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ON THE COVERS

Front: Construction on the Texas Instruments Biomedical Engineering & Biosciences building.

Back: Construction on the UT Dallas stop of the DART Silver Line.



This fall semester, The University of Texas at Dallas became the campus home to more than 31,000 students, plus all the newly-hired faculty to support the education and supervise the research of so many bright young minds. This much growth brings an amazing energy to the University, and plenty of challenges for the staff in the Office of Facilities & Economic Development (F&ED). Thousands of hands pulling door handles, flipping light switches and pressing elevator buttons; Thousands of pairs of feet treading on carpets and

grass; Thousands of hungry teens and twenty-somethings in line at our various dining venues; It all adds up. Fortunately, our team of professionals are bringing the same dedication and creativity which served UT Dallas so well when they stayed on campus during the pandemic and now to the challenges of this new era for UTD.

Growing our own region-appropriate plants from seed **[page 8]** allows our campus to remain the beautiful background of so many graduation photos and casual selfies while still conserving resources. Experiments with dining service technologies such as "frictionless shopping" **[page 6]** help more students quickly get meals between classes. Expanding the number of electric vehicle charging stations **[page 6]** serves more commuters who have gone green.

Even with these added challenges, we've continued putting on the student-focused events for which our office is known, including Welcome Back **[page 8]** and the Scholarship Golf Tournament **[page 3]**, that was restored this year to the full-size function which hadn't been staged since before the pandemic. F&ED also hosted several conferences that connected UT Dallas to the wider world, including the Leadership Dinner and quarterly meeting of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators **[page 2]**, the Founders First Texas FastPath Graduation and Pitch Event and the spring meeting of our own Economic Development Advisory Committee **[page 7]**.

Our office hasn't slowed down when it comes to providing new facilities to meet the growing needs and ambitions of the University community. Construction has begun on the first phase of the Edith and Peter O'Donnell Jr. Athenaeum south of JSOM, work continues on the UT Dallas Station of the DART Silver Line in the north, and the Texas Instruments Biomedical Engineering & Biosciences building is on track for a 2023 opening in the Dallas Medical District **[page 5]**. We've also recently opened the Centers for Emergent Novel Technology at the Innovation Quarter in Richardson **[page 7]**, which will bring the power of The University of Texas at Dallas' research to local businesses.

It's wonderful to see the University go from surviving to thriving, and our team is committed to helping UT Dallas flourish as an ever-growing world class University!

*Dr. Calvin D. Jamison,
Vice President for Facilities & Economic Development*

UT Dallas Hosts NFBPA Leadership Dinner and Quarterly Meeting

UT Dallas hosted the multi-day quarterly meeting of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) at several University venues this June.

Pictured clockwise from right:

Dr. Calvin D. Jamison (fifth from right), vice president for Facilities & Economic Development, stands together with NFBPA award recipients and staff.

Cynthia "Cynt" Marshall (center), CEO of the Dallas Mavericks, receives the NFBPA National Leadership Award.

Dr. Jamison (left) and Dr. Stephanie G. Adams (right), dean for the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering & Computer Science, present the NFBPA National Leadership Award to Dr. Richard C. Benson (center), president of the University.

ANN AND JACK GRAVES BALLROOM



UT Dallas Day at the Golf Ranch

In preparation for the Scholarship Golf Tournament, the Golf Ranch just north of campus hosted UT Dallas Day this April. The event was an opportunity for students, faculty, staff and even retirees to practice their swings and get excited about the upcoming tournament. The Golf Ranch provided free coaching to help players get back into proper form, and the Office of Facilities & Economic Development provided pizza and drinks to fuel everyone's game.





Scholarship Golf Tournament

For over two and a half decades, the UT Dallas Scholarship Golf Tournament has been helping fund scholarships that assist UTD students in following their academic dreams. After mounting a series of smaller scale, socially distanced events during the pandemic, this year's tournament came back at full size. 180 golfers and 27 sponsors joined together for a day of friendly competition and outdoor fun at Firewheel Golf Park.

