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# PROGRAM

Morning Ceremony 9 a.m.

Diana Natalicio

*President of the University, Presiding*

**Concert/Concierto** . . . . . Ceremonial Brass Ensemble  
Stephen Haddad, Conductor  
Senior Lecturer, Music

**Academic Procession/Entrada de catedráticos** . . . . . Luis Arturo Ramos, Grand Marshal  
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**National Anthem/Himno Nacional.** . . . . . Ceremonial Brass Ensemble  
*The Star Spangled Banner* UTEP Chamber Singers and Audience

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Elisa Fraser Wilson, Conductor  
Associate Professor, Music

**Welcome and Introductions/Bienvenida y Presentaciones.** . . . . Diana Natalicio, President

**Presentation of Candidates' Names/  
Presentación de los Nombres de los Candidatos** . . . . . Carol Parker  
Provost

**Alma Mater.** . . . . . Ceremonial Brass Ensemble  
*Men O' Mines* UTEP Chamber Singers and Audience

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The Graduate School . . . . . Charles Ambler, Dean

**Announcement of Candidates' Names/  
Anuncio de los nombres de los candidatos** . . . . . Richard Pineda  
Associate Professor, Communication

Adriana Dominguez  
Clinical Professor, Theatre and Dance

**University Faculty Marshals of Students/  
Bastón de Mando y Estandartes** . . . . . Ezra Cappell  
Associate Professor, English

Maria-Socorro Tabuenca  
Professor, Languages and Linguistics

## Recessional

Graduates will recess through the center aisle and out the south tunnel of the Don Haskins Center. Family members may meet their graduates in Lot GR5. Refer to the diagram on page 7 of the program.

## Himno de despedida

Los graduados desfilarán por el pasillo central y saldrán hacia afuera por el túnel del lado sur del Centro de Eventos Don Haskins. Los familiares pueden reunirse con los graduados en el estacionamiento GR5. Consulte el diagrama en la página 7 del programa.

# ORDER OF ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Morning Ceremony 9 a.m.

Luis Arturo Ramos  
*Grand Marshal of the University*

Rachel Ann Arreola  
*The University Banner Bearer*

Kyla Ann McMillan  
*Graduate School Banner Bearer*

Star C. Flagel  
*College of Liberal Arts Banner Bearer*

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*President*

Carol Parker  
*Provost*

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Beth L. Brunk-Chavez  
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Charles Ambler  
*Dean of Graduate School*

Elena Izquierdo  
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Jack Chessa  
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Maria Hernandez  
*Chair, Staff Council*

Bobby Gonzales  
*President, Alumni Association*

Kristen Ahumada  
*President,  
Student Government Association*

## MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY

### The Graduate School

Bess Sirmon-Taylor . . . . . Marshal  
Charles Ambler . . . . . Dean

### The College of Liberal Arts

Jon Amastae . . . . . Marshal  
David Ross . . . . . Marshal  
Stephen Crites. . . . . Interim Dean  
Faculty of the College

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE

### The Graduate School

The College Banner Bearer  
Faculty Marshal of Students . . . . . James Wood  
Student Marshal . . . . . Amanda Danielle Barraza  
Candidates for the Degree

### The College of Liberal Arts

The College Banner Bearer  
Faculty Marshals of Students . . . . . Maryse Jayasuriya  
Crystal Herman  
Student Marshal . . . . . Reem Mustafa Ali  
Candidates for the Degree

