Rachel joined UNT World three years ago, but only began her current role as Board Coordinator at UNT System in January. As if starting a new position during a pandemic isn’t stressful enough, staring right back at her was the February 2021 Board of Regents meeting, her first event to handle operation solo. “I could barely sleep the night before the meeting,” she recalled. Click the button below to see how all that turned out. Meanwhile, this wife and mother of a 5-year-old daughter and a fluffy Goldendoodle has a favorite country to visit where staple dishes are whale and fermented shark -- guess which one she spit out?! Also a lover of the vast Texas landscape, Rachel and her family have become quite the explorers of the Lone Star State during quarantine. Get to know Rachel. Click that green button.

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

UNT System HR is bringing UNT World experts directly to you with this periodic and always timely installation called "Ask An Expert." So, let’s ask...

EXPERT: Jerrod Tynes, Lecturer of Urban Agriculture & Renewable Resources, Department of Life and Health Sciences, UNT Dallas
EXPERTISE: Animal & Plant Sciences, Sustainable Agriculture, Organismal Biology, STEM Education, 10 years of mixed experience in both the industry and classroom

SPRINGTIME IS GARDEN TIME: Spring is here and what better way to welcome the season of new beginnings than planting a vegetable garden? Growing a garden is a fun outdoor activity you can share with your children, and it doesn’t have to be expensive, complicated or time-consuming. It can be educational and extremely rewarding. We’ve enlisted Jerrod
Miss the Town Hall with Chancellor Roe? Watch it here

Chancellor Roe held her quarterly UNT World Town Hall on Monday, March 29. This virtual livestream event can be viewed by clicking the image to the left or visiting untsystem.edu/MarchTownHall.

Chancellor Roe welcomed UNT System Vice Chancellors Sheraine Gilliam-Holmes (Chief Human Capital Officer), Chris McCoy (Chief Information Officer) and Jack Morton (Government Relations) for an informative Q&A session.

HIGH FIVE: UNT Libraries associate dean honored with national award

Mark Phillips, associate dean for digital libraries at UNT, has received the American Library Association's Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial Award for his work to make library content more accessible to the public, and his prolific contributions to the library profession. As the architect of the UNT Libraries digital libraries' infrastructure, Phillips has enabled public access to millions of digital objects through the UNT Digital Library, the Portal to Texas History and the Gateway to Oklahoma History. Congratulations, Mark! Dive deeper into Mark's work and his ALA award.

Want to give a colleague a High Five? Email communications@untsystem.edu

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 offerings.

- Need to make changes to your life insurance beneficiary information? We show you how to review, add or make changes with easy step-by-step instructions.
- We continue to see an increase in fraudulent unemployment claims targeting UNT System employees, part of a trend occurring across the country. We’re working closely with the Texas Workforce commission and HR Records is promptly taking appropriate action upon receipt of fraudulent claims. We’ve compiled this helpful information and contact list should you receive a fraudulent unemployment claim. For additional questions or concerns, please contact HR Records at hrrecords@untsystem.edu.
In celebrating Diversity Month (which we like to do every month), check out our April Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Calendar of Holidays & Observances. Learn the histories and interesting facts behind holidays you know -- and others you don’t.

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE
Eligible current UNT employees and students, and UNT System employees can now register to be vaccinated at the UNT Student Health and Wellness Center. All Texans 16 and older are eligible to receive a vaccine. Email questions to Stephanie Fields-Hawkins. For information about other locations to get a COVID-19 vaccination, contact your health plan, primary care provider or click on the county links:

- Collin County
- Dallas County
- Denton County
- Tarrant County
- Texas COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Locations
- OptumRx Prescription Drug Program Vaccine & 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 entire UNT System podcast catalog featuring interviews with innovative leaders and changemakers. Dropped today: UNT System Chief Communications Officer and podcast host Paul Corliss discusses the state of the pandemic with Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins and Health and Human Services Director Dr. Philip Huang. #WeAreNorthTexas

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Disaster Preparedness & Liquid Savings
April 1, 12:30 - 1 p.m.

Debt Collection Scams
April 2, 11:30 - 11:40 a.m.

Settle with Debt Collectors
April 2, 11:45 - noon

Debt Income Ratio
April 2, noon - 12:10 p.m.

Introduction to Mindfulness: What, Why and How
April 6, 10 - 11 a.m.

Pressure Creates Diamonds (financial webinar)
April 7, noon - 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Three Ways to Build Your Credit Score
April 13, 2 - 2:30 p.m.

Power of Saving
April 14, 2 - 3 p.m.

Suicide Prevention Training
April 14, 2 - 4 p.m.

W2W: Attention to Detail (finance)
April 15, 11 a.m. - noon

Push Pause: Mortgage Forbearance
April 15, 11:30 a.m. -- noon

Gifts to Loved Ones and Charities
April 15, 2 - 2:30 p.m.
Building a Meditation Practice
April 8, 10 - 11 a.m.

Paying Yourself (retirement income)
April 13, 11 a.m. - noon

Five Tips When You Can’t Pay Your Bills
April 20, 1 - 1:20 p.m.

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