



July 2019



Holiday Schedule FY 2020 Posted

The Human Resources department has posted the holiday schedule for fiscal year 2020. *The Texas Legislature sets the number of holidays each year, and allows universities the flexibility to set a holiday schedule compatible with the academic calendar.* This year we have more holidays during the work week, allowing UTD to construct a longer winter break.

OSV July Food Drive

The Office of Student Volunteerism is having a July Food Drive benefitting the NETWORK Food Pantry. The food drive is taking place during the entire month of July. There are locations across campus to drop off nonperishable food items.



SPN Wellness Center to Start Charging for Use

The SPN Wellness Center, located across Synergy Boulevard, will require users to purchase University Recreation memberships starting Aug. 19. For \$65 per semester or \$195 annually, members will have access to



the SPN Wellness Center, the Activity Center and Rec Center West. There also will be a separate fee to attend classes.

2019 Corporate Challenge Aug. 9 Through Oct. 10

Registration for the 2019 Richardson Corporate Challenge is now open. The Olympic-style competition brings local companies and organizations together to raise money for Special Olympics Texas. Download the [event schedule](#) and the [UT Dallas team signup sheet](#) and email the form to CorporateChallenge@utdallas.edu.



Office of Budget and Finance New Help Desk

Have a payroll, travel, eProcurement or budget question but not sure who to ask? The Office of Budget and Finance can help — from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. For more information, email OBFHhelp@utdallas.edu or call ext. 4000.

Staff Recruitment and Retention Following the 2018 Freeze in Merit-Based Pay Increases

A follow-up report to the 2018 freeze in merit-based pay increases and whether the freeze on departmental budgets and merit-based pay increases has affected staff retention and/or recruitment. [Read more](#)



Items of Note

Donate Tax-Free to Staff Scholarships

Make a tax-deductible donation to Staff Council scholarships and support your fellow staff who are pursuing degrees.

<https://giving.utdallas.edu/staffcouncil>

Looking for Discounts Available to Staff?

The [Comet Discount Program](#) is on the UT Dallas Student Government website. There are many discounts available, all broken down into 13 categories.

Brrrrr...Feeling Cold in McDermott Library?

You should report the issue to the library at the main phone number 972-883-2955 or notify UT Dallas [Facilities Management](#).

UT Dallas Human Resources Training Classes

Human Resources has a full list of available training classes available to all staff. [View the list of courses](#) to find one that interests you. Register through Galaxy.

LinkedIn Learning Now Available

UT Dallas and the McDermott Library have a new tool for staff, faculty and student development, called LinkedIn Learning. Gain access to Lynda.com learning content with more than 12,000 courses on a wide range of topics to help you reach your personal and professional goals. You can [log in to the portal](#) with your UT Dallas NetID and password and you can choose to link your LinkedIn account if you wish.

Staff Council Car Wash

Use the fundraising code "2018" when you wash your car at Legends Express Car Wash at 628 Coit Road in Plano and a portion of the sale will support the funding of Staff Council scholarships. The code is good every time you wash your car.

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](#).

Report Tobacco Use

Please report an incident of [tobacco use/smoking on campus](#) to the Office of Human Resources.



The next Staff Council meeting will be 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, in
JSOM 1.118

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