

# UNT SYSTEM™ HR HIGHLIGHTS

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## FACULTY & STAFF

### Spotlight

#### **SUCHISMITA ACHARYA, PH.D.**

Assistant Professor  
Pharmacology & Neuroscience and  
North Texas Eye Research Institute  
**UNT Health Science Center**

Dr. Suchismita Acharya has been with HSC since 2016 in the Department of Pharmacology and Neuroscience North Texas Eye Research Institute. She advises Ph.D. students, teaches, and conducts new drug discovery research for glaucoma, and neuroprotection. Learn about Dr. Acharya's passion for playing around with small molecules to solve previously failed medical treatments, along with her impact at HSC.

[READ MORE](#)

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

## YOUR VOICE MATTERS



### **The Gallup Q12 Engagement Survey opens Oct. 3 for all employees**

The annual Gallup Survey will ask [12 questions](#) that assess workplace needs, such as the need for growth, development, and recognition. It's not just about numbers on a report, the survey is simply a tool to help us gauge wellbeing at work, so we can strive toward being a Best Place to Work. Your responses can help shape change in your department and the entire UNT System. *Complete the Gallup Engagement survey between Oct. 3 – Oct. 14.* You will receive an email from Gallup on the morning of Oct. 3 containing your unique link to the survey. You will have until Oct. 14 to complete the survey, which takes about five minutes. **Make sure your voice is heard.**

## CHANCELLOR'S LISTENING TOUR

All the Chancellor's Town Hall events will be hybrid, and the online option will be open to any member of the UNT System community – so please come to one or more than one! For the most up-to-date information, check out the [Chancellor's Listening Tour](#) website. Additional dates will be announced on a rolling basis, as well as the links for virtual viewing and participation. Our goal is to connect personally with as many students, faculty, and staff as possible.

### **UNT System Town Hall**

Wednesday, October 5. 2 p.m.

[Location: Downtown, 7th Floor, 712A/B](#)

### **UNT Denton Town Hall**

Thursday, October 6. 1 p.m.

[Location: Emerald Ballroom, Union 314](#)

## RESOURCES



### When in doubt, go to the library

Being an employee of the UNT System Enterprise means being part of a diverse and enriching community. Each campus boasts excellent library facilities, programs, and resources that employees can enjoy (employee ID required). Employees have access to books, music, facilities, technology, research materials, and more:

- [UNT Dallas](#)
- [UNT Dallas College of Law Library](#)
- [UNT Health Science Center Library](#)
- [UNT Libraries](#)

Check out these other UNT System employee [perks and benefits](#).

*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.*



### Free, wellness resources are part of your employee health insurance benefits

- [Tips to maximize your TexFlex FSA account](#) – Find helpful resources such as the [how-to guides](#)
- [Blue Access for Members](#) – Six ways to help you make the most of your medical benefits.
- [Choosing a primary care provider \(PCP\)](#) – Your PCP can help you save money

## HIGHLIGHTS



## HSC Pharmacy welcomes back Christy Xavier

Christy Xavier, PharmD, joins us as a non-traditional academia resident in the Department of Pharmacotherapy. Dr. Xavier will contribute to teaching, clinical rotations, research and college service.

As a Class of 2020 HSC alumni and the 2020 Chancellor's Award for Scholarly Excellence, Dr. Xavier recently completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Health Economics and Outcomes Research in Dr. Rafia Rasu's lab. Great to have you back, Dr. Xavier!

## CONGRATULATIONS



## UNT Fall 2022 enrollment jumps 5.6%, surging to 44,532 students

The University of North Texas is celebrating the fourth consecutive record-breaking fall census day with 19% growth in new freshmen, 19% growth in graduate students, and nearly 4% growth in newly minted degree holders that will change the lives of students, families, and communities throughout the North Texas region and Texas. This makes UNT one of the fastest growing universities in Texas and the nation.

