At the end of this month, Dr. Haggett will cap 11 years at UNT System, the final jigsaw puzzle piece, as she says, that completes the full picture of a distinguished career as a scientist, educator and leader. Well-earned retirement awaits the Vice Chancellor, whose skill and direction were key to starting the UNT Dallas College of Law and the College of Pharmacy at the UNT Health Science Center. A classic movie buff, Dr. Haggett's inspiration to become a scientist came as a young girl watching Greer Garson play Marie Curie in the 1943 film *Madam Curie*. She holds a Ph.D. in physiology and became just the second woman in the U.S. to serve as a College of Agriculture dean when appointed at West Virginia University. She served in multiple leadership roles at the National Science Foundation, has held faculty and leadership positions at prestigious universities around the country and somehow found time to backpack the 33 miles of Alaska's Chilkoot Trail. Now new adventures await. Please click below for more on Dr. Haggett's proudest moments at UNT System and how the call of the ocean has already given her a new home address.

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

WELCOME: New UNTD leader to advance 'relentless pursuit of student success'
UNT Dallas recently hired Jose da Silva, Ph.D., as its new Assistant Vice President for Student Access and Success/Dean of Student Affairs. Dr. Silva, who earned his doctorate in higher education at UNT, comes to UNT Dallas after serving as Vice President for Student Affairs at Kankakee Community College in Kankakee, Ill. He replaces Jamaica Chapple, Ph.D., who stepped down in April to assume a position with UNT System as its first Assistant Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Success Initiatives. “His warm and informed leadership will advance our commitment to the relentless pursuit of student success,” UNT Dallas President Bob Mong said. Welcome to the UNT World family, Dr. da Silva.
HIGH FIVE: UNT criminal justice professor co-edits a top-5 journal in the nation

Chad Trulson, Ph.D., criminal justice professor in UNT’s College of Health and Public Service, publishes one heck of a journal. SAGE Publishing recently announced that the journal Dr. Trulson co-edits with Jonathan Caudill, professor at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, has been ranked No. 5 among Criminology & Penology journals in the nation. The name of the journal is *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice: An Interdisciplinary Journal*. Superb work, Dr. Trulson!

ONE-STOP SHOP: Say goodbye to multiple portals for UNT System training

Training for UNT World faculty and staff is about to get a lot more convenient. UNT’s Business Operations Training team is streamlining the Bridge learning management system to include UNT System, UNT and UNT Dallas. That means you won’t have to log into different portals for training courses. Stay tuned for more detailed information coming soon.

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.

DID YOU MAKE BENEFITS CHANGES?: If you made changes to your benefits during the summer enrollment period, carefully review the confirmation letter you will receive from ERS to ensure the appropriate changes were made. Any errors should be reported to ERS by Aug. 15 by calling 877-275-4377. Also:

- If you initiated an Evidence of Insurability for Life Insurance, Short- or Long-Term Disability, your packet will be delivered to you by email or U.S. Mail depending on your method of request in the next 14 days to complete and return.
- If you added dependents, watch your mail for the Alight Solutions packet to ensure you submit your dependents verification documents. ERS will automatically remove them if documents are not received within a timely manner.

NOW SEE THIS: The last date to use your vision care services for plan year 2021 is Aug. 31. For assistance with benefit services or finding a provider, visit: Superior Vision.

*The Deep Side of Dallas* podcast is a collaboration between UNT System and *The Dallas Morning News* that dives into local news and issues, and explores the past, present and future of Dallas and North Texas. In our new episode available now, co-hosts Paul Corliss, UNT System Chief Communications Officer, and DMN editor Rudy Bush, explore how live
music all but died during the pandemic, retreating to social media or small gatherings. Dallas music promoter Josh Smith joins the podcast to talk about bringing the music back and discuss his pandemic side project -- a 21,000-member Facebook group, DFW Corona Connection, aimed at bringing real information about the virus and real debate about the response to the area. *The Deep Side of Dallas* podcast is available on [Spotify](https://open.spotify.com) and [Apple](https://apple.co) podcast platforms.

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