

## ***Campus Connection*** Friday, April 3, 2009

### **People, plans and progress at Fort Worth's Medical School *and more***

#### **TCOM Class of 2009 Residency Matches**

March 16 was "Match Day" for medical students seeking [Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education](#) (ACGME) residencies across the country, including 116 here at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. Our military students received their residency matches in December, and medical students choosing an [American Osteopathic Association](#) residency learned their matches in February. In all, our 128 graduating TCOM physicians will once again move to residencies all over the country after graduation on May 16.

#### **Speaker Straus and Rep. Geren tour UNTHSC**

Texas House Speaker Joe Straus and State Rep. Charlie Geren got a first-hand look at the Health Science Center's people and programs when they visited campus on March 27. [Straus](#) and [Geren](#) met with UNT System and Health Science Center leaders for a tour of campus including a stop at the Center for Human Identification and a look at the progress on Building A. They also talked to some of our TCOM students about their experiences in the ROME (Rural Osteopathic Medical Education) program.

#### **'Living Legacy' starts as part of Master Plan focus on greening campus**

The Health Science Center's new Living Legacy program provides a way to remember a lost loved one, commemorate a special event like a birth or marriage, or mark any occasion by planting a tree or sponsoring a flower bed on campus. Facilities Management, sponsor of the program, has planned an Earth Day celebration for a kickoff tree and flower bed planting on April 22. Fees must be paid by April 20 to participate in the Earth Day celebration.

Trees and flower beds will be available for purchase and commemoration any time. Fees and types of trees available are listed on the [Living Legacy Web site](#).

All proceeds will be used for the Living Legacy program, and any profits made from tree sales and bed adoptions will be used to offset costs incurred by the Health Science Center for the trees. Facilities will provide \$100 toward the cost of any of the largest 95-gallon trees purchased through Living Legacy.

Living Legacy plantings will be marked with an 8.5-by-11-inch oak plaque bearing the name of the person honored. After a year, the plaque will be removed and given to the purchaser.

Living Legacy trees and beds will be planted in designated areas on campus so Health Science Center visitors know where to find the live memorials. The trees and beds are part of the planned greening of the Health Science Center campus, as designated in the Master Plan.

Visit the [Living Legacy Web site](#) for more information about the program, or e-mail questions to [LivingLegacy@hsc.unt.edu](mailto:LivingLegacy@hsc.unt.edu).

#### **Field Day 2009**

Here's your chance to dunk a dean or challenge your boss to a three-legged race. The Office of Student Affairs is hosting the second annual UNTHSC Field Day on April 18, from 11 am to 2 pm at the [Lockheed](#)

[Martin Recreation Association](#) fields. The event is open to faculty, staff and students, and their families. Each person can get up to four free tickets (\$1 for each additional ticket). Activities include kickball, tug-of-war, face painting and a bounce house, and lunch is provided. Dr. Ransom and several UNTHSC leaders have even volunteered to spend time in the dunking booth for a good cause. The event raises money for UNTHSC student scholarships.

**Field Day events:**

**Cake Walk** - Every half hour - \$1 per walk

**Cotton Candy** - 11 am-2 pm - \$1

**Dunking Booth** - \$1 for two throws and \$2 for five throws

Dr. Moorman - 11-11:30 am

Dr. Ransom - 11:30 am-noon

Dr. Vishwanatha - noon-12:30 pm

Dr. Van Duser - 12:30-1 pm

**Inflatable Jousting and Twister** – 11 am-2 pm

**Kickball and sand volleyball games** - 11 am, 12:15 pm, 12:45 pm

Sign up your team at the yellow bulletin board on the first floor of EAD outside the Student Life Offices.

**Three-legged race** - Every half-hour

**Kids activities:**

**Miniature Golf** - 11 am-2 pm

**Playground** - 11 am-2 pm

**Carnival Rides** - 11 am-2 pm

**Bounce House** - 11 am-2 pm

**Face Painting** - 11am-2 pm

**Lunch:**

Noon - 2 pm

Lunch includes hamburgers, veggie burgers or hot dogs, chips, cookie, water or iced tea.

Coke machines are also on site.

Print a flyer and post it in your department. Contact the [Office of Student Life](#) at ext. 5006 for more information.

***NEWS BRIEFS***

### **Study group presents executive summary report**

The MD study group presented its Executive Summary Report to the UNT System Board of Regents at a specially-called public meeting at UNTHSC on March 26. You can read the report at the [MD Study Group Web site](#).

