



UT Health Science Center
Retirees Assoc, P.O. Box 54,
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SEPTEMBER 2024 THROUGH FEBRURAY 2025 RETIREES CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!

Lynn Russell, Assoc. Professor and Chair, Dentistry
Robert Harris, Training Instructor, Campus Police
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Mark Malkof, Professor and V. Chair, COM
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Rick Sipes, IT Administrator, IT
Lonzie Carter, Custodial Foreman, Facilities
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Mark Bugnitz, Professor, COM
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Beckey Hawes, Coordinator I, Dentistry
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RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER POSTSCRIPTS

MAY 2025



General Membership Meeting and Luncheon

WHEN: Thursday, May 8, 2025

TIME: 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

WHERE: Room 305, Student Alumni Center

GUEST SPEAKER:

Raaj Kurapati, UT Health Science Center Executive
Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer

LUNCH AND PARKING DETAILS:

To make reservations to attend:
Call Corliss Finlay (901. 356. 0556), Linda Crouch (901. 483.
0542) OR send e-mail to Pam Vaughn (pvaughn@uthsc.edu)
by **May 2nd**. Family members and guests are welcome.

COST: \$10 (First time attendees receive free meal.)



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PARKING:

Free Parking in the garage next to the Student
Alumni Center. UT Health Science Center/ID
badge is required to enter the garage and the
building.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS?

Please send any items of interest for Postscripts
to Pam Vaughn, Board of Directors, e-mail
pvaughn@uthsc.edu

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Board of Directors Message

We had a great turnout and special pre-holiday luncheon in November. Our scheduled speaker, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer, Raaj Kurapati had a travel delay and was not able to make it. Chandra West-Alston, Vice Chancellor Human Resources, did an excellent job of filling in for him. She covered a number of subjects including current layoffs, employee remote work, financial recovery for the Campus, and retiree e-mail questions. We had a great time when Chandra played a UT Health Science Center trivia game with prizes for correct answers. Considering our retirees’ extensive history -- almost all the questions were answered correctly! We also enjoyed a holiday themed lunch topped off with delicious desserts, and door prizes that included a number of gift cards and the beautiful centerpieces.

As an update, a plan to provide UT Health Science Center email addresses for retirees and alumni is under development. The specifics are still being worked out, and related policies developed. More information will be provided when it is available.

Mark your calendars for our next luncheon event on Thursday, May 8, in the Student Alumni Center, Room 305 (banquet room). We are very pleased that we were able to re-schedule Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer, Raaj Kurapati as our speaker. Check out the comprehensive article about him in our November 2024 Postscripts edition on our website (uthsc.edu/retirees). We look forward to this opportunity to meet him and hear his goals for the campus and outlook for the future. With our signature hot lunch, door prizes and most of all — re-kindling long-time friendships, it will be another delightful event.

UT Health Science Center Retirees Association Board of Directors



Meet Our Speaker, Raaj Kurapati,
UT Health Science Center Executive Vice Chancellor
and Chief Operating Officer

In July 2023, Raaj Kurapati came to UT Health Science Center after having served since 2018 as the executive vice president and chief operating and financial officer for the University of Memphis (UofM). In this role, he was responsible for all administrative and financial units. Before joining the UofM, Executive VC Kurapati served in several executive roles in public higher education including at Texas A&M, University of Alaska, and Northern Marianas College. Prior to moving into public higher education, Kurapati held leadership roles in business and private industry for approximately 12 years.

Raaj has said that one of his goals is to position our campus “to continue to grow in a solid financial position to deliver high-quality education, research, and service to our community”.



Retirees Association
Membership Dues:

- **Annually – \$5.00 (Dues paid in Nov. are applied to the upcoming year.)**
- **Lifetime membership – \$50.00**
- **Dues may be mailed to:**
Pam Vaughn, Retirees Assoc., P.O. Box 54, Ellendale, TN 38029. Make checks payable to “**UTHSC Retirees Association**”. You can also pay by check or cash at our luncheon events.
- **If you have a change of address, please send it to:**
Pam Vaughn (e-mail is pvaughn@uthsc.edu) or you can mail it to UT Health Science Center Executive Retirees Assoc., P.O. Box 54, Ellendale, TN 38029.

Reminders

- ID Badges are required to enter the SAC Building and the Parking Garage. If your ID does not access the SAC Garage, go to Parking Services and get their help. ID badges may be obtained free of charge from Campus Police.
- UT Retirees may use the UT Recreation and Fitness Center free of charge with valid retiree ID badges. For hours of operation and other information, call 448.5612.
- Visit the UT Retirees webpage for notices and past issues of PostScripts. Go to: uthsc.edu/retirees

For more information, please contact:
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