

Campus Connection Friday, Feb. 20, 2009

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

UNTHSC research takes center stage at RAD 2009

The Health Science Center will host its annual [Research Appreciation Day](#) (RAD) titled "The Art and Science of Biomedical Research and Health" on March 6 beginning at 8:30 am with research poster presentations and a vendor fair at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center, 1300 Gendy St. Almost \$10,000 will be awarded to top student researchers based on the judges' opinions of approximately 200 projects.

Josephine P. Briggs, MD, director of the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine at the National Institutes of Health, will address the group at 12:15 pm at the Alcon Auditorium in the Center for BioHealth.

Dr. Briggs received her degree in biology from Harvard-Radcliffe College and her MD from Harvard Medical School. She completed her residency training in internal medicine and nephrology at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, followed by a research fellowship in physiology at Yale School of Medicine. She was a professor of internal medicine and physiology at the University of Michigan from 1993 to 1997. From 1997 to 2006 she was director of the Division of Kidney, Urologic and Hematologic Diseases in the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

RAD provides opportunities for students, faculty and staff to share new discoveries in medicine, public health and basic science. The program encourages the development of joint research projects and increases awareness of the quality and range of research conducted at the Health Science Center.

Cowtown Marathon breaks records

With the big day still a week away, [the Cowtown](#) has broken its participation record. More than 14,000 people have signed up for one of the races. This year, the Health Science Center is the title sponsor of the event, and we want as many faculty, staff and students as possible to be involved. There are still opportunities to volunteer, attend the Health Fair or the Health and Fitness Expo, or run one of the races.

Volunteer

The Cowtown is one of the largest multi-event road races in the country, and it takes hundreds of volunteers to make it all run smoothly. You can help out with everything from registration to cheering runners to cleaning up after the race. To register, visit the [Cowtown volunteer Web page](#) or contact [Tera Galindo](#) at ext. 2033.

Attend the Health Fair

The mission of the Cowtown is to promote health and fitness in our community. This year, UNT Health is sponsoring a free Health Fair on Friday, Feb. 27, from 4 to 8 pm in

the medical tent at 4th and Main Streets at Sundance Square. Get free health screenings and information from UNT Health faculty and staff and UNTHSC students. Non-medical volunteers are needed to help with the fair. Contact [Randy Sachs](#), clinical marketing director, at ext. 0343 to volunteer. The Health Fair is open to the public.

Attend the Expo

The Cowtown Health and Fitness Expo is Friday, Feb. 27, from 11:30 am to 8 pm and Saturday, Feb. 28, from 6 am to 2:30 pm at 4th and Main Streets at Sundance Square. Check out the latest health and fitness gear or learn more about local businesses, Cowtown sponsors and non-profit organizations. And, don't forget to stop by the UNTHSC booth. The Health and Fitness Expo is open to the public.

Participate in a race

The Cowtown is more than just a marathon. The event also includes a half-marathon, 10K, 5K, Kids 5K and 50K ultra-marathon. Register at the [Cowtown Web site](#).

Being Energy Smart can help cut operating costs

Facilities Management is leading the charge to reduce energy consumption on campus. Energy conservation has a direct impact on the Health Science Center's operating budget and can help us prepare for the possibility of a reduction in the state budget as requested by Lt. Governor David Dewhurst two weeks ago. It also helps the environment. Everyone can help significantly reduce the Health Science Center's utility costs by taking a few simple steps to save electricity.

Help reduce energy consumption by:

- Turning off computer monitors, CPUs, printers, scanners and other equipment when not in use, especially overnight and on weekends.
- Enabling the standby/sleep mode and power management settings on your computers and other electronic equipment.
- Reviewing document drafts and emails onscreen instead of printing them out.
- Networking or sharing printers where possible.
- Turning off unnecessary lights and other electrical appliances, especially in areas that are not occupied.
 - Turn off lights in classrooms, conference rooms, offices, exam rooms, etc., when not in use and at the end of each day.
 - Eliminate additional lighting in offices for indoor plants.
- Sharing refrigerators in break rooms to minimize the use of personal refrigerators.
- Eliminating space heaters in UNTHSC facilities.
- Wearing cooler clothing in the summer months and warmer clothing in the winter months.
- Operating vehicles conservatively—easy on the accelerator and brake pedal.
- Reporting electrical and HVAC problems to Facilities Management right away.

