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A collage of four images showing various infrastructure and service projects. The top-left image shows a blue aerial lift working on a modern building with large glass windows. The top-right image shows a construction site with orange traffic cones and workers. The bottom-left image shows a large, modern building with a flat roof and a field of sunflowers in the foreground. The bottom-right image shows a construction site with a large building and a yellow crane.

THE INFRASTRUCTURE & SERVICE AGENDA CONTINUES

Office of Facilities & Economic Development

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ON THE COVERS

Front: Multiple construction and renovation projects. Seen clockwise from the top: The courtyard of the new Texas Instruments Biomedical Engineering & Sciences Building. Maintaining the windows of the Erik Jonsson Academic Center. Construction at the UT Dallas station of the DART Silver Line. Remodeling the Student Union. An aerial view of the Edith and Peter O'Donnell Jr. Athenæum construction site. Wild flowers and grasses growing in the bed of the new detention pond.

Back: Athenæum construction up close.



This school year, the University's students, faculty and staff have witnessed impressive progress on several highly-anticipated projects, and the Office of Facilities & Economic Development is happy for the part we've played in many of these improvements.

The Texas Instruments Biomedical Engineering & Sciences (TI-BMES) Building **[page 2]**, a game-changing UTD-UTSW collaborative research facility in the heart of the Dallas Medical District, combining the strengths of both institutions, is scheduled to open this fall.

The final roof beam was recently raised on the first phase of the Edith and Peter O'Donnell Jr. Athenæum **[page 2]**, a building designed to showcase the University's growing art collection, and the beginning of a complex which promises to become a magnet for the arts in North Texas.

The UTD Eco Hub **[page 7]** has become a mature operation that hosted a well-attended and very educational spring planting which was open to students of all majors with an interest in sustainability.

The endowment funded by our annual UT Dallas Scholarship Golf Tournament **[page 5]** has surpassed one million dollars, allowing our donors to improve the lives of more Comets than ever before.

Of course, many of the projects that create physical improvements to our campus have been accompanied by the odd sidewalk detour, road closure, or schedule change, but hopefully as you see these projects come to fruition and enjoy our newest facilities in The University of Texas at Dallas, you'll agree that it was all worth it.

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



Texas Instruments Biomedical Engineering & Sciences (TI-BMES) Building

The \$120M Texas Instruments Biomedical Engineering & Sciences (TI-BMES) Building is on track to open by the end of the year. When completed, this new facility in the Dallas Medical District will house both UTD and UTSW researchers, allowing them to better collaborate on turning cutting-edge medical technologies into clinical applications. With four floors of dedicated laboratory space, the building will also become a new home for the UT Dallas Fabrication and Biodesign Center.

Edith and Peter O'Donnell Jr. Athenæum

An important milestone in the construction of the Edith and Peter O'Donnell Jr. Athenæum was reached this June, when the final roof beam for this phase of the project was lifted into place. Before it was added to the structure, several University officials signed their names on the final beam. When it opens, this facility will provide more space to study and display the University's growing art collections.

Pictured: The roof beam set into in place, temporarily decorated with the US flag, UT Dallas flag, and a tree which represents an accident-free construction site.



UTD's Station on the DART Silver Line

2025 can't get here soon enough! That's when the UT Dallas station on the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Silver Line is scheduled to open. A development that's been years in the making, this stop on DART's newest commuter rail line will connect the University directly to DFW International Airport, as well as six other cities and four other rail lines—which in turn will better connect UTD to the rest of the Metroplex. This station is coming together just across the street from the north end of our main campus, by Northside at UT Dallas.



Detention Pond Helps Prevent Flooding

In another partnership with the City of Richardson, a detention pond was created in the southwest section of campus, near Campbell Road and Waterview Parkway. This new landscape feature is designed to hold in storm water from heavy rainfalls. If all goes as planned, our neighbors to the south should experience a lot less flooding the next time a big rainstorm comes to North Texas.



Updated Dining Venues and Meal Options

Many favorite campus dining venues are sporting fresh new looks this semester, including The Market at the Student Union, The Market at Dining Hall West, Einstein Bros. Bagels and Starbucks (pictured left).

In addition, Dining Hall West now is offering the new "Rooted" food station: a fun, interactive part of the dining experience where students can select their favorite vegan or vegetarian ingredients and sauces, then watch one of the UTD chefs prepare their dish right in front of them.



More Places to Charge Electric Vehicles

Parking & Transportation, Facilities Management and the Office of Sustainability teamed up to bring five more electric vehicle (EV) chargers to UT Dallas. The new chargers are higher-voltage, dual-port Level 2 models, which means they can charge two vehicles at once, and at a faster rate than the single-port Level 1 chargers that were already on campus. Through a mobile phone app, these new EV chargers can even alert owners when their vehicles have completed charging.





The Taiwan Semiconductor Delegation Learns What North Texas Can Offer Industry

This May, The University of Texas at Dallas hosted a meeting in Blackstone Launchpad where government, industry and UT Dallas officials were able to describe the opportunities available in North Texas to a delegation representing Taiwan's semiconductor industry.

