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## FACULTY & STAFF

# Spotlight

### GUIDO VERBECK, PH.D.

Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry  
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[Guido Verbeck](#) is an awesome (according to [RateMyProfessors.com](#)) 16-year UNT Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry and a member of the [Royal Society of Chemistry](#), with a research emphasis on the use and development of new mass spectrometers and analytical instruments. His focus on portable instruments for portable labs and new biomedical applications for mass spectrometry has led to some recent newsworthy notoriety by developing the first COVID-19 breathalyzer. Learn how Dr. Verbeck's variety of personal passions from working on classic sports cars and reading children's books with imaginative narratives, and watching anything Star Trek guides his principles and applies them to his teaching and explorations. So, click the button below and get to know Dr. Guido Verbeck.

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If you'd like to nominate a faculty or staff member to spotlight, please email [communications@untsystem.edu](mailto:communications@untsystem.edu).

## This Just In! News, Notes & Resources



### June is National Aphasia Awareness Month: Let's raise awareness about aphasia

Let's take a few seconds to gain an understanding of the medical condition known as aphasia. Typically occurring after a brain injury — like stroke, a tumor, or an infection — aphasia is a language impairment that affects a person's ability to comprehend language and communication. One of the key issues people with aphasia deal with is a lack of awareness among the general population. A little knowledge goes a long way. Learn more: [Observe National Aphasia Awareness Month](#)

Visit the [National Aphasia Association website](#)



### 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) is more than half over. If you're enrolled in State of Texas Vision, that means the clock is ticking for you to take full advantage of your PY22 benefits before they expire on August 31. Learn how to [use your remaining Plan Year 2022 vision benefits](#).



### Save big on eyeglasses to yoga mats

*Benefits available to UNT System Enterprise faculty & staff*

We often don't associate our health insurance with discounts on great products that can improve our yoga game to the ergonomics of our home workspace, to discounts on everything from eyeglasses and contact lenses to hearing aids. If you don't know about [Blue365](#), it's time to check it out. It's the Blue Cross Blue Shield discount program available to you as a UNT System employee. [Register](#) today to get started (be sure to have your insurance card handy). Don't forget about all your other perks via the [UNT System Enterprise discount programs](#).

*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.*

# Blue365<sup>®</sup>

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## The University of North Texas, AT&T, and Bigbelly have teamed up to enhance the campus community wireless experience

This is North America's first Telebelly deployment at a major University. Through this collaboration, AT&T is now able to offer increased network robustness and multi-gigabit speeds all while utilizing minimum physical space and on a platform that additionally benefits the campus community with additional Smart Waste and Recycling capacity.

Bigbelly Smart Waste and Recycling stations are located where people locate, which is where wireless demands are generally the greatest. They're easy to access and hide technology in plain sight. Most importantly, the platform enables better wireless experiences exactly where people congregate the most.

Learn more: [Yahoo! Finance](#)

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## UNT Health Science Center and Fort Worth's public and private sectors join forces to achieve impressive growth

UNT Health Science Center (HSC) is collaborating with Techstars to bring a new accelerator program to Fort Worth this fall that will support and fund startups in the physical health space, with a focus on rehabilitation, performance and exercise. HSC has received \$4.8 million in funding from The City of Fort Worth and Tarrant County. Techstars is a global investment business that provides access to capital, one-on-one mentorship, and customized programming for early-stage entrepreneurs.

The City of Fort Worth and Tarrant County are both allocating \$2.4 million for the project. Equity investments into the startup companies will be made by HSC and Goff Capital to total nearly \$10 million for the project over three years.

Learn more: [HSC Newsroom](#)

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## Update progress on the new UNT at Frisco campus and construction of the Frisco Landing building

The University of North Texas at Frisco is [readying to open](#) its first building.

The four-story building is 135,000 square feet, which sits on 100 acres of land at the southwest corner of Preston Road and Panther Creek Parkway. Its spaces are intentionally designed to promote collaboration, transparency and open communication between faculty and students. The campus will open for classes for the spring 2023 semester.