Reducing energy consumption is just one of the many energy conservation efforts by Facilities Management. [Click here for more.](#)

NEWS BRIEFS

MD Study Group update

The MD Study Group held its second meeting on Feb. 19 and reviewed results from the survey of the Study Group members, discussed various issues related to adding an MD degree program at UNTHSC vs. maintaining the DO degree program exclusively, and made plans for the third meeting in March. For more on the MD Study Group and its progress, visit the [MD Study Group Web site](#).

Overall Satisfaction is strength of UNT Health survey

Results from the most recent UNT Health patient satisfaction survey, conducted in November 2008, show "Overall Patient Satisfaction" at just three percentage points below the national benchmark. Those are the highest results earned by the clinics to date. The areas of "Accessibility" and "Acceptability" show room for improvement. Performance Improvement Teams are working to improve these aspects of the patient experience.

The American Medical Group Association (AMGA) helps gather and analyze patient satisfaction data twice a year. [Click here](#) for more on the latest survey results.

Watch President Ransom's Town Hall meeting online

If you missed it, President Ransom presented his quarterly update to the campus at Town Hall Meetings on Monday and Tuesday. His presentations covered recent UNT System Board of Regents actions, the Health Science Center's quality enhancement efforts and questions from the audience. A streaming video of the presentation is posted on the President's Corner on the [UNTHSC Intranet page](#).

ePro Upgrade

ePro Upgrade Overview sessions are available through March 5 to ePro approvers and coordinators in preparation for the next system upgrade. Visit the [Purchasing and Central Services Web site](#) for more information about the upgrade and training schedule.

Purchasing Card Update

The new [Purchasing-Card Program Guide](#) went into effect on Feb. 1 for the current billing cycle. Overview training conducted this month introduced new changes based on state and internal audit recommendations in restricted purchases, default department IDs, the approval process for reviewers and more. For more information on this program, contact Sallie Morris, procurement card administrator, at ext. 2679. Or check the [new guide](#), posted on the Purchasing and Central Services Web site.

HR policy reminder: Code of Conduct

The UNT Health Science Center's Code of Conduct was established to help our faculty and staff honorably accomplish our mission, vision and values. Please review the 2009 Annual EEO/Code of Conduct letter to learn more about our Code of Conduct and our policies on sexual harassment and consensual relationships.

IN THE NEWS

TCOM students and cancer survivors

The [Star-Telegram](#) featured a unique opportunity TCOM students had to get a first-hand view of living with cancer from a patient's perspective. A cancer survivor group spoke with the students, answering questions about what it was like to live with the diagnosis. Dr. Ralph Anderson and student doctor Jeremy Clark were quoted in the article.

Dr. Ransom's latest column in the *Business Press*

In addition to [President Scott Ransom's monthly column](#), an article about checking on the elderly, [featuring Dr. Janice Knebl's expertise](#) appeared in the *Fort Worth Business Press* on Feb. 16. The same issue included a brief about the upcoming [Center for Community Health preconception workshop](#).

TECH Fort Worth adds new client

[BAP Image Systems](#) became TECH Fort Worth's newest client, as announced in a story on [Pegasus News](#). Darlene Ryan, executive director of TECH Fort Worth, said the new client has already begun to help other Acceleration Lab clients.

DNA Lab helps close cold case

The [Austin NBC affiliate KXAN](#) reported a match made in our DNA Lab helped solve the case of what happened to Houston Morris, a murder victim missing since 1982. The lab's work also cleared the 26-year-old murder case, in which the suspect was arrested, tried and convicted without Morris' body as evidence. The story was also broadcast on [News 8 Austin](#).

KUDOS

Jon McGough, JD, associate general counsel for the UNT System, was invited to speak at the [Tarrant County Bar Association's](#) first [Intellectual Property Symposium](#). The symposium,

which is today at Texas Wesleyan University, focuses on leveraging intellectual property assets for business success.

