Welcome to a Spotlight Special Edition as we wish UNT Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Bob Brown a happy retirement. Under Bob's leadership over the last seven years, UNT, his alma mater, is on excellent financial footing, even with the hurdles of COVID-19, and boasts a powerhouse finance and administration team. A grandfather, wine connoisseur and world traveler, Bob has plenty of ground to cover in retirement, and he'll start by trout fishing near his home in Colorado. Click the button below to hear from Bob about coming home to UNT, his successes there and even a tidbit or two that his colleagues might not know about him. Plus, you'll never guess his favorite movie, although it does have something to do with a really big fish. So, click. Happy retirement, Bob, you've earned it!

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 final Celebrate Diversity profile is...

Hanchen Huang, Ph.D., Dean of the UNT College of Engineering

Dr. Huang is one of the brilliant minds at UNT, in this country or any country. That was evident when he graduated with a Physics degree at 19 from Hebei Normal University in Shijiazhuang, China. The co-founder of MesoGlue, Dr. Huang's research spans a range of disciplines, and he owns a list of honors, awards and grants long enough to stretch from Denton to, well, Beijing. Read what diversity means to him and about his own experiences as an Asian American.

Inclusivity through pronouns; diversity through food

As part of UNT System's inclusivity efforts, employees have the choice to add their pronouns to their email signatures as a sign of respect and safety for all our UNT System community members, our partners and guests.

If you haven't checked it out yet, our UNT World faculty and staff have come through with some amazing recipes from countries and cultures spanning the globe, from China to Panama, Brazil to Zimbabwe and more.
Welcome: UNT hires Bob Brown’s successor as new CFO
Clayton Gibson has been named Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer. A licensed Certified Public Accountant with a demonstrated history of driving transformation through the engagement of teams and technology, Gibson will help UNT continue its efforts to grow as a Minority-Serving, Tier One research institution when he begins June 7. Gibson replaces Bob Brown, who will retire on May 7. Brown, a UNT alum, reflects on his time working at his alma mater in our Faculty & Staff Spotlight above.

UNT professor’s art finds home high atop Tinseltown
Andrew DeCaen, associate professor and coordinator of the printmaking program, was one of 30 artists selected to have work reproduced this month on billboards throughout Los Angeles. Line XI, his drawing in The Billboard Creative’s 2021 L.A. Billboard Exhibition, can be found at Melrose Avenue and Gramercy Place. The open-air exhibition, the seventh presented by the Los Angeles-based nonprofit, literally gives artists a new platform while bringing art to the public.

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.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month: The stress of the last year could cause suffering from headaches, tossing and turning in bed or worse, depression or anxiety. Healthy habits, like eating well, getting adequate sleep and taking up meditative exercise like yoga or nature walking, can better help us manage daily stress. Our Texas Employees Group Benefits Program (GBP) health plans provide resources that can provide emotional support and more to you and your loved ones. Visit our UNT World Well-Being web pages for additional resources and register for one of our many helpful webinars in our Events Calendar.

UNT System, Dallas Morning News team up for The Deep Side of Dallas podcast
Hosted by UNT System Chief Communications Officer Paul Corliss and The Dallas Morning News deputy editorials editor Rudy Bush, The Deep Side of Dallas dives into local news and issues through candid conversations with the people making an impact in Dallas and throughout North Texas. Today’s debut episode welcomes historian and UNT alumnus Dr. George Keaton discussing the history of lynchings in Dallas and how it shaped the city, and providing his unique perspective on the Derek Chauvin trial. To listen and catch every episode, go to your favorite podcast app and search “The Dallas Morning News.” Corliss will also continue to host the We Are North Texas podcast focusing on leadership, innovation, compassion, ideas and accomplishments across UNT World.
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

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Anxiety Awareness & Management
April 29 from 10 - 11 a.m.

Put Your Debt on a Diet
May 3 from 11 - 11:30 a.m.

The National Opioid Crisis
May 3 from 1 - 2 p.m.

Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Overview
May 5 from 3 - 3:30 p.m.

BlueCross/BlueShield Benefits/Mental Health Services
May 7 from 9 -10 a.m.

Question, Persuade, Refer, Suicide Prevention Training
May 10 from 10:30 a.m.

Journey to Wellness
May 11 from 10 - 10:45 a.m.

Halfway There: Financial Checkup for Retirement
May 11 from 11 a.m. - noon

Manager's Overview of FMLA, Sick & Parental Leave
May 11 from 1 - 2 p.m.

Responsible Investing
May 12 from 11 a.m. - noon

Meal De-Stress
May 12 from noon - 1 p.m.

Money at Work2: Investing
May 12 from 2 - 3 p.m.

411 on 529s -- College Savings
May 13 from 11 a.m. - noon

Weight Management Program - What is Real Appeal?
May 13 from noon - 12:30 p.m.

Mindset: The Key to Unlocking Human Performance
May 13 from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Substance Abuse - How did I Become Addicted to Drugs
May 13 from 2 - 3 p.m.

Health Savings Accounts as a Nest Egg
May 13 from 2 - 3 p.m.

Mental Health Awareness
May 14 from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.