

# UT Southwestern Medical Center

## Celebrating each of you and all you do – Employee Recognition Week

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

I write today with great pride and appreciation as we mark the start of Employee Recognition Week (June 12-16). Every year, I am especially inspired by the large number of colleagues who have reached significant career milestones at UT Southwestern. Your loyalty and enthusiasm for your work – sustained over decades – are truly worthy of celebration.

Tomorrow, 49 employees will be inducted into our Quarter Century Club, meaning they have reached 25 years of working for UT Southwestern. Thirty-four others will be recognized for achieving an impressive 30, 35, 40, or 45 years of service. Each of them makes UT Southwestern a better place, and I look forward to personally celebrating their achievements and enduring commitment to advancing our mission.

During tomorrow's luncheon, the members of the Quarter Century Club will hear from keynote speaker Eric Olson, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the Department of Molecular Biology. Dr. Olson, who joined UT Southwestern in 1995, will describe the life-changing decision that brought him to UTSW and what's kept him here for so many years. The event will be recorded and shared online, allowing everyone to benefit from Dr. Olson's insightful address.

I also encourage you to learn more about this year's honorees by reading the June/July issue of *Center Times*, which will be available at newsstands throughout campus and can also be accessed [online](#). Within the pages of this publication, you will find stories that showcase what makes UT Southwestern so special: its people.

Regardless of the length of your service, I want to emphasize that every member of our UT Southwestern community plays an important role in the success of our institution. As we celebrate Employee Recognition Week, I invite you to find a moment to say "thank you" to a colleague who has positively influenced your journey here at UT Southwestern. Collectively, you are responsible for all that UT Southwestern accomplishes in delivering on our institutional mission.

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