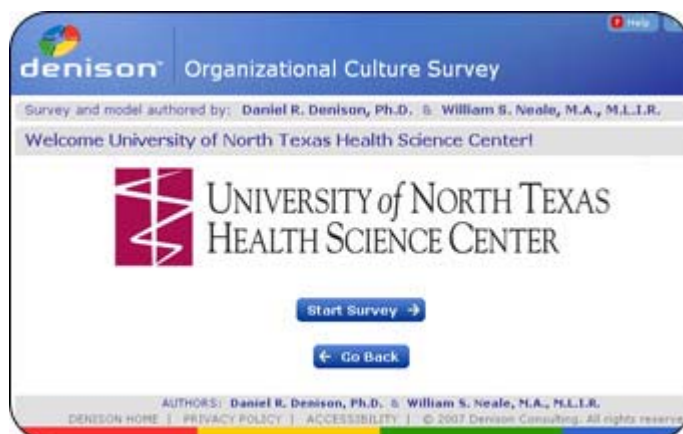


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## *Make history – and make a difference*



### *Participate in the Denison Organizational Culture Survey*

Between now and March 5, every employee of the Health Science Center will have a chance to respond honestly and confidentially to 60 questions that will help us measure our satisfaction with the way we do things now and the way we want – and need – to do things in the future.

All responses are anonymous. The information provided both online and in print (by employees who do not have access to a computer) will be sent directly to Denison and analyzed by Denison. No one at the Health Science Center will have access to individual answers. If you have not received your invitation from President Ransom to complete the survey, or if you have questions, contact Doug Mains in the Office of Strategy and Measurement at [dmains@hsc.unt.edu](mailto:dmains@hsc.unt.edu) or at ext. 0473.

#### Top Stories

**President Ransom discusses new projects, budget, Master Plan and more at quarterly Town**

I'm looking forward to participating in our first annual Denison Organizational Culture Survey. I definitely support the purpose, and I think it will help us identify our institutional strengths and weaknesses. Let's do it... let's use it to help us reach our individual, departmental and organizational goals.

Gail Hebert  
Office of Institutional Budgets

#### In the News

HPV vaccine, DNA  
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#### Kudos

Notable achievements by our colleagues [\[click here\]](#)



## Halls

If you couldn't attend one of President Scott Ransom's Town Hall meetings this week, you can still hear and see the latest Health Science Center plans and progress reports by visiting The President's Corner on our intranet homepage, where a video of his presentation and copies of his slides are posted. [\[click here\]](#) to read more

## Spotlight

Volunteers at work:  
NBC Health Expo  
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## School of Public Health prepared for accreditation site visit Feb. 19-21

The president of the Council on Education for Public Health and a team of nationally prominent public health leaders and academicians will be on campus next week to conduct its periodic accreditation review of our School of Public Health's mission and goals, organization, governance, resources, instructional programs, research, service, faculty, students, and evaluation and planning. Dozens of faculty, staff, students and alumni have spent hundreds of hours preparing for this important event. [\[click here\]](#) to read more

## Save the Date

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## GSBS student Diana Schulz is the UNT System's second student regent

Authorized by the Texas Legislature in 2005, the student regent holds a one-year term beginning in February and is appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to represent the interests of students as well as the interests of the State of Texas and the university system.

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## Dr. Linda Cunningham to be honored at Women's History Month event March 3


You're invited to a Women's History Month Kickoff event honoring UNTHSC's Linda Cunningham, MD, as the Fort Worth/Tarrant County Minority Leaders & Citizens Council Outstanding Woman of the Year.

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### **It's time to show off – and share – your best practices**

In order to recognize more outstanding efforts to achieve our mission of becoming a Top 10 health science center, the 2007 President's Award for Best Practices will be presented to not just one hard-working and creative HSC team, but five, one in each of the mission-centric areas of the institution — administration, academic affairs, clinical affairs, research and community engagement. A "best practice" is a technique or methodology that, through experience and research, has proven to be the best path to a desired result, such as superior performance against key organizational benchmarks. All Health Science Center schools, departments and clinics are encouraged to enter. Start planning now. Entries must be electronically submitted to the Office of Strategy and Measurement by April 2. The Office of Strategy and Measurement has posted more information, submission guidelines and a submission template at:

<http://www.hsc.unt.edu/departments/IPPI/bestpractice.htm>.

You can also contact Doug Mains, DrPH, at ext. 0473, with questions. 

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### **In case you missed it: Distinguished Speaker Series debuts Feb. 22**

The panel of experts for the Feb. 22 Distinguished Speaker presentation on "The Detection of Early Stage Ovarian Cancer" by David Fishman, MD, will include Ray Page, DO, PhD, TCOM/GSBS 1991, director of clinical research for The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, and three UNTHSC faculty members. Joining Dr. Page on the panel will be Alakananda Basu, PhD, professor of molecular biology and immunology; Lori Fischbach, PhD, MPH, assistant professor of epidemiology, School of Public Health; Salvatore LoCoco, MD, FACOG, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology; and Donna Rankin, regional director of health initiatives, Fort Worth Metro Market, American Cancer Society.

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### **Founders' Activity Center is in great shape - check it out for yourself**

Most facelifts require a plastic surgeon. But it took only the diligent efforts of the Founders' Activity Center (FAC) staff and members to get even better results over the last few months.

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### **Our DNA experts will be featured in a new PBS show, "Skeletons in the Closet"**

A segment for a new Texas-based Public Broadcasting System series called "State of Tomorrow" was filmed in our DNA lab on Friday, Feb. 9. The 10-minute segment will run as part of one of the series' 30-minute episodes. The 13-episode series is scheduled to launch the week of April 8 in all 13 Texas PBS markets.

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### **Can't find the time to take care of HR business? New pilot program is for you.**

From March 1 through August 31, Human Resource Services will keep their door open until 6 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays to help employees get the benefits and records services and information they need. Depending on demand, the after-hours assistance could become a permanent employee benefit. Questions? Contact [rhorsman@hsc.unt.edu](mailto:rhorsman@hsc.unt.edu) or

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