### **UNTHSC is on Facebook**

Our Facebook page will be updated with UNTHSC news, photos and events. Become a fan [here](#) and leave us a comment!

### **SPH Spring Fling on April 7**

The Public Health Student Association will host the first Public Health Spring Fling to celebrate [National Public Health Week](#) from 4-6 pm on April 7 at Alumni Plaza. The health fair is free and open to the public and will offer health screenings, cooking demonstrations, food, give-aways and much more. [Country Legends 92.1 radio](#) will run commercials promoting the event and will broadcast from Alumni Plaza during the event. Volunteers are needed to help set up, man booths, and give out t-shirts and water bottles to the first 200 guests. For more information or to volunteer, contact [Lori Saunders](#).

### **Income tax withholding changes began with April 1 paycheck**

New withholding tables may reduce the amount of income tax withheld from your wages. The new tables, prescribed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, reflect the [Making Work Pay credit](#) and other changes resulting from the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#). No action on your part is necessary to get the automatic withholding change.

If you do not want your withholding reduced (because, for example, you have more than one job or you are married and your combined income places you in a higher tax bracket), you may want to file a new **Form W-4** with the Payroll Office. You may claim fewer withholding allowances on line 5 or request additional amounts to be withheld on line 6. For additional help, get [IRS Publication 919](#), "How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding?" Or visit the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and use the [Withholding Calculator](#).

To view your W-4 tax Information, log onto the [EIS Portal](#) and click on Employee Services in the HSC Human Resources box. This is the same place you view paychecks.

### **Annual High School Art Show on display in the Atrium**

Starting today, art by area high school students will be on display in the Atrium as part of the UNT Health Science Center Annual High School Art Competition. High school students from 10 counties across North Texas were invited to enter the juried competition, which started in 1985. The art will be on display until May 2. For more information visit the [High School Art Competition Web site](#).

## ***IN THE NEWS***

### **Regents' public meeting gets headlines**

Both the [Fort Worth Business Press](#) and the [Star-Telegram](#) printed articles following last week's Board of Regents' public meeting about the possibility of adding an MD school on campus. Opinions expressed at the meeting by those registered to speak were balanced almost equally between those who support further study into the possibility and those who think an MD school on campus would be a bad idea. [HealthLeaders.com](#) also posted the *Star-Telegram's* article about the meeting.

### **New faces, new businesses featured in *Star-Telegram***

The *Star-Telegram* also included [UNT Health's announcement](#) of the additions of Robert M. Carlson as administrative executive director for the Patient Care Center and B. Tasleyma Sattar, DO, in Family Medicine. The special Business Digest section featured [TECH Fort Worth's](#) unique role of helping new and fledgling biotechnology companies grow. The Health Science Center is a partner in this unique business incubator, and TECH Fort Worth's Acceleration Lab is located on the Health Science Center campus. It also featured the announcement of Bruce Budowle, PhD, as executive director of the Center for Human Identification.

### **DNA lab makes headlines nationwide**

The DNA lab's efforts to identify missing persons nationwide has brought media attention on Georgia's [wsbtv.com](#), [Online Athens](#), [Macon.com](#), [Ledger-Enquirer.com](#), [examiner.com](#) and the [Fort Mill Times Online](#); Michigan's [The Detroit News](#); Kentucky's [Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer](#); Washington state's [Edmonds Enterprise](#), the [Lynnwood/Mountlake Terrace Enterprise](#) and on [HeraldNet](#); Amarillo's [KVII, ProNews 7](#); Tennessee's [Lake County Banner](#); and West Virginia's [Charleston Gazette](#).

## ***KUDOS***

**The Health Science Center** earned the Top Pacesetter Award from the [United Way of Tarrant County](#) for having the largest increase in donations to the [State Employee Charitable Campaign](#) (SECC) from 2007 to 2008 by an educational institution. Thanks to all Health Science Center employees who participated in the SECC. Ruth Washington and Marco Mendoza from Human Resource Services accepted the award at the United Way of Tarrant County's annual SECC luncheon on March 25.

As part of Marine Aircraft Group 41's recognition of Women's History Month, the group honored **Liz Davis**, associate director of outreach for the Office of Outreach, and **Jackie Hubbard**, executive assistant – Finance & Administration, as women community leaders whose courageous, pioneering and innovative leadership efforts are helping save our community. Davis and Hubbard were nominated for this honor by the Fort Worth/Tarrant County Minority Leaders & Citizens Council, Inc. Davis is a member of the council's Women's History Month Committee and is co-chair of the Finance Committee.

