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— FLASH REPORT —

Wednesday, Feb. 3

Please send items to [flashnews@udallas.edu](mailto: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.*

**Covid Case Update:** Given the recent spike in COVID-19 cases on campus, please be sure to follow, and encourage others to follow, all the COVID protocols. The COVID-19 case report can be found [here](#) and the protocols are all available on our [website](#) as well.

**Reporting COVID Cases:** Attention all faculty and staff, don't forget to fill out and submit this [form](#) if you have any COVID-related symptoms and/or a positive COVID test.

**COVID Vaccine Info Update:** We are hoping to have another batch of vaccines made available to us in the coming weeks. If you would like to receive the vaccine, please

email Maggie Chavey at [machavey@udallas.edu](mailto:machavey@udallas.edu) to be put on the waitlist. We will send you more information as we have it.

**Reminder for all faculty and staff:** Our policies regarding on-campus guests/visitors and events, posted [here](#), have not changed since the Fall. Please consult the website before hosting an event or guest to ensure you are in compliance with our protocols. To see the entire spring reopening plan, please [click here](#).

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## Civil Rights Update

### Civil Rights Information Session

As a reminder, the Civil Rights Information Sessions, communicated in President Hibbs' Jan. 24 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 and Friday at 8 am** in the Catholic Foundation Board Room. **You can sign up for one of the slots [here](#).** For those who want to attend virtually, we will have zoom sessions **every Tuesday in March at 12 pm. To sign up for one of the virtual sessions, please go [here](#).** There is limited space in both the in-person and virtual sessions, so please sign up as soon as you get the chance.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Maggie Chavey at [machavey@udallas.edu](mailto:machavey@udallas.edu).

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## HR Updates

### New For 2021: LIVONGO

In partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield - Texas, the University of Dallas is now offering Livongo, a Diabetes and Hypertension Management Program. This program is available to all employees and spouses that have been diagnosed with diabetes and/or hypertension, and are on the university's medical plans. Livongo provides a no-cost, easier way to manage diabetes and hypertension. Along with a connected blood glucose meter and/or blood pressure cuff, participants will receive free testing strips and lancets, personalized coaching, and a mobile app to keep track of your readings. Livongo is a great way to save money while continuing to monitor your health.

To enroll, go to: [get.livongo.com/TXHEALTH/now](https://get.livongo.com/TXHEALTH/now). The Registration Code is TXHEALTH.

For questions or more information, contact Eva Avila, Sr HR Generalist (972) 721-5255 or [eavila@udallas.edu](mailto:eavila@udallas.edu)

**More Information on New Health & Wellness Benefit:  
Livongo is Now Available at No Cost to You**

We are excited to announce Livongo, a new health benefit being offered at no cost to you and your spouse. The Livongo for Diabetes and Livongo for Hypertension programs make living with diabetes and high blood pressure easier by providing you with an exclusive connected blood glucose meter and blood pressure cuff, unlimited strips and lancets, a mobile app to view and track all of your readings and received a personalized report, and personalized health coaching.

**Eligible Members:** The program is provided to you and your family members with diabetes or high blood pressure and coverage through Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX).

Here's what you get when you join Livongo:

- **Unlimited Strips:** Get as many strips as you need, in addition to a free blood glucose monitor and blood pressure monitor, at no extra charge.

- **Tips to Help You Stay on Track:** Receive useful information that will help you manage your blood sugar and blood pressure and feel your best.

- **Coaching When You Need It Most:** Our Livongo coaches are Certified Diabetes Educators who support you in your journey to better health.

- **Safety and Security:** Your information is safe with us. View and access your records anytime. Share it with your doctors if and when you want to.

**Join Today!:** [get.livongo.com/TXHEALTH/now](https://get.livongo.com/TXHEALTH/now)

We are continually looking for ways to add programs that will enhance our benefits offering and help maintain and improve your health and the health of your family members. If you have any questions about this program, please visit the Livongo [website](#) or call Livongo Member Support at (800) 945-4355.

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## Faculty of the Month



**Susan Rhame, Ph.D.**

**Associate Professor of Accounting**

Congratulations to Dr. Susan Rhame, our February Faculty Member of the Month! Susan joined the University of Dallas in 1998, and she teaches accounting courses to both undergraduate and graduate business students. She serves on dissertation committees with DBA students, and this Spring she is serving as the faculty advisor to the Sigma Iota Epsilon graduate business student organization. She received her doctorate in accounting from the University of Texas at Arlington. Prior to receiving her doctorate, Rhame became a CPA and moved from Mississippi to Dallas in 1984 to begin her public accounting career at Arthur Young & Co. Outside of work, Rhame enjoys scuba diving and snow skiing. In 2019 she served through mission work in Uganda. More information about her mission work can be found in this [news story](#). Congratulations Susan for your outstanding teaching and research, and your commitment to service!

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## **Staff of the Month**



**Taylor Benvenuti**

**Graphic Designer**

Taylor makes up one-half of the talented graphic design team we are blessed to have in the office of Marketing and Communications. Chances are the UD-branded email newsletter, social and web graphics, posters and more have benefitted from Taylor's creative touch. The words of her fellow colleagues say it best — "Taylor is a dedicated, conscientious, hard worker who puts 100% effort into every project with quiet passion and commitment." / "She is quite the consummate professional and a pleasure to work with!" / "Taylor is incredibly kind, creative, and always eager to stretch herself (on and off the yoga mat, ha!) and learn new thing." / "We are forever grateful for Taylor's upstanding camaraderie, hard-fought determination and commitment in the greater service to UD. A well deserved congratulations. Happy birthday, Taylor!" Taylor, we are thrilled to honor you as UD's Staff Member of the Month!

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## **The Center for Executive Education Announcement**

The Center for Executive Education will host its first viewing session on February 17, 2021 (11 AM – 12 PM CST) under the Grow with Google partnership. This session features Google's Executive Productivity Advisor, Laura Mae Martin, presenting ***Work Smarter This Year with Google's Productivity Tools***. She will show us how to best use Google Workspace apps to organize all areas of your life and increase personal productivity. This is a free event. To register online, please click [here](#). We will host multiple sessions throughout the year. You are welcome to invite anyone you think would be interested in this. Space is limited to 100 seats.

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## **Events to Anticipate**

**February 5**

[Gupta Hall of Fame | 6 PM Virtual](#)

**February 6 - March 27**

[MFA Thesis Exhibition, Painting, Natalie Lambert | 12 PM-5PM | Irving Arts Center, Focus Gallery](#)

**February 8**

[Reading the Bible at Home | 7 PM Virtual](#)

**February 9**

[La Biblia en mi casa: más que un libro entre todos los demás | 7 PM Virtual](#)

**February 10**

[Master's in Art of Teaching | 5 PM | Gorman B](#)

**February 11**

[What It Means to be Human: A Conversation About the Body, Medicine, and Bioethics | Hosted by Liberal Learning for Life | 2 PM Virtual](#)