Dr. Lumar is completing her fifth year at UNT Dallas where she addresses some weighty issues related to substance abuse. That she entered a profession to help others shouldn't be surprising considering her mother taught her that service to others “inspires the soul.” A wife of 35 years, her other longtime love is athletics. Recently inducted into her high school’s athletic Hall of Fame, she played -- and her colleagues might not realize this -- basketball professionally for two European teams. In fact, she's pretty much a sports junkie and even dabbles in these two extreme sports. Get to know Dr. Lumar by clicking that green button right over there.

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

A Message of Hope and Encouragement from Chancellor Lesa Roe
UNT World mourns the passing of Nelson Haggerty

UNT World offers heartfelt condolences to the family of Nelson Haggerty, a member of the Mean Green men’s basketball staff since 2019, serving as director of basketball strategy and operations. Haggerty, a Baylor alum and the Bears’ all-time assists leader, was UNT coach Grant McCasland's associate head coach at Midwestern State and took over that program when McCasland left. He will be missed.

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 latest Celebrate Diversity profile is...

Dr. Sylvia Trent-Adams, Executive V.P. & Chief Strategy Officer, UNT HSC
Dr. Trent-Adams added to her impressive career by joining the HSC in October 2020, her latest endeavor in a barrier-defying career. She has served as Acting U.S. Surgeon General and held numerous leadership positions at the Department of Health and Human Services. Read her first-person perspective on diversity and her experiences with prejudice and progress.

DIVERSITY THROUGH DELICIOUS UNT WORLD DISHES & MORE...

Spring, the season of hope and new beginnings, is the perfect time to celebrate our workplace diversity rich in different cultures, ethnicities, religions, identities, backgrounds and beliefs. Nothing brings us together quite like food, so we asked faculty and staff from across UNT World to share their favorite recipes from around the world and the story behind the dish. Click for their yummy recipes. Watch for more recipes on Facebook.

North Texas is brimming with live and virtual events to find our commonality while celebrating all the intricacies and beauty of our differences. From Denton to South Dallas, there’s something for everyone. Find events here and remember to visit our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Calendar of Holidays & Observances. Share your own diversity celebrations on social media and make sure we see and share them by using the hashtag #IamDEI.

HIGH FIVE: Four UNT faculty members celebrated during 10th annual Salute to Faculty Excellence
As part of the 10th annual Salute to Faculty Excellence on April 15, UNT celebrated four faculty members for their dedication to excellence through research, service and education. They are, from left to right (top to bottom on mobile): Alicia Re Cruz, UNT Foundation Eminent Faculty Award; Corey Marks, UNT Foundation Faculty Leadership Award; Karen Dorff, UNT Foundation Outstanding Lecturer Award; and Suzanne Enck, UNT Foundation Community Engagement Award. Congratulations to all. Read more about each recipient and their award by clicking on their names.

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 promotions.

- National Prescription Drug Take Back Day (April 24): Got expired or unused prescriptions taking up space in your medicine cabinet? If you’re enrolled in our medical plan, you can receive a free disposal kit by calling OptumRx at 855-828-9834 (TTY 711) or visit OptumRx. You may also follow these steps to safely discard old prescriptions: Take the meds out of their containers; mix with something unappealing like used kitty litter or coffee grounds; seal in a bag or disposable container and throw away.

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE
UNT’s vaccine registration site continues to remain open to UNT faculty, staff and students and UNT System employees. Find more information at the Student Health and Wellness Center website. If you’ve registered and haven’t received a notification from the center’s patient portal with details about your appointment, log in to myosh.unt.edu to see if it has been scheduled or cancel it there if needed. To be removed from the UNT registry, email 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: Upcoming #CelebrateDiversity episode examines diversity at UNT Dallas
Click here to access our entire UNT System podcast catalog featuring interviews with innovative leaders and changemakers. Now Playing: April is Celebrate Diversity Month and our latest podcast spotlights diversity at UNT Dallas – not just racial, ethnic and cultural diversity, but also generational diversity on campus. UNT Dallas President Bob Mong and others from UNTD join host Paul Corliss for this special episode. #WeAreNorthTexas

Staying In The Green. UNT World Well-Being.
Upcoming well-being opportunities from In The Green.
Money is Emotional
April 23, 9 -- 10 a.m.
Living Debt Free
April 26, 9:30 -- 10:30 a.m.
Saving for the Future
April 27, 10:30 -- 11:30 a.m.
Paying for College
April 28, 8 -- 9 a.m.
Anxiety Awareness & Management
April 29, 10 - 11 a.m.

Put Your Debt on a Diet
May 3, 11 a.m. -- noon
Saving for the Future
May 5, 11:30 a.m. -- 12:30 p.m.
Journey to Wellness: Benefits Overview
May 11, 10 a.m. -- 10:45 a.m.
Living Debt-Free
May 12, 4 -- 5 p.m.
Weight Management Program: What is Real Appeal
May 13, noon -- 12:30 p.m.

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Click our member institutions' logos for the latest news

If you have an HR question or topic you’d like covered in the newsletter, please email HR@untsystem.edu.

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