### The University Librarians

Joy Urbina . . . . . Marshal

### The University Staff

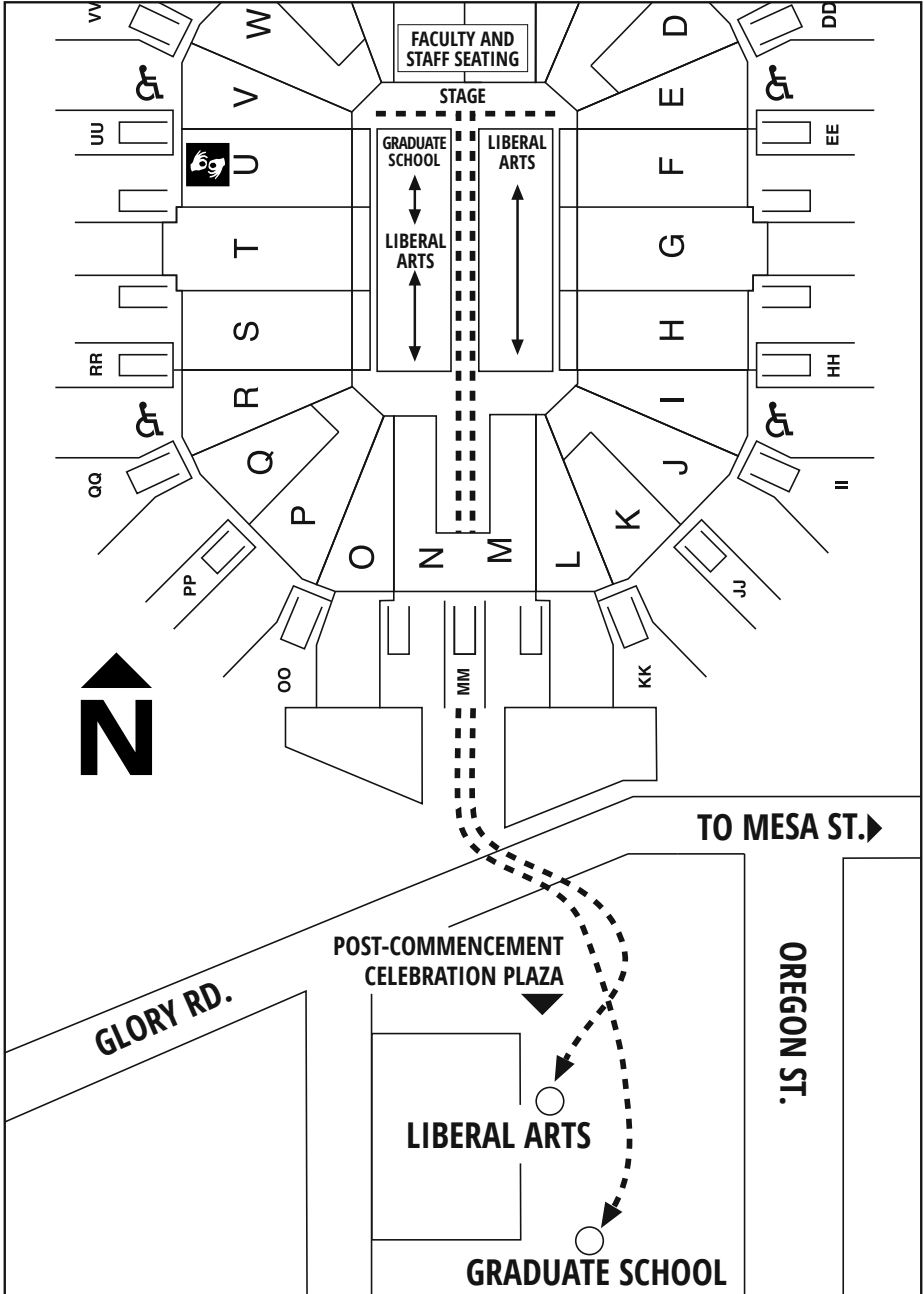
Lorenzo L. Jones. . . . . Marshal



# STUDENT SEATING & WAITING AREAS

Morning Ceremony 9 a.m.

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**PROGRAM**  
Afternoon Ceremony 2 p.m.

**Diana Natalicio**  
*President of the University, Presiding*

**Concert/Concierto** . . . . . Ceremonial Brass Ensemble  
Stephen Haddad, Conductor  
Senior Lecturer, Music

**Academic Procession/Entrada de catedráticos** . . . . . Santiago Ibarreche, Grand Marshal  
Professor, Marketing and Management

**National Anthem/Himno Nacional.** . . . . Ceremonial Brass Ensemble  
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The College of Education . . . . . William H. Robertson, Interim Dean  
The School of Nursing . . . . . Elias Provencio-Vasquez, Dean  
The Graduate School . . . . . Charles Ambler, Dean

**Announcement of Candidates' Names/  
Anuncio de los nombres de los candidatos** . . . . . Elena Izquierdo  
Associate Professor, Teacher Education

Yvonne Carranza Rolph  
Director of Student Success, College of Liberal Arts

**University Faculty Marshals of Students/  
Bastón de Mando y Estandartes** . . . . . James Holcomb  
Associate Professor, Economics and Finance

David Carrejo  
Associate Professor, Mathematics Education

**Recessional**

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## ORDER OF ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Afternoon Ceremony 2 p.m.