## ***EMPLOYEE PROFILE***

**Diane Bradley**  
**Senior Executive Assistant**  
**School of Public Health, Office of the Dean**

**How long have you worked here, and what did you do before joining UNTHSC?**

I began work at the Health Science Center in March 2004 - five years ago. Although my degree is in education, I worked in credit and collections for ABC Radio Group in Arlington, Texas (WBAP, ESPN, KSCS, etc.) prior to working here.

**What are your job duties at UNTHSC?**

My duties are administrative support for Dr. Richard Kurz, dean of the School of Public Health, which include managing his appointment calendar, taking telephone calls, making travel arrangements, helping with certain School of Public Health (SPH) events, processing purchasing needs, assisting with correspondence, scheduling meetings, taking meeting minutes, funneling the masses of paperwork requiring his signature, and interacting with staff, faculty and community visitors in the Dean's Office reception area.

**Is there anything about your department that faculty, staff and students may not know?**

Not everyone may know that Dr. Kurz, in addition to all his responsibilities as dean of the School of Public Health, is also acting chair for Health Management and Policy until a new chair is hired; is co-chair of the Search Committee for the Dean of TCOM; and has been actively recruiting and interviewing for various faculty positions in the SPH, as well as the QEP director position. I think the interesting fact is that he stays sane and congenial amid a very stressful schedule!

**The Health Science Center's values are compassion, integrity, excellence, pride, innovation and teamwork. Can you give an example of how your department or your coworkers demonstrate one of these values?**

A recent example of compassion that I have witnessed in the SPH was when a faculty member became ill, and co-workers united to provide food to deliver to the faculty member's family each week during the lengthy recuperation period. It was rewarding to watch service in action coordinated by that faculty member's department. I am proud to be a part of the School of Public Health.

**What's the best part about working at the Health Science Center?**

My favorite parts of working at the Health Science Center are (1) the people and (2) the purpose. I have high regard for the people who work here and appreciate each individual's contribution to the whole. Also, I have great appreciation for the purposes served by the Health Science Center. I am honored to work in an interesting environment that is contributing to health care, to research and to the community, making Fort Worth an even better place to live.

**What do you like to do when you aren't at the Health Science Center?**

After hours, I enjoy spending time with my husband, family and friends, participating in activities at my church, reading and traveling. Probably my all-time favorite pastime is being with my four-year-old granddaughter Mia Jing-Min, who was born in China. She rocks!

**Is there any other information that you would like to share with the campus community about yourself, your job, your department, etc?**

I would just like to share my gratitude for everyone here who has contributed to my learning and development professionally, and, most of all, to my happiness and fulfillment in a job I truly enjoy. It's great to be here!

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**April 6 – 12**

**National Public Health Week**

Multiple events throughout the week

**April 7**

**President's Invitational Golf Tournament**

11 am

Ridglea Country Club

[.hsc.unt.edu/invitational](http://hsc.unt.edu/invitational)

**SPH Spring Fling**

4 - 6 pm

Alumni Plaza

**April 18**

**UNTHSC Field Day 2009**

11 am – 2 pm

Lockheed Martin Recreation Association Fields

[.hsc.unt.edu/Sites/OfficeofStudentLife](http://hsc.unt.edu/Sites/OfficeofStudentLife)

**April 24**

**9th Annual TCOM Alumni Association Specialty Round Table**

5 pm

Atrium

**SPH Student Awards Banquet**

6 pm

Hilton, Fort Worth

**May 1**

GSBS Awards Banquet

Cultural District Banquet Center

**May 1 – 2**

**PA 10-Year Reunion**

UNTHSC

**May 13**

TCOM Awards Banquet

Fort Worth Club

**May 16**

**Commencement**

2 pm

Fort Worth Convention Center  
Arena and Ballroom

**May 28 – 29**

**Texas Conference on Health Disparities** ([website](#))

*Targeting Health Disparities Through Prevention*

Luibel Hall

[www.registerwithunt.com](http://www.registerwithunt.com)

*Watch the Daily News and Campus Connection for more information on these events and more.*

## **ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER**

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Our goals are to:

- Keep you informed about the Health Science Center's strategic plan, priorities and goals.
- Promote the UNTHSC values of compassion, integrity, teamwork, innovation, pride and excellence.
- Demonstrate how the people and programs of the Health Science Center really do make a difference.
- Enable you to be a well-informed UNTHSC ambassador.

You're invited to contribute to the continuous improvement of this e-newsletter and other UNTHSC Family communications by sending story ideas, news, suggestions and questions to [news@hsc.unt.edu](mailto:news@hsc.unt.edu).

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