



October 2019

Staff Council Winter Plant Sale



One of Staff Council's major fundraisers is the Winter Plant Sale, Oct. 14-Nov. 20. This is a worthy cause, since all proceeds go toward staff scholarships.

Please consider purchasing your holiday poinsettias and Christmas cactus from us. [Download and print the Plant Sale Flyer](#) and give it to any Staff Council representative. The vendor will deliver the plants early in December, in plenty of time for your holiday celebrations.

Thank you for supporting your Staff Council!

Texas Senate Bill SB-18 Passes

Texas Senate Bill 18 is a recently passed bill that relates to the access of outdoor, common area locations for public person(s) or groups that wish to engage in expressive activities at Texas public institutions of higher education. The bill changes how the University has historically viewed outside presence on campus. [Read more](#)



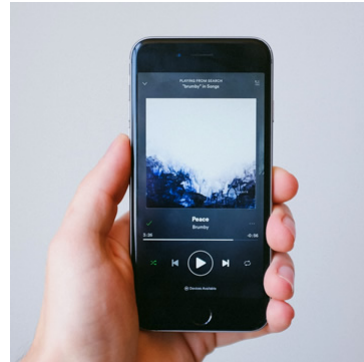


Employee Service Awards Ceremony

The 33rd Annual Service Awards Ceremony will be Friday, Nov. 8. Join us as the University honors faculty and staff with five, 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years at UT Dallas. Learn more about the [service awards](#).

Report Cellular Coverage Issues to OIT

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) has a [page with links to support pages](#) for AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon where a user can report issues with cellular coverage. The more the companies hear from their users on our campus the more likely they are to fix the issues.



Items of Note

Nominate for the Care Awards Through Oct. 31

Staff Council is accepting nominations for its CARE Awards for this semester. The awards honor staff members whose commitment to quality work serves the University's mission. Download a [nomination form](#) and submit the completed form to CARENominations@utdallas.edu. Nominations will be open through Thursday, Oct. 31.

State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) Ends Oct. 31

The [campaign](#), which raises funds for a number of local, national and international nonprofit organizations, will run through Thursday, Oct. 31. Two UT Dallas programs are eligible for support — the Academic Bridge Program and the Callier Center for Communication Disorders.

Free Flu Shots Available Oct. 29-30

Flu shot clinics for faculty, staff and retirees will be held Oct. 29-30 on campus, as well as Callier Center Dallas, Center for Vital Longevity and the Center for BrainHealth. View the [schedule](#) and make an appointment [online](#).

EAP Provider Changed on Oct. 1

Benefits-eligible employees have access to a new employee assistance program provider, Deer Oaks EAP Services. The EAP benefit covers up to seven confidential, short-term

counseling sessions per person, per issue, per year. Call the EAP toll-free helpline at 888-993-7650 for more information or a referral.

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.

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.

Report Physical Barriers on Campus to the ADA Coordinator Have you encountered a physical 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.

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 [Tobacco-Free Campus website](#).



The next Staff Council meeting will be at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 13, in [TI Auditorium, ECSS 2.102](#)

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