



February 2020



CARE Awards

The CARE Awards are presented twice per year to outstanding staff members. The six recipients of fall 2019 awards were honored on Jan. 14. The deadline to nominate a colleague is March 31. The form is on our website. [Read more](#)

International Women's Day

The Galerstein Gender Center will host two events, March 8. "Mattering: Belonging at UTD & Beyond," will be at 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the SSA Gaming Wall. The International Woman's Day Film Festival will be at noon - 1 p.m., in the Student Union Galaxy Rooms. [Read more](#)



Staff Council Scholarships

Twice a year, Staff Council awards scholarships to staff pursuing academic and vocational programs. Five awardees were recognized at the Feb. 8 general meeting (from left: Jeremy Ritchey, Victoria Morales, Christina McGowan, Shawn Stewart, Janet Maltos, with Council

President Brooke Schafer). [Read more](#)

Earth Week is April 20-24

Each year, UT Dallas unites to celebrate sustainability and environmental practices through interactive and educational events and programs during Earth Week. With the assistance of valued partners, Earth Week is hosted by the Office of Student Volunteerism and the Office of Sustainability. [Read more](#)

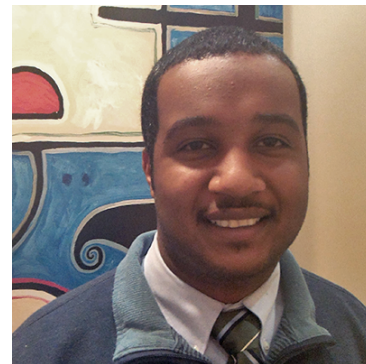


Welcome New UT Dallas Employees

Since June 2019, UT Dallas had added many new employees. [Read more](#)

An Interview with Richy Innis

Richy Innis is a Staff Council representative in District 1 and serves on the Fundraising Committee. He is a financial analyst at the Center for Vital Longevity, which is a center under the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences. [Read more](#)



Could We Ever Podcast — Destigmatize Mental Health Concerns?

[Listen to the podcast interview with Dr. Kimberly Burdine](#), assistant director of the Student Counseling Center. She tackles the question, “Could We Ever Destigmatize Mental Health Concerns?”

Employee Holiday Schedule for FY21

The Office of Human Resources has announced the Fiscal Year 2021 University Employee Holiday Schedule. It's below the FY 2020 chart. [Read more](#)



Green Zone Training

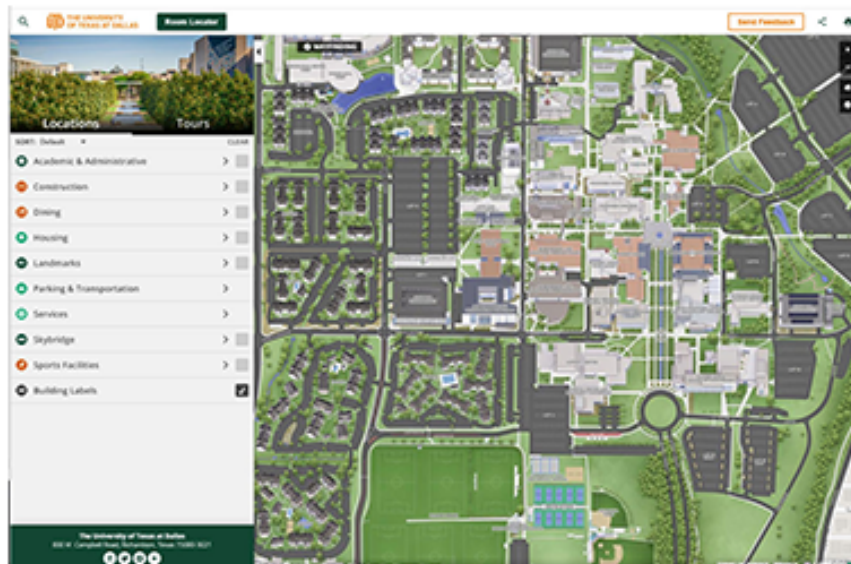


There is a training class on March 4. [View more information](#) about Green Zone Training.