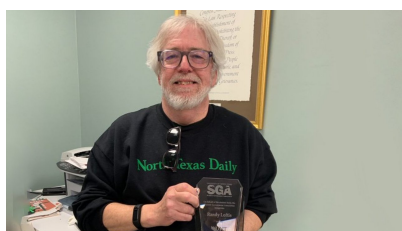
Learn more: [UNT News](#)



## HSC awarded \$3 million grant from HRSA

The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth recently was awarded a \$3 million grant to address the growing shortage of health care workers who care for people with HIV. It is funded by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration over a five-year period. Dr. Waridibo Allison, vice president of health policy and director of HSC's Center for Health Policy, will lead a collaborative group of organizations to integrate the National HIV Curriculum e-Learning Platform into health professions programs across the southern U.S.

Learn more: [HSC Newsroom](#) by [Eric Griffey](#)



## UNT Mayborn's Randy Loftis Received 50th 'Fessor Graham Award

UNT lecturer Randy Loftis with The Frank W. and Sue Mayborn School of Journalism has been awarded the ['Fessor Graham Award](#) bestowed by UNT Student Government Association (SGA). Loftis is an award-winning journalist who worked for more than 30 years as an environmental and investigative

reporter for The Dallas Morning News and The Miami Herald. He has worked as an adjunct professor at UNT for about a decade and taught a variety of classes ranging from Introduction to Media Writing to Science & Environmental Reporting.

Learn more: [College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences](#)



## UNT Dallas celebrates \$2 million gift with dedication of Ryan Tower

Ryan Tower will be a focal point of campus life in carrying out Trailblazer customs and traditions. The landmark tower is an icon of the university, representing higher learning. The 180-foot-high lighted tower includes a water feature, donor wall, masonry seat walls and a lighted pedestrian plaza. It can be seen from miles away, making the university a prominent symbol of the community it serves. The tower is generously funded with a \$2 million gift from Amanda and G. Brint Ryan, the latter of who is a former chairman of the University of North Texas System Board of Regents.

Learn more: [UNT Dallas News](#) | Watch Youtube: [Ryan Tower Construction Timelapse](#)

## WELL-BEING CALENDAR

### September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Get more information and additional [resources here](#).

If you or someone you know is in crisis, call The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800.273.TALK (8255) or call 911 immediately.

*Upcoming well-being opportunities from UNT System. Visit our [website](#).*

**Am I eligible for Public Service Loan Forgiveness? How can I apply?** Ask the experts at Trellis  
[Wednesday, September 28, 2022. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM \(CDT\)](#)

**Living With Change**  
Organized by ComPsych EAP  
[Wednesday, September 28, 2022. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM \(CDT\)](#)

**Sleep Well! Understanding Sleep & your Brain**  
Organized by ERS  
[Thursday, September 29, 2022. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM \(CDT\)](#)

**National Retirement Security Month**  
Check the Wellbeing calendar updates for free financial webinars  
[October 1 – 31, 2022](#) | [Wellbeing Calendar](#)

**Fitness for Self Care**  
Organized by BlueCross BlueShield of Texas  
[Tuesday, October 11, 2022. 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM \(CDT\)](#)

**Live with confidence in retirement**  
Hosted by TIAA  
[Thursday, October 13, 2022. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM \(CDT\)](#)

**Social Security Considerations**  
Hosted by TIAA  
[Wednesday, October 19, 2022. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM \(CST\)](#)

**Keep Moving Through the Holidays**  
Organized by BlueCross BlueShield of Texas  
[Tuesday, November 8, 2022. 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM \(CST\)](#)

## HOLIDAYS & OBSERVANCES

Provided by [The Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion \(DEI\)](#)

### National Hispanic American Heritage Month

The theme for 2022 is "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation"

[Observed from September 15 to October 15](#)

### Autumnal Equinox

The start of fall in the Northern Hemisphere

[Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 8:03 pm \(CDT\)](#)

### Native American Day

Celebrated on the 4th Friday of September every year

[Friday, September 23, 2022, All Day \(CDT\)](#)

### Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)

This marks the start of Jewish New Year

[Monday, Sept. 26, and ends 10 day later at sunset for Yom Kippur \(CDT\)](#)

### Yom Kippur (Jewish)

The "Day of Atonement" and the beginning of a new year

[Wednesday, October 5, 2022, ends at sunset \(CDT\)](#)

### Thanksgiving Day

Fall Holiday Break (November 24 - 25, 2022)

[Thursday, November 24, 2022](#)

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