Santiago Ibarreche  
*Grand Marshal of the University*

Jason Chung  
*The University Banner Bearer*

Samantha J. Salazar  
*Graduate School Banner Bearer*

Eduardo Montes Samaniego  
*College of Business Administration Banner Bearer*

Zenia Avelar  
*College of Education Banner Bearer*

Evan Gray Merworth  
*School of Nursing Banner Bearer*

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Maria Hernandez  
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Kristen Ahumada  
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Robert Nachtmann . . . . . Dean  
Faculty of the College

### The College of Education

Timothy G. Cashman . . . . . Marshal  
William H. Robertson . . . . . Interim Dean  
Faculty of the College

### The School of Nursing

Tracey Merworth . . . . . Marshal  
Elias Provencio-Vasquez . . . . . Dean  
Faculty of the College

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE

### The Graduate School

The College Banner Bearer  
Faculty Marshals of Students . . . . . Miguel A. Ramos-Gonzalez,  
Business Administration  
Penelope P. Espinoza, Education  
Diane B. Monsivias, Nursing  
Student Marshals . . . . . Amy Eileen Ramirez , Business Administration  
Samantharai C. Yrigoyen, Education  
Faith Borunda, Nursing

Candidates for the Degree

### The College of Business Administration

The College Banner Bearer  
Faculty Marshal of Students . . . . . Alex Holcomb  
Student Marshal . . . . . Daniel Valles  
Candidates for the Degree

### The College of Education

The College Banner Bearer  
Faculty Marshal of Students . . . . . William J. Medina-Jerez  
Student Marshal . . . . . Gabrielle M. Cervantes  
Candidates for the Degree

### The School of Nursing

The College Banner Bearer  
Faculty Marshal of Students . . . . . Pat Herbias  
Student Marshal . . . . . Te’Kandria M. Wingfield  
Candidates for the Degree

