#) of their choice. The date must be approved by their supervisor. Employees eligible to participate in the volunteer program must be in a regular position that normally accrues vacation and/or sick leave. Full-time employees are eligible for four hours of volunteer time; part-time employees’ volunteer time will be prorated. Please [download the form](#) to have volunteer time certified and approved.*

Each campus will have local volunteer opportunities available and shared with you soon through campus communication and on our [Season of Giving webpage](#). We welcome you to celebrate being **Better Together** and participate in these opportunities with your colleagues, if possible, or you are welcome to choose another 501(c)(3) organization of your choice.

GIVE:

As you consider where to donate your resources during this season, we would like to highlight [United Way](#), the [North Texas Food Bank](#), the [Tarrant Area Food Bank](#), and the [WFAA Santa's Helpers Toy Drive](#). [Learn more](#) about how you can contribute to the impactful work being done by these organizations in North Texas.

ENGAGE:

Each campus is planning a “Week of Giving” from Dec. 4-8, highlighting local opportunities to give and engage with your communities. Please watch for upcoming communication from your campus about your “Week of Giving” and **Show Your Fire** by actively engaging in the week’s events!

**Please note: Employees should use eLeave code “VNT – UNTS Volunteer Leave” when reporting time for supervisor approval.*

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REMINDER: Early Voting is Underway

Texans have the opportunity to vote on a number of proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution, including **Proposition 5**. This constitutional amendment would create the Texas University Fund (TUF) endowment, which would directly benefit the University of North Texas and generate more than \$22 million per year for UNT.

If approved, TUF funding would allow UNT to hire faculty, support research, and expand graduate study opportunities, all with no new taxes. These investments would ensure our graduates continue to fill highly skilled, in-demand jobs across the North Texas region and beyond, would elevate UNT’s portfolio and prestige, and could create new opportunities across the UNT System.

Learn more about Proposition 5 at [unt.edu/tuf](#) and learn more about the other items on the Texas ballot at [votetexas.gov](#).

Early voting continues through Nov. 3, and election day is Tuesday, Nov. 7.

HR IMPORTANT NOTICE

Planning for Retirement Presentations

Your HR Benefits Team will host a Planning for Retirement presentation on each of the dates and locations listed below. All UNT System Enterprise employees are invited to attend any presentation in-person or virtually. Whether you are a new employee, getting ready to retire, or anything in between, this presentation will provide you with useful information about retirement income and insurance benefits that will help you better plan for retirement.

Seating will be limited, registration is encouraged but not required for in-person attendance. To RSVP for in-person registration, to receive a copy of the virtual link, or for other assistance, contact HRBenefits@untsystem.edu.

To learn more about the **Teacher Retirement System (TRS)** plan or the **Optional Retirement Program (ORP)**, visit [Retirement Plans](#).

Session One:

Date: Thursday, Nov. 2
Time: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Business Support Center (BSC)
1112 Dallas Drive, Suite 4200
Denton, TX 76205
Room: 4202A

Session Two:

Date: Monday, Nov. 6
Time: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Business Support Center (BSC)
1112 Dallas Drive, Suite 4200
Denton, TX 76205
Room: 4202A

Session Three:

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 6
Time: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

HSC Campus
3500 Camp Bowie Blvd.
Forth Worth, TX 76107
Room: 4RES 100 Everett Hall

HIGHLIGHTS



UNT at Frisco hosts inaugural symposium aimed to make DFW a leading force in AI'

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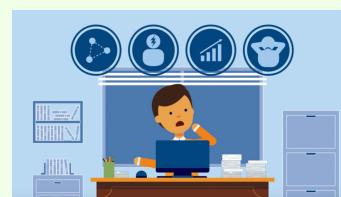
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