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FLASH REPORT

Wednesday, March 3

Please send items to flashnews@udallas.edu by Monday at 3 p.m.
for consideration in the Wednesday Flash Report.



COVID UPDATES

The [COVID-19 Preparedness Committee](#) meets twice weekly and will continue to do so throughout the Spring semester to continuously evaluate all things regarding COVID and UD. If you have any questions which you would like the COVID committee to answer, please submit them [here](#) for discussion at our CVIT meetings.

Thank You: To all who attended the COVID Town Hall last week, thank you! We were truly grateful for your participation and for the opportunity to hear and address your questions. If you have any more questions for the COVID committee throughout the semester, please ask them [here](#). It was a question submitted for the town hall that drove the decision made below:

Updated COVID Protocol: Consistent with most recent science and the work of our contact-tracer, the CVIT committee has decided to remove the directional signage in the buildings, including on the doors and stairwells, effective immediately.

Panel on COVID Vaccines Recording: Thurs., Feb. 25, the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society hosted a panel on COVID vaccines. Dr. Cody and Dr. Toby, Dr. Pezzia, and Dr. Stigall were the four panelists. They discussed the vaccine from the point of view of biologists, a sociologist, and a bioethicist and doctor. Over 100 people attended the virtual event. Click [here](#) to watch a recording of the informative panel discussion.

Civil Rights Update

Civil Rights Information Session

As a reminder, the Civil Rights Information Sessions, communicated in President Hibbs' [Jan. 25 email](#), are mandatory. Both faculty and staff are required to attend one session over the course of the spring semester. If you would like to attend in person, there are information sessions **every Thursday at 12 pm, Friday at 8 am, and select Wednesdays at 12 pm** in the Catholic Foundation Board Room. **You can sign up for one of the slots [here](#).** For those who need to attend virtually, we will have zoom sessions **every Tues., in March at 12 pm**. Before signing up for a virtual session, please read the paragraph below entitled "For your consideration". If you would still like to attend a virtual session, please email Maggie Chavey at machavey@udallas.edu and she will help you find a day that works for you.

For your consideration: The virtual sessions were scheduled to accommodate those who are off campus or completely virtual, with the understanding that the majority of persons would attend in person. We do understand that it may be more convenient to attend via zoom, but we deeply believe in the value of attending this session in-person due to the very nature of these sessions. With that being said, if you are at all able to attend in person, please sign-up for one of the in-person sessions. The link to these sessions can be found [here](#).

HR Updates

Mobile Health Team Challenge News

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the first University of Dallas/Mobile Health Team Challenge, Majestic National Parks! Nine teams walked together for four weeks with the goal of 1,000,000 steps, and five teams reached that goal together. The teams with the most steps are:

1. Facilitators - 1,905,879*
2. Walking Woodchucks - 1,465,427*
3. Gupta Dougies - 1,458,069*
4. Constantin Killers - 1,322,928*
5. The Odyssey - 1,032,594*
6. IT & Friends - 956,854
7. Wonder Women Walkers - 734,880
8. Athletics - 354,795
9. Gupta COB - 96,351

Teams with a * reached 1,000,000 steps and will be entered in a special raffle to win an Amazon gift card. Winners will be announced next week!

All team walking challenge participants will receive credit towards their 2022 Wellness Credit. Congratulations again to all of the teams. If you missed this team challenge, there will be another team challenge starting April 5, 2021. In the meantime, you can start building your teams so that your team captain can enter them when registration begins. Stay tuned for more information coming soon.

First Mobile Health Raffle Winner



Congratulations to the First Mobile Health Raffle Winner, Rebecca Prince! Here she is picking up her new Apple AirPods. Are you earning points to be entered into the next raffle? Earning points is easy. Login to the [Mobile Health](#) app to see how many points you have and to find out how you can earn more points for the next raffle.

Faculty of the Month



Ron Scrogam, M.A.

Reference Librarian

Ron Scrogam is a Reference Librarian in the Cowan-Blakley Memorial Library. His duties include helping library users with research questions, as well as teaching library instruction classes. Ron has also taught French as an adjunct instructor in the Modern Languages Department. Prior to coming to UD, Ron worked at St. Pius X High School in Kansas City as a French Teacher and Librarian. Ron holds an MLS From Emporia State University, an MA in French from University of Kansas, and a BA in Liberal Arts from St. John's College.

Staff of the Month



Katie Stansbury

Health Clinic Contact Tracer

Katie has been working extraordinarily hard since classes began last August to keep our campus safe. Katie's core job includes contacting students who test positive to determine possible contacts that should be quarantined and/or tested, but since joining UD this year, she has taken on many other roles as well, including COVID case management, protocol development, and helping to run surveillance testing. Thanks to Katie, although UD has experienced its share of COVID case spikes, we have been able to keep the campus open for on-ground classes.

Information Systems and Technology Update

Password Reset Policy Reinstated

This is a notice to faculty and staff that the university's password reset policy is in effect once again. As a refresher, this policy requires you to change your Network/Single Sign-On password within the notified change window. **You have between now and May 18, 2021 to change to your password.** Instructions on how to change your password can be found on the UD website: https://www.udallas.edu/offices/technology/_documents/Password_Reset_and_Multi_Factor.pdf

The password policy was suspended from March 2020 to February 2021 to accommodate our transition to a remote work/learning environment.

If you need any assistance or technical support please submit a help desk request to: support@udallas.edu

Maher Center Closure

The Maher Center court and locker rooms will be closed on **Sun., March 7 until 3 PM** due to SCAC COVID related protocols.



Events to Anticipate

February 6 - March 27

MFA Thesis Exhibition, Painting, Natalie Lambert | 12 PM-5PM | Irving Arts Center, Focus Gallery

March 3 - March 12

Plants, Vases, and the Spaces Between | 8 AM - 8 PM | Art Painting/Printmaking, Upper Gallery

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COVID CORONETS | 8 AM - 8 PM | Art Painting/Printmaking, Upper Gallery

March 3 - March 12

Epitaph | 8 AM - 8 PM | Art History Building

March 3

UD Reads Book Club | 12 PM Virtual

March 4

Gloria Purvis with Student Leaders for Racial Justice | 7 PM Virtual

Thinking of a Career in Medicine? Physician Q&A | 5:30 - 7 PM Virtual

March 5

7th Annual Braniff Conference in the Liberal Arts | 1:30 - 7 PM | SB Hall Multipurpose Room

BCLA Poetry Reading | 3:30 - 4:30 PM SB Hall

BCLA Plenary Address | 5:30 - 7 PM Virtual

March 4

BCLA Conference Panels | 10:20 AM - 5 PM | SB Hall Multipurpose Room

BCLA Keynote Speaker | 5 - 7 PM Virtual | SB Hall Multipurpose Room

March 10

Here, There; Now, Then: In Between Journeys | 9 AM - 5 PM | Art History Building

Employee Updates

Congratulations: Employee Promotions

3/6 - Eddie Garth - Police Captain

Welcome: New Employees

3/1 - Jennifer Ochieng - Contact Tracer

3/1 - David Rodriguez - Custodian

Thank you: Employee Departures

3/2 - Mandy Baker - Police Captain

3/5 - Kaitlin Collette - Transfer Counselor

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