



UT Health Science Center
Retirees Assoc, P.O. Box 54,
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MARCH THROUGH AUGUST 2024 RETIREES

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!

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For more information, please contact:

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RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER POSTSCRIPTS

NOVEMBER 2024

General Membership Meeting and Luncheon

WHEN: Wednesday, NOVEMBER 13, 2024

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 November 4th**. Family members and
guests are welcome.

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

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



RETIREES ASSOCIATION



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Board of Directors Message

We had an excellent program for our May Luncheon. Two of our active retirees, Gwen Campbell and Lisa Anderson-Houston, recounted their many experiences as senior athletes. Gwen has been participating in half and full marathons over a dozen years — in the US and internationally. She recounted those experiences and how it has impacted her life, especially in retirement! Lisa started participating in the Senior Olympics about three years ago. She shared her experiences competing in several sports and training. Both of our speakers were inspiring, and we admired their athletic journeys. We enjoyed another delicious hot lunch, along with gift card and flower centerpiece door prize drawings. More than anything — we enjoy fellowship and re-connecting with our UT Health Science Center Executive family.

Coming up is our November Luncheon in the Student Alumni Center, Room 305 (banquet room). We will have our special “kick off the holidays” menu AND we are very pleased to welcome Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer, Raaj Kurapati as our speaker. See article introducing him in this Postscripts edition. We look forward to this opportunity to meet him and hear his ideas, philosophy, and experiences.

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 of the UofM, with prominence in civic, legislative, philanthropic, and community outreach activities, as well as overseeing all financial and operational activities.

Before joining the UofM, Executive VC Kurapati served in several executive roles in public higher education, including as the vice president and chief financial officer for Texas A&M University in Kingsville, associate vice chancellor and executive officer at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and chief financial and administrative officer for Northern Marianas College in the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prior to moving into public higher education, Kurapati held leadership roles in business and private industry for approximately 12 years, serving as an assurance and consulting senior professional at Deloitte and as a vice president and chief financial and compliance officer for a community bank.

Raaj Kurapati was born in Hyderabad, India, and grew up on Pohnpei Island in Micronesia. Blessed with a close-knit family, he and his wife, Kyumi, have five children and a brand-new grandson!

In Raaj’s own words, “I hope to play a role and really help our community recognize the tremendous impact we make in this community broadly, but specifically in helping support healthier Tennesseans. The other thing I’d like to do is really position ourselves to continue to grow in a solid financial position to allow us to continue 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 “**UT Health Science Center 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