



To our retiree community,

Thank you for your commitment to the University of North Texas and for helping make the UNT Retiree Association (UNTRA) such an important part of our community. I wanted to share an important update about how UNT will support retiree engagement moving forward.

Over the past several years, we've heard from retirees through conversations and surveys that their schedules, interests and the ways they choose to stay connected with the university have evolved. That feedback has helped shape a new approach to retiree engagement.

In response, UNT is transitioning from a standalone, volunteer-powered association to a broader, university-wide engagement model that offers more flexible opportunities to remain involved with campus life.

This transition builds on the strong foundation created by UNTRA. Since its formation in the early 1980s under the name Retired Instructors, Personnel and Spouses, the organization has connected retirees through social gatherings, academic programs, campus events and shared experiences. The volunteers who have served on the Board and Programs Committee have dedicated countless hours to fostering a vibrant retiree community, and we are deeply grateful for their service and commitment.

The President's Annual Retiree Brunch & Campus Expo

The President's Annual Retiree Brunch & Campus Expo will continue as an opportunity to reconnect with fellow retirees and learn about the university's continued growth and impact. At the event, you'll hear from President Harrison Keller before exploring the Campus Expo, where representatives from across the university will share ways to stay involved throughout the year as a volunteer, mentor, Mean Green fan and more. Please watch for your invitation in the coming weeks.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UNT

We also encourage you to explore OLLI at UNT, the university's lifelong learning program for adults age 50+. Through OLLI, retirees can enjoy a wide variety of non-credit courses, special events, trips and Special Interest Groups while remaining connected to the

university through programs such as the Get to Know UNT lecture series, which features faculty and staff from across campus. If you'd like to share your own expertise, we hope you'll also consider proposing a class. To learn more, visit olli.unt.edu or email olli@unt.edu.

In addition, you can continue to expect invitations to university events and engagement opportunities from organizations such as the UNT Alumni Association and the 1890 Society.

As part of this transition, the UNTRA website and email address will be deactivated, and the organization's records will be archived by UNT Libraries as part of the university's institutional history.

While this marks the conclusion of UNTRA as an organization, it also marks the beginning of a new chapter in retiree engagement at UNT — one designed to offer more flexible opportunities to stay connected with the university and one another. If you have any questions about this transition, please don't hesitate to contact me at Jordan.Williams@unt.edu.

Best,

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