The 2022 tournament witnessed a great deal of generosity from the players. This year's special Charity Golf International Challenge, run at one of the par 5 holes by professional PGA golfers Mike "D-Bo" Dobbyn and Mitch Dobbyn, raised over \$3,700. The annual auction, which offered everything from golf equipment to amusement park passes, raised over \$8,900. All together, over \$109,600 was added to the Scholarship Golf Tournament endowment this year, which should go a long way towards helping even more students who study and conduct research in The University of Texas at Dallas.

Pictured counterclockwise from above:

A great day for a game of golf at Firewheel Gof Park.

Dr. Richard C. Benson (left), president of The University of Texas at Dallas, and Dr. Inga Musselman, vice president for Academic Affairs and Provost, warm up on the putting green.

Dr. Calvin D. Jamison, vice president for Facilities & Economic Development, greets the teams and goes over the rules before opening the tournament.





Pictured clockwise from above:

A few of the dozens of volunteers who help bring this event to life; Some volunteers begin preparations for the tournament several months in advance.

Professor Emeritus Dr. Austin Cunningham reminds golfers of the tournament's origins and reflects on how it has affected the lives of so many UT Dallas students.

Alexandra Arteaga (left), a Biomedical Engineering student, and Laurence Lamont Wensel, a Holocaust Studies student, both recent Betty & Gifford Johnson Graduate Scholar recipients, shared their research and expressed their thanks to the players.

It's not a UT Dallas Scholarship Golf Tournament without an amazing feast at the end.





Athenaeum Construction

Just south of the Naveen Jindal School of Management, construction has begun on the first phase of the Edith and Peter O'Donnell Jr. Athenaeum, a future arts and performance complex for UT Dallas. This \$58M facility will house the Trammell and Margaret Crow Museum of Asian Art, additional galleries, lecture rooms, space for art conservation and offices in a 68,459 gross-square-foot building. The Athenaeum is expected to grow into a cultural magnet for the region, attracting arts patrons to exhibitions and performances mounted at the University.

UT Dallas DART Station Construction

Work continues on the UT Dallas stop for the DART Silver Line, a commuter rail service that will provide the University with connections to seven North Texas cities and four other rail lines. The University of Texas at Dallas is one of ten planned stops along a 26-mile track running from Shiloh Road in Plano to Terminal B in DFW Airport. The Silver Line is expected to begin service in 2024.



Texas Instruments Biomedical Engineering & Biosciences (BMES) Building Construction

On track to open in 2023 in the heart of the Dallas Medical District, construction continues on the Texas Instruments Biomedical Engineering & Biosciences (BMES) building. This facility will house UT Southwestern and UT Dallas teams working in collaboration to turn cutting-edge medical technologies into clinical applications. Four floors of this five-story 150,000 square-foot building will be dedicated to laboratories, with the remaining space being used for classrooms, conference rooms and offices. BMES will also become the new home of the UTD Fabrication and Biodesign Center.

Kalachandji's Express Goes From a Pop-Up to a Student Union Dining Venue

Vegans, vegetarians and anyone with a love for Indian cuisine will enjoy the latest addition to the Student Union Food Court: Kalachandji's Express. Their food was originally offered as part of an experimental "pop-up store", available through delivery, but it proved so popular that this semester it was turned into a full-time dining venue. Kalachandji's Express is open Monday-Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



The Market at the Sciences Building Offers "Frictionless Shopping"

Members of the campus community who already use the Boost mobile app for ordering food will discover an added feature when they need to make a quick visit to The Market in the Sciences Building between classes. The store has been augmented to use Boost's "frictionless shopping" technology. This means that once you check in with the app, cameras track items as you pick them up and it charges them your account, without requiring a stop in line at a register. You can just go through The Market, grab what you need and get on with your day.