### The University Librarians

Sebastian Diaz . . . . . Marshal

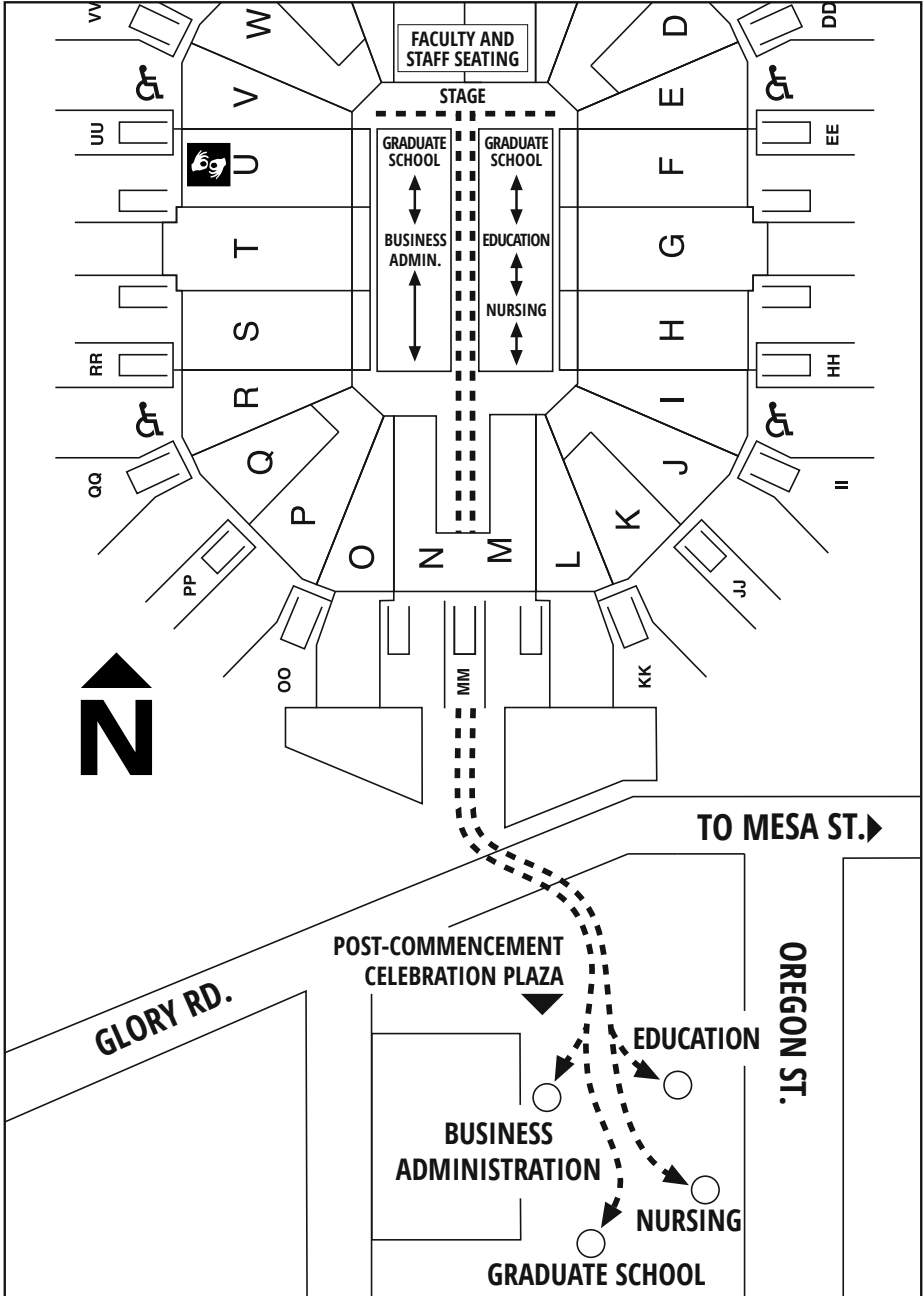
### The University Staff

Robert Parham . . . . . Marshal

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## Afternoon Ceremony 2 p.m.

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Evening Ceremony 7 p.m.

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*President of the University, Presiding*

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Stephen Haddad, Conductor  
Senior Lecturer, Music

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Professor, Civil Engineering

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The College of Health Sciences . . . . . Shafik Dharamsi, Dean  
The College of Science . . . . . Robert Kirken, Dean  
The School of Pharmacy . . . . . Jose O. Rivera, Dean  
The Graduate School . . . . . Charles Ambler, Dean

**Announcement of Candidates' Names/**

**Anuncio de los nombres de los candidatos** . . . . . Richard Teschner  
Professor Emeritus, Languages and Linguistics

Luis A. Anchondo  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Languages and Linguistics

**University Faculty Marshals of Students/**

**Bastón de Mando y Estandartes** . . . . . David Zubia  
Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Harry Meeuwsen  
Professor, Kinesiology

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Evening Ceremony 7 p.m.

Anthony Tarquin  
*Grand Marshal of the University*

Valeria G. Varela  
*The University Banner Bearer*

Samantha Eve Ramirez  
*Graduate School Banner Bearer*

Andres Chavira  
*College of Engineering Banner Bearer*

Carlos O. Ontiveros  
*College of Science Banner Bearer*

Crystal Morales  
*College of Health Sciences Banner Bearer*

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Faculty of the College

### The College of Health Sciences

Thenral Mangadu . . . . . Marshal  
Shafik Dharamsi . . . . . Dean  
Faculty of the College

### The School of Science

Geoffrey Saupe . . . . . Marshal  
Robert Kirken. . . . . Dean  
Faculty of the College

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE

### The Graduate School

The College Banner Bearer  
Faculty Marshals of Students . . . Jose F. Espiritu Nolasco, Engineering  
Loretta Dillon, Health Sciences  
Lin Ma, Science  
Student Marshals . . . . . Aldo R. Perez, Engineering  
Alexis Nicole Ramos, Health Sciences  
Luis Enrique Martinetti, Science

Candidates for the Degree

### The College of Engineering

The College Banner Bearer  
Faculty Marshal of Students . . . . . Eric D. Smith  
Student Marshal . . . . . Nicholas R. Echevarria  
Candidates for the Degree

### The College of Health Sciences

The College Banner Bearer  
Faculty Marshal of Students . . . . . Carolina Valencia  
Student Marshal . . . . . Patricio Manuel Rubalcaba  
Candidates for the Degree

### The College of Science

The College Banner Bearer  
Faculty Marshal of Students . . . . . Carl Lieb  
Student Marshal . . . . . Ashley M. Priego  
Candidates for the Degree

### The University Librarians

Jacob Galindo. . . . . Marshal

### The University Staff