State Representative Angie Chen Button, chair of the Texas House International Relations and Economic Development committee, addressed the visitors in a video message and recalled how a good education had changed her life.

Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker spoke about the quality of life in his city, the hospitable environment it creates for innovative technology firms and joked that with so many bright residents, Richardson's common language is math.

UTD Vice President for Research and Innovation Joseph J. Pancrazio talked of the University's high-performing students, UT Dallas' dedication to science, technology, engineering, arts, math and management (STEAMM) and our partnerships with other educational institutions that helps create a grade school-to-industry pipeline of talented people who stay in the region.

Several representatives from regional industry groups and local businesses provided examples of the types of precision manufacturing happening in North Texas right now.

The delegation's visit ended with a tour of one of the clean-rooms in the nearby Natural Science and Engineering Research Laboratory.

UT Dallas Day at The Golf Ranch

In anticipation of the Scholarship Golf Tournament, this April the Office of Facilities & Economic Development hosted a UT Dallas Day at The Golf Ranch. Despite the cold weather, plenty of golf enthusiasts came out for a fun afternoon of golf and pizza. This event was an opportunity for long-time golfers to practice their swings while novices learned about the game. It was also a chance to spread the word about the upcoming tournament.

Pictured: a golfer (left) adjusts his swing as advised by one of The Golf Ranch instructors.





Scholarship Golf Tournament

It's been another successful year for the UT Dallas Scholarship Golf Tournament. 125 players, 17 sponsors, 112 contributors and countless volunteers came together this April at Firewheel Golf Park to benefit students in The University of Texas at Dallas. The endowment funded by this annual tournament has grown into a significant contributor to UTD scholarships over the years, including the Betty & Gifford Johnson Graduate Scholarship, the Patti Henry Pinch Undergraduate Scholarship and the Academic Bridge Scholarship. Beyond that, the tournament has developed into a great source of community-building among supporters of the University, as teams get to hear from scholarship recipients how the players' generosity has advanced these students' research and education.

As this tournament prepares to celebrate its 30th anniversary next year, its executive sponsor, Dr. Calvin D. Jamison, recently announced that the endowment has surpassed one million dollars —a credit to everyone who has returned to the golf course every spring for a day of fun and fundraising.

Pictured: Chris Schwertner from SpawGlass tees off.



Scholarship Golf Tournament - Continued

Pictured clockwise from above:

Teams head to their starting holes at the "shotgun start" to this year's tournament.

From left: Joe Quirk, Terry Butterfield, Alex Buonasera, Dr. Richard C. Benson, Dr. Larry Redlinger and Dr. Calvin D. Jamison break for a team photo.

Will Brown, from major sponsor The Beck Group, tees off at Lakes Course hole 7.

From left: Trey Fowler, Trevor Jones, Amy Holzle, Will Butler and Maggie Graham from Team Page carefully consider their putts at Lakes Course hole 6.

From left: The combined Siemens / Magnolia Lodging team of Matt Neville, Marisol Lozada, Kevin Adamic and Brandon Williams celebrate with their trophies.

From left: Irene Hau, School of Natural Sciences & Mathematics, and Sarah Evans, Electrical & Computer Engineering, described their latest research and the impact that Patti Henry Pinch Undergraduate Scholarships have had on their academic careers.





Eco Hub Spring Planting

Students of all majors got a hands-on education in sustainable food production by helping at the UTD Eco Hub's spring planting. Seen counter-clockwise from above:

Eco Rep Anna Reid (left) and Sustainability Coordinator Avery McKittrick demonstrate proper transplanting technique.

Students work to prepare the main field for planting.

Planting Cherry variety tomatoes in the main field. An heirloom Cherokee Purple tomato variety and an heirloom Pineapple Beefsteak tomato variety were planted in nearby raised beds.

Building a trellis for cucumbers in one of the raised planting beds to the north of the main field.





Welcome Back to UT Dallas

Pictured above, from left: Administrative Project Coordinator Diana Ventura and student Bhavya Thadiboina were two of the many volunteers organized by the Office of Facilities & Economic Development who were stationed at booths all around campus to help welcome our Comets back to the University during the first two days of the fall semester. Volunteers ran games that helped students brush up on UTD traditions, offered directions, answered questions, and provided lots and lots of water.

Appreciating Our Staff

F&ED staff took a short pause in mid-July to have a luau themed summer social, where they enjoyed ice pops and games in the JSOM executive dining room while reviewing their accomplishments over the past school year and prepared for the year to come.



Please Welcome Our Newest Staff Members

Facilities Management

Ali Aljarash
Paula Balderas
Menandro Bombio
Alicia Borrego
Jackson Bryant
Raul Garza Jr
Jose Gonzales Palacios
Richard Gregersen

Eric Pate
Mason Peabody
Cesar Perez
Corbyn Quick
Arnulfo Saucedo
Benjamin Shanks
Jacquelyn Swanson
Angel Velez

Administration

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