See photos and a video discussing the project with Jeannine Vail, senior project manager of the UNT System: [starlocalmedia.com/friscoenterprise](https://starlocalmedia.com/friscoenterprise)



## College degrees still pay off big-time for high school grads

From *The Dallas Morning News* published May 20, 2022. The pandemic disrupted higher education. Total enrollment statewide fell by 86,500 at community and state colleges, even while four-year universities surpassed their pre-pandemic enrollment levels. It's notable that total enrollment at four-year universities statewide has already topped the 2019 mark. The number of 18- to 21-year-olds also grew at the largest local public schools: University of Texas at Dallas, University of Texas at Arlington and **University of North Texas** in Denton. College graduates are twice as likely to have a good job as those with only a high school diploma ...

*(Photo by Irwin Thompson, for The Dallas Morning News of UNT Masters' graduates waited to walk across the stage)*

Read the article:

[The Dallas Morning News](#)



## IMPORTANT UPDATES

### • Concur Expense is now updated!

**Members of the UNT System Enterprise:** NextGen Expense is **Concur's** upgraded expense reporting experience. This update makes your expense reporting more intuitive, integrated, and efficient.

- **Why is it important?**  
Changes have been made to make the expense reporting experience quicker and easier. While you'll notice a change of layout, everything you need to complete your expense report is still there. This experience should be simple and intuitive to navigate, but if you'd like more information, please [visit the user welcome page](#).
- **We'll be updating training materials** over the next few months, holding "office hours" workshops, and attending campus team meetings to introduce the new user interface.
- **It was implemented on Wednesday, June 1st.**  
Welcome to our new user interface for all of UNT System Enterprise. We want to get ahead of the game as SAP Concur will *no longer support the old user interface starting 10/01/22*.

### Resources:

Introducing SAP Concur New User Experience

[Training & Resources](#)

User Welcome Page - What to expect:

[concurtraining.com/nextgenexp/en-us/end-user](https://concurtraining.com/nextgenexp/en-us/end-user)

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# Save The Date. Well-Being Calendar.

*Upcoming well-being opportunities from UNT System.*

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#### **Self-Care Tips for Manager.**

Organized by ComPsych EAP:

[Wednesday, June 8, 2022. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM \(CDT\).](#)

#### **Fitness Connect Community Discussion: Get Fit Outdoors.**

Organized by BlueCross BlueShield of Texas:

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

#### **Journey to Wellness: HealthSelect Wellness Benefits Overview.**

Organized by BlueCross BlueShield of Texas:

[Wednesday, June 15, 2022. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM \(CDT\).](#)

#### **Languishing, Flourishing and Your Mental Health.**

Organized by ComPsych EAP:

[Wednesday, June 15, 2022. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM \(CDT\).](#)

#### **Coping During Uncertain Times.**

Organized by ComPsych EAP:

[Wednesday, June 22, 2022. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM \(CDT\).](#)

#### **Fitness Connect Community Discussion: What Moves You?**

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

#### **Fitness Connect Community Discussion: Fitness on a Budget.**

Organized by BlueCross BlueShield of Texas:

[Tuesday, August 9, 2022. 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM \(CDT\).](#)

#### **Fitness Connect Community Discussion: Fitting Fitness into Your Workday.** Organized by BlueCross Blue Shield of Texas:

[Tuesday, September 13, 2022. 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM \(CDT\).](#)

#### **Fitness Connect Community Discussion: Fitness for Self Care.** Organized by BlueCross Blue Shield of Texas:

[Tuesday, October 11, 2022. 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM \(CDT\).](#)

#### **Fitness Connect Community Discussion: Keep Moving Through the Holidays.** Organized by BlueCross Blue Shield of Texas:

[Tuesday, November 8, 2022. 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM \(CST\).](#)

## Summer Benefits Enrollment!

Save 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](#).

**New!** We've posted the new rates (nominal changes for the new plan year that starts Sept. 1st). Check out the Summer Enrollment page: <https://hr.untsystem.edu/benefits/summer-enrollment/index>, and be sure to bookmark it for future updates!



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

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