Pamela Milner spent her childhood in Anchorage, Alaska, so it was only natural for her to want to get Texas as fast as she could. So, she chose to attend college at Texas A&M. "I wanted to go out-of-state," she says with a laugh. It's a decision that set in motion a series of educational experiences that provided a foundation for her current role as Director, Undergraduate Academic Advising at UNT’s G. Brint Ryan College of Business. Over her 20 years serving the university, her titles might have changed, but her focus and dedication to student affairs has never wavered.

She currently oversees the front office, assists with curriculum oversight and acts as a departmental liaison. Learn more about Pamela, like the technology she's come to love because it makes working during COVID-19 bearable, and what her husband might say she's doing when she finds some downtime. Please click.
This week’s We Are North Texas Podcast welcomes UNT alum, saxophonist, composer, educator and Dave Matthews Band member...

Jeff Coffin

The 1990 graduate is a music-industry behemoth. The saxophonist for the legendary Dave Matthews Band, Jeff is one of the top in-demand saxophonists in the world, as well as a first-call studio musician in Nashville, where he’s lived since 1991. A three-time Grammy Award-winner, Jeff also teaches improvisation at Vanderbilt University. Take a journey with Jeff on the We Are North Texas Podcast available today!

High Five: UNTD Wipro manager lands artwork in national, local exhibits

Kendra Brown, the Project Manager of the Wipro Science Education Grant Fellowship at UNT Dallas, is a burgeoning artist whose latest work, "Innocent Until Black," was chosen for a national exhibit at the Darrell E. Sechrest Gallery in High Point, N.C., and locally at the Union Art Gallery in Denton. The Sechrest Gallery's juried exhibition entitled, Across Borders: Contemporary Artists Explore Migration and Displacement, runs from Jan. 25 - Feb. 19. Her intricately detailed piece is on display now at the Union Art Gallery through Jan. 28 in an exhibition called Susurration. "I made this piece to counteract the demonization of black men," Kendra says. "I am an African American woman who fears for the safety of my African American fathers, uncles, sons, brothers, cousins, nephews and friends, and I want to respond to the social injustice that is being called out today."

High Five: UNT prof recognized with national honor in field of geography

Joseph Oppong, Academic Associate Vice Provost and Academic Associate Dean of the Toulouse Graduate School and professor in the Department of Geography and the Environment, was awarded the 2021 American Association of Geographers Ronald F. Abler Distinguished Service Honors. The award recognizes Oppong’s service and commitment to the discipline of geography and geographers in the United States and abroad. Through his own research and support of numerous organizations and individuals, he is credited with having played a key role in helping to bring medical geography to the forefront of the geography discipline in recent years. Read more about his excellent work and the award. If you’d like to give a HIGH FIVE to a UNT World member, email communications@untsystem.edu
HAPPY TRAILS: We say thank you and farewell to our UNT World retirees
Each year, we say thank you and farewell to employees who have faithfully served UNT World, created a culture of commitment, teamwork and diversity, and used their expertise to help promote the mission and vision of UNT System and each institution. Please CLICK HERE to see the list of UNT, UNT Dallas, UNT Health Science Center and UNT System employees who retired in 2020. Happy trails!

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- Collin County
- Dallas County
- Denton County
- Tarrant County
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- OptumRx Prescription Drug Program Vaccine and General COVID-19 Information
- Avoid COVID-19 Vaccination Scams

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Jan. 22 at 9:30 -- 10 a.m.

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Jan. 22 at 5:30 -- 5:45 p.m.

Video: Prioritizing Debt
Jan. 25 at 10 -- 10:30 a.m.

Let's Talk: Couples and Money
Jan. 26 at 11:30 a.m. -- noon

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For Kids! Making Sense - Eating Out vs. At Home
Feb. 1 at 4:30 -- 4:45 p.m.

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