Kathryn Cardarelli, PhD, assistant professor of epidemiology, will speak at the Health Industry Council's Disparity in Healthcare event on March 5. The event's focus: finding solutions for health disparities in North Texas. Dr. Cardarelli is the director of outreach for the [Texas Center for Health Disparities](#) at the Health Science Center.

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Name: **Dr. Jan Jowitt, RN, MSA, DHA**

Title: Director of Nursing

Department: Patient Care Center

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

My first day at UNTHSC was one of excitement and anticipation. However, those emotions were soon shadowed by a tragedy that would haunt our nation forever. I began on Sept. 11, 2001.

Before joining the UNTHSC team, I was the health administrator for a 2,500-bed men's federal prison. I was responsible for assuring quality healthcare was provided to those incarcerated. In this closed community, I witnessed things that should not be on the spectrum for the human eye or heart. That being said, however, I learned the truth about compassion, trust, loyalty and joy. The rewards of the position far outweigh the dark pictures that are often painted in the media and movies.

What are your job duties at UNTHSC?

I have several duties at UNTHSC. I provide oversight, guidance, and support for the nurse managers and the staff of the Patient Care Center. I work in collaboration with the providers, nurses, medical assistants and staff to assure our patients receive quality healthcare. We work as a unit by searching for ways to improve our healthcare delivery system. I provide lectures to our students on universal precautions, quality assurance, documentation and injections/IV insertion. I help with student health issues by establishing and providing for student immunization clinics. I help organize our faculty and staff influenza immunization clinic. I work with local agencies to help assist with natural disasters.

What excites you most about being part of the UNTHSC family?

Our future. I believe that we are on the verge of creating a top-10 organization with premier customer-centered healthcare services, cutting edge research and advanced educational opportunities. It is exciting to observe the growth of our organization.

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

When I am not at UNTHSC, I can be found on the golf course, grading papers or working in the yard. I enjoy playing golf when the weather permits—I guess you can say I am a fair-weather golfer! I hold a faculty position with Axia College and teach three online courses. I continue to study botany and landscape design. I have recently begun to create a xeriscape design for my yard to help conserve water and improve the aesthetics and curb appeal.

What about you, if anything, would surprise your peers at UNTHSC?

Not sure it would be surprising, but growing up I actually wanted to be a director of mortuary services. It takes a unique individual to create an optimistic outlook on death and the grief it leaves behind. The families and friends need to know that there exists a person or group of people who specialize in delivering information in a sensitive and dignified manner. As the old adage says: Funerals are not for the dead, they are for the living.

SAVE THE DATE

February 26

Cowtown Marathon Kick-off Reception

5:30 pm

Atrium

February 27

Before, Between and Beyond Pregnancy

Understanding Preconception and Interconception Health

9 am – 2pm

Fort Worth Botanic Gardens – Oak Hall Room

February 28

Cowtown Marathon

Sundance Square, Fort Worth

March 6

Research Appreciation Day

8:30 am – Poster Presentations

Fort Worth Community Arts Center

12:15 pm – Luncheon, Keynote and Oral Presentations

Alcon Auditorium, UNTHSC Center for BioHealth

www.hsc.unt.edu/RAD

April 2-3

North Texas Health Forum

Colonial Country Club

April 6 – 12

National Public Health Week

Multiple events throughout the week

April 7 (tentative)

President's Invitational Golf Tournament

11 am

Ridglea Country Club

www.hsc.unt.edu/invitational

April 24

9th Annual TCOM Alumni Association Specialty Round Table

5 pm

Atrium

SPH Student Awards Banquet

6 pm

Hilton, Fort Worth

May 1 – 2

PA 10-Year Reunion

UNTHSC

May 16

Commencement

2 pm

Fort Worth Convention Center

Arena and Ballroom

May 28 – 29

Texas Conference on Health Disparities

Targeting Health Disparities Through Prevention

<http://www.hsc.unt.edu/HealthDisparities/conference.html>

Luibel Hall

www.registerwithunt.com

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

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

Campus Connection is published the first and third Fridays of each month by the Office of Marketing and Communications for UNT Health Science Center employees, students and friends. Please feel free to forward this e-newsletter to others and print it for those who don't

have access to a computer.

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.

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