At this time, the Military and Veteran Center is limiting Green Zone training to staff and faculty. Upon completion, participants are given a certificate and a Green Zone decal for their offices.

The training includes lunch. Please [register](#) or [get on the waiting list](#) for the training.

New Map, Comet Calendar



The University of Texas at Dallas has updated its campus map and Comet Calendar with interactive features that will make the campus more accessible to faculty, staff, students and visitors. [Read more](#)

Items of Note

Assessment and Human Subjects Research: When does Assessment Cross Over to Research — Webinar

In collaboration with the Office of Assessment, the Office of Research is holding a webinar on Wednesday, Feb. 26 from 2-3 p.m. The webinar will provide an overview of the similarities and differences between program assessment and research and a brief introduction to the Institutional Review Board (IRB) application process for staff and/or faculty who are interested in conducting research with UT Dallas students. We recommend this webinar to staff and/or faculty who participate in program assessment, as well as faculty/staff who are interested in doing research on teaching and learning.

At the meeting time, [join the webinar](#). The meeting number is 923 411 674 and the password is jN92peXX. Contact [Melissa Ray](#) with any questions.

Rutford Avenue Closure

Be aware that a portion of Rutford Avenue will be closed at least until April 1 due to construction. See up-to-date information on the [Pardon Our Progress](#) page.

Ombuds for Staff

Staff Council is interested in adding a campus ombuds for staff members. An ad hoc

committee is gathering more information on how this position operates on other campuses. We believe an ombuds can help staff navigate the workplace. He or she can provide support for staff issues and concerns outside of Human Resources' purview. Staff Council thinks the addition of an ombuds will continue to improve staff work environments and morale. If you have questions about this role, please email staffcouncil@utdallas.edu. Staff Council will keep you updated on the progress of this position..

Staff Council Facebook

Your Communications Committee is trying to promote issues pertaining to staff by way of our Facebook page ([UT Dallas Staff Council](#)). If you have anything you'd like to share, including photos, please send to [Carrilaine Schneckner](#).

Comet Card Discounted Tickets, More

The Comet Card Office sells a variety of discounted tickets, including Dallas Symphony Orchestra tickets. The office also sells postage stamps, takes passport photos and offers free notarization. Staff and faculty can email cometcard@utdallas.edu to be added to a newsletter for announcements on new orchestra offerings. More information can be found on the [Comet Card website](#).

Looking for Discounts Available to Staff?

The [Comet Discount Program](#) is on the UT Dallas Student Government website. There are 13 categories of discounts — from auto services and child care, to home/garden and technology.

UT Dallas Social Media Directory

UT Dallas maintains a list of known and active social media accounts. [See the list](#).

Support Comet Cupboard

Please remember to support the [Comet Cupboard](#), our campus food pantry dedicated to helping students in need. The Comet Cupboard is located in [MC 1.604](#), in the basement of the McDermott Library.

Report Physical or Digital Barriers on Campus to the ADA Coordinator

Have you encountered a physical or digital barrier that interferes with access to a building or part of campus? Report it to our Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinator using the [Report a Barrier form](#). Visit the [accessibility resources webpage](#) or [contact the ADA coordinator](#) for more information about accessibility at UT Dallas.

Report Tobacco Use

Please [report an incident of tobacco use/smoking on campus](#) to the Tobacco-Free Campus website.

Did You Know?

Make a Suggestion

Submit the form on our [suggestions page](#) to make your opinion count.

Find Your Rep

Discover who represents your district on the [Staff Council representative page](#).

Tell Us Your News

Please [tell us your news](#) by filling out our staff update form.

UT Dallas Staff Council

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Mission Statement:

The Staff Council is an advisory body through which eligible staff members can convey information and make recommendations to the President regarding interests and concerns of the staff of UT Dallas.

The Staff Council is constituted by the President under the discretion and authority invested in the President by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System, with the goal of continually improving University operations and the well-being of all UT Dallas employees.

The Staff Council is constituted to address matters of general concern to the University community and, in particular, to members of the staff and is not intended to supplant existing procedures for addressing individual grievances.

Staff Council meets at 9 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month.





The next Staff Council meeting will be at 9 a.m., Wednesday, March 11, in
JSOM 11.214.

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