Ever get asked a complex, scientific-type question, and all you could really say is, "What do I look like, a nuclear physicist?!" Well, Ravi lives for such inquiries. Because he is a nuclear physicist! With a doctorate in Nuclear Physics from Andhra University in Visakhapatnam, India, and a master's in Computational Engineering from Mississippi State, his mission, and that of North Texas Scientific Computing, or NTSC, is to help researchers leverage a wide range of computational resources to solve some of the most challenging questions in science. But don't worry, he has a lighter side, too, like unwinding with ... Pokémon cards? He'll surely be eagerly awaiting the release of Coming 2 America. And at times his office might sound like a recording studio 🎤. Please get to know Ravi by clicking that big, green button 🔄.

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

Heart HR UPDATE

OUR EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS HERE TO HELP THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES LIKE THESE
Regardless of your stage in life and experiences lived, this past year, from the sudden impact of the ongoing pandemic through last week's unfathomable winter storm, has dealt us all the difficult hand of managing an onslaught of unprecedented stresses added to our day-to-day lives. An inevitable result is feelings of burnout and fatigue that directly relate to our physical and mental well-being. It's OK to admit, and important to acknowledge. Believe us -- you are not alone.

The good news is UNT System Human Resources is equipped to help. Our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a free and confidential service offering counseling and help with family, legal or financial issues. All active and retired employees, plus everyone in your household, is eligible to access the program. The first step is simply to register and explore:

- To start the quick registration process, visit Alliance Work Partners (our EAP provider) at: awpnow.com
- Click "Access Your Benefits," fill out the brief form and use Registration Code: AWP-UNT-384
- Now you’re ready to explore your member benefits: Counseling, legal and financial help, webinars, articles and many more tools and resources
- Watch the video above for an overview of the benefits available to you

Remember, the EAP is built into your UNT World benefits -- it's free, confidential and specifically designed to help in difficult times like this. Please take time to register and take advantage of this program.

❤️ ADDITIONAL HR INFORMATION FOLLOWING THE WINTER STORM CLOSURES

- Assistance to help supervisors and employees navigate various situations as we return to work
- Adjusted payroll and timekeeping deadlines to ensure timely processing

UNT System Chancellor Lesa Roe will lead this quarter's virtual UNT World Town Hall at 2 p.m. on March 23. She will be joined by UNT System Vice Chancellors Sheraine Gilliam-Holmes (Chief Human Capital Officer), Chris McCoy (Chief Information Officer) and Jack Morton (Government Relations). Chief Communications Officer Paul Corliss will moderate the Q&A. The Town Hall will be held virtually via Zoom (UNTSystem.edu/MarchTownHall). If you have specific work-related questions for the panel, please email communications@untsystem.edu.

🙌 HIGH FIVE: News we can sing about -- UNT College of Music is going to the Grammys

COVID-19 has canceled a lot of fun events, and while it postponed the 63rd Annual Grammy Awards, it will not stop them. Now airing on March 14 on CBS, the UNT College of Music is well-represented. Faculty members Philip Dizack (left) and Scott Tixier joined more than a dozen UNT alumni who collaborated on projects nominated or earned nominations. Dizack plays trumpet on Remy Le Bouef's latest jazz orchestra release, Assembly of Shadows. The album includes a reimagining of Ornette Coleman's "Honeymoons," nominated for Best Arrangement, Instrumental or A Capella. Tixier plays jazz violin on John Legend's "Bigger Love," nominated for Best R&B album. For a full
UNT World mourns the passing of UNT professor Dr. Bertina H. Combes

Bertina Combes, vice provost for faculty success and professor of special education who had taught at UNT since 1989, died Feb. 19 of complications due to COVID-19. In UNT’s Department of Educational Psychology, she focused on preparing professional educators to meet the needs of diverse students receiving special education services, including those with learning disabilities. Read President Smatresk’s message about her impact on UNT and its students. A scholarship to honor her legacy as an educator has been created and a virtual celebration of her life is planned for March 9. The UNT family is invited to submit photos, videos and brief stories highlighting her legacy and impact on UNT. Materials should be emailed to president@unt.edu and videos can be uploaded to a UBSC Dropbox. We ask that you limit stories to about 200 words to ensure we can include numerous reflections.

COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION: County-by-county registration
The Employee’s Retirement System of Texas encourages everyone to get vaccinated as soon as a vaccine is made available to you. For information on when and where you can get a COVID-19 vaccination, contact your health plan, primary care provider other health care provider, or the county links below. You may register to receive the vaccine in any county, not just the one you live in.

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

ON THE AIR: Listen to every episode of the We Are North Texas Podcast
Click the headline above to access our UNT System podcast catalog of episodes featuring interviews with innovative leaders. Dropping today: Former UNT athletic standouts Chuck Beatty and Willie Davis were pioneers who helped break the color barrier in collegiate athletics in Texas. They join the podcast to reflect on their experiences as Black History Month comes to a close. #WeAreNorthTexas

Staying In The Green. UNT World Well-Being.

Upcoming well-being opportunities from In The Green.
Follow us on Twitter: @UNTWorld. Visit our website: wellbeing.untsystem.edu
Digital Self-Management Programs
Feb. 26, 8 a.m. -- 5 p.m.

Spending & Saving: Set Goals
March 1, from 11:30 -- 11:40 a.m.

Spending & Saving: Create a Budget
March 1, noon -- 12:10 a.m.

5 Tips in 5 Minutes: Stay on Track Financially
March 2, 10:30 -- 10:50 a.m.

Prioritizing debt
March 3, 12:30 -- 12:40 p.m.

Setting Your Savings Goal
March 4, 10 -- 10:20 a.m.

Investing Basics
March 5, 10:30 -- 10:40 a.m.

When Income Decreases...but the Bills Don't
March 8, 3 -- 3:30 p.m.

The Starting Line: Beginning to Save for Retirement
March 9, 11:30 a.m. -- 12:30 p.m.

Market-Proof Your Retirement
March 11, 10 -- 11 a.m.

Put Your Debt on a Diet
March 12, 11 -- 11:30 a.m.