Novel Brew - A New Coffee Shop Comes to the Eugene McDermott Library

Comets in need of a study break at the Eugene McDermott Library need only follow their noses down the north stairwell to a new coffee shop in the building's basement: Novel Brew. It offers everything that Comets have come to expect from a campus coffee shop in a bright, soothing, modern venue.



Four More Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

This fall, The University of Texas at Dallas continued its commitment to sustainable practices by installing four more electric vehicle charging stations on campus. One new charger has been added to each of our three parking structures. A fourth charger was installed on the south side of Lot T, near the spaces dedicated to the Zipcar vehicle sharing club.



Founders First Pitch Event

This April, UT Dallas served as the host for the 2022 Texas FastPath Graduation and Pitch Event. The competition was an opportunity for small business owners to pitch plans to Founders First Capital Partners for growing their companies. Founders First specializes in providing revenue-based funding and advisory services to business owners from diverse and often under-served backgrounds, and this was the firm's first event done in partnership with UTD.

Pictured: Jenny Mizutowicz, manager of Economic Development Initiatives (second from left) and members of Founders First Capital Partners.



Economic Development Advisory Committee Spring Meeting

Dr. Calvin Jamison (left) and Jenny Mizutowicz (center) gave a tour of the Engineering & Computer Science West building to members of the UT Dallas Economic Development Advisory Committee after their spring meeting. The committee supports F&ED in accomplishing The University's strategic initiative to serve as an "economic engine" for the region, by leveraging its members' networks and offering feedback and guidance based on their expertise.



CENT-IQ Ribbon-Cutting

In September, the University officially launched their new Centers for Emergent Novel Technology at the Innovation Quarter (CENT-IQ) with a ribbon-cutting in front of the City of Richardson's historic "IQ at 1302" building. The teams operating at CENT-IQ are expected to bring the power of UT Dallas research to local businesses at The IQ®.

Pictured from left: Dr. Rafael Martín, vice president and chief of staff; Dr. Calvin Jamison, vice president for Facilities & Economic Development; Dr. Inga Musselman, vice president for Academic Affairs and provost; Dr. Richard C. Benson, president and Eugene McDermott Distinguished University Chair of Leadership; Temoc, University mascot; Amanda Oneacre Rockow, vice president for Public Affairs; Dr. Joseph J. Pancrazio, vice president for Research and Innovation.



Welcome Back!

Employee volunteers helped welcome students back to campus this fall, providing directions to classes, offering information about campus resources, and answering their questions. Stationed at the lobby of the Student Union and the atria of SCI, ECSW and JSOM, staff also offered snacks, water and a chance for students to interact with the people who help keep the campus running. There were even opportunities for new and returning Comets to win everything from UTD key chains to sunglasses by playing a different carnival-style game at each station.



UTD Recognized as a “Top Performer” in the 2022 Campus Sustainability Index

The University of Texas at Dallas was once again recognized as a top performing institution under the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) in their 2022 Sustainable Campus Index. UT Dallas was in a three-way tie this year for 9th place in Campus Engagement, earning a score of 96.4% compared to the 67.3% national average. UTD also tied for 6th place in Diversity & Affordability, with a score of 91.6% compared to the 70.8% national average among participating institutions.

The Benefits of the UT Dallas Greenhouse

The University’s gardeners have learned that it’s more economical to grow our own flowers instead of buying mature plants from garden centers, and they’re able to get better results by raising those flowers under the controlled conditions of a greenhouse.

Pictured: Rows of homegrown White Vincas and Polka Dot Vincas seedlings filled one of the UTD greenhouses this April just before reaching the stage where they could be moved outdoors into garden beds around campus.



Please Welcome Our Newest Staff Members

Facilities Management

Alejandro Casas
Ana Perez
Antonia Bolanos Bueno
Antonio Brador
Brian Bishop
Christopher Perez
Felix Bocanegra
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