Nearly a quarter into the 21st century, it's just fact that modern life is lived on the internet. It makes our lives more convenient, but is also rife with meddlesome hackers and trolls. Perhaps at no point has cybersecurity been more important in our personal lives, for companies and nations around the globe. Thank goodness UNT has Professor Dantu as Director of its Center of Information and Cyber Security. Boasting vast industry experience, Professor Dantu is invaluable to the School of Engineering for his expertise, innovation to aid society and ability to land grants -- including recently nearly $1 million from the National Security Agency. Still, this husband and father of two grown sons, both of whom attended UNT, has something of a wild side. We'll let you read more about that below. But here's a hint: at weddings and parties, he can really shake a leg.

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

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY MONTH
April is Celebrate Diversity Month and HR Highlights is celebrating by presenting a UNT World faculty or staff member who works to promote diversity, equity and inclusion in their professional and personal lives. Follow UNT System (@untsystem) on Twitter and Facebook for #CelebrateDiversity profiles, events, movie and book lists, recipes and more throughout the month. Our first Celebrate Diversity profile is...

Susan Harper, Ph.D., Coordinator of Activities, Student Affairs, UNT Dallas

A member of the LBGTQ+ community, Dr. Harper believes "engaging with people who are different from us helps us learn more about our shared humanity and (hopefully at least) commit to a more just world." She leads UNT Dallas' multicultural programming that encourages open dialogues about the differences that enrich our community. She's experienced both prejudice and progress in her daily life -- and both fuel her desire to create welcoming environments on our campuses and workplaces. Read in her own words why she speaks publicly on issues of diversity, equity and inclusion, her own uplifting story of progress and how attitudes toward multicultural programming are changing by clicking the button below.
FAREWELL: TCOM's Chair of Pediatrics & Women's Health heads into retirement
After nearly 50 years, Dr. W. Paul Bowman has called it a career. A third-generation physician, Dr. Bowman followed his father and grandfather into pediatrics, and since his days as a medical student in the early 1970s, he has left an impact and legacy unmatched in the areas of pediatrics, hematology and pediatric oncology. Canadian-born, but a Fort Worth icon, he arrived in North Texas in 1982 to begin what would be a 25-year run at Cook Children's Medical Center. He served as the Chair of Pediatrics and Women's Health at TCOM since 2008, recognized as one of the most respected pediatric oncologists in the nation. Learn more about Dr. Bowman and his tremendous career. Congratulations, Dr. Bowman, and enjoy retirement.

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

WELCOME: UNT's top-ranked programs in virtual arts and design get new leader
Internationally recognized and a community-minded arts leader, Karen Hutzel was recently named the new dean of UNT's College of Visual Arts and Design. She will assume her new role on July 1. She comes to UNT from Ohio State, where she serves as the chair of the Department of Arts Administration, Education and Policy. Succeeding Greg Watts, Hutzel is the founder of the National Art Education Association's Community Art Caucus, and she earned a Fulbright Specialist award which enabled her to design online courses and programs for the Edna Manley College of Visual and Performing Arts in Jamaica, and develop a new study abroad program for Ohio State students in Jamaica. We look forward to her arrival in Denton.

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.

- Got questions about your HealthSelect or Consumer Directed Health plan? Visit healthselectoftexas.com for instant access to your medical benefits and resources. Register by clicking "Log In" and then "Register now." If you need services on-the-go, simply text BCBSTXAPP to 33633 and you’ll receive a link to the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas app. Learn more about services available with your Digital Medical Benefits Guide Book. Your benefits are literally at your fingertips.
- April is Stress Awareness Month -- and this last year certainly has familiarized many of us with trying to manage maximum stress levels. We can help you manage stress positively. Register for one of our In The Green webinars all this month.
- Get Zen: Next week (April 12-16) try our Meditation Re-Boot Camp. You’ll receive a recorded link each day to a 10-minute mindfulness mediation designed to help you build a habit of a daily meditation practice. Register at the link above.
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. Latest episode: 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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Paying Yourself (retirement income)  
April 13, 11 a.m. - noon

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, 3 - 4 p.m.

Sandwich Generation  
April 14, 3 - 4 p.m.

Stress and Nutrition: It's a Two-Way Street!  
April 15, 10 - 11 a.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.

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

Move More Stress Less!  
April 22, 10 - 11 a.m.

Sandwich Generation  
April 22, 11 a.m. - noon

Anxiety Awareness & Management  
April 29, 10 - 11 a.m.
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If you have an HR question or topic you'd like covered in the newsletter, please email HR@untsystem.edu.

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