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Spotlight

NATASHA OAKES

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Natasha Oakes, an accomplished leader in collegiate athletics, joined UNT World in 2017. She oversees NCAA, Conference USA and institutional compliance for all 16 Mean Green athletics teams, and serves as the Senior Woman Administrator, the highest-ranking female involved in the management of an athletics program, deputy Title IX coordinator and the department's Chief Diversity Officer. Her drive is fueled by her lifelong passion for collegiate athletics and the satisfaction of helping student-athletes succeed. When it's time to relax, she loves to travel -- a trip to the birthplace of the Olympic Games is among her favorite trips -- and cook -- it takes her back to her mom's kitchen in Topeka, Kan. If there's one thing to quibble about, it's her take on KC barbecue. So, click the button below and get to know Natasha Oakes.

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

This Just In! News, Notes & Resources

FRIDAY: Share your appreciation for team members & colleagues

National Employee Appreciation Day is Friday, March 4, and we want to recognize great team members and colleagues across UNT System through a social media appreciation campaign. Here's how it works:

1. **ON MARCH 4**, log on to your Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or LinkedIn account and, if you don't already, follow @UNTSystem ([Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#)).
2. **CREATE A POST** that tags @UNTSystem, includes the hashtag #UNTWorldAppreciation and recognizes an employee or co-worker you appreciate (example: @UNTSystem I appreciate my colleague INSERT NAME for being a supportive teammate at INSERT INSTITUTION #UNTWorldAppreciation).



There's no limit to the number of UNT World employees you can recognize. All employees recognized via posts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or LinkedIn will be entered into a random drawing to win UNT System apparel.



YOUR BENEFITS DID YOU KNOW?

Brighten your home & patio with new plants, decor >>

Benefits available to UNT World faculty & staff

Spring is coming and there's no better way to ring in 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 Spring!



HIGH FIVE: UNT Dallas College of Law celebrates significant milestone – full accreditation

The UNT Dallas College of Law and its [dean Felecia Epps](#) (pictured left/top) celebrated a significant milestone this week as it received [full accreditation](#) from the American Bar Association. The College of Law admitted its first class in 2014 and had been operating under provisional accreditation since 2017. Making its home in downtown Dallas in the historic former Dallas City Hall, the College of Law is changing the game, making law school affordable and accessible for all. It is noted for its diverse student body and its focus on experiential learning. During the five-year approval process, which included four site visits, the ABA reviewed a variety of factors, including admission standards, bar exam passage rates and employment after graduation. "This will allow us to continue our mission of providing a high quality, affordable legal education to our students," Dean Epps said.



HIGH FIVE: Congrats to the Mean Green and the students, faculty, staff and fans who packed the Pit

It's been an incredible season for the UNT men's basketball team. Coming off last season's historic NCAA Tournament victory, the Mean Green last Saturday won their 14th consecutive game and captured the Conference USA championship to make it back-to-back titles. The excitement is contagious. Saturday's regular-season home finale, a [dramatic victory over Louisiana Tech](#), featured a [packed Super Pit](#) of Mean Green fans -- 8,522 to be exact, the fourth-largest home crowd in school history and the most at a game since -- get this -- the 1980 season! The regular season concludes with two road games, tonight at UTSA (7 p.m., ESPN+, 95.3 FM) and then Saturday at UTEP (2 p.m., ESPN+, 95.3 FM). Then it's on to the Ford Center at The Star for the [Conference USA Tournament](#) on March 8-12. You know what to do -- pack The Star!



HR UPDATE

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 weekly for tips, programs and promotions.

>> PLEASE NOTE: UNT System Human Resources will be attending an all-day event on Friday, March 4, and will be unable to take calls, respond to emails or process transactions (e.g., hiring proposals, ePAR transactions, etc.) on that day. Normal operations will resume on Monday, March 7.



Save The Date. UNT World Well-Being Calendar.

Upcoming well-being opportunities from UNT World HR.

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Fitness Connect Community Discussion: Start with Tiny Habits

[March 8, 10 -- 10:15 a.m.](#)

Saving in a 529 College Plan

[March 8, 11 - 11:30 a.m.](#)

Halfway there: A Retirement Savings Checkup

[March 9, 11 a.m. -- 12 p.m.](#)

Beneficiary Designation Considerations

[March 10, 1 - 1:30 p.m.](#)

Journey to Wellness: HealthSelect Wellness Benefits Overview

[March 16, 10 -- 10:45 a.m.](#)

Money at Work 1: Foundations of investing

[March 17, 3 -- 3:30 p.m.](#)

Wendy Suzuki, Ph.D.: Good Anxiety (Free Center for Brain Health Event)

[March 17, 7 -- 8 p.m.](#)

HealthSelect Benefit Highlight: What is Wondr Health?

[March 22, 11:30 a.m. -- 12 p.m.](#)

Help Protect You, Your Family and Your Money

[March 22, 12 p.m. -- 12:30 p.m.](#)

Intermittent Fasting & Immunity with Lindsey Menge MS, RD, LD

[March 23, 10 -- 11 a.m.](#)

Tax Plan Considerations

[March 24, 11 -- 11:30 a.m.](#)

Charting Your Course: A Financial Guide for Women

[March 24, 2 -- 3 p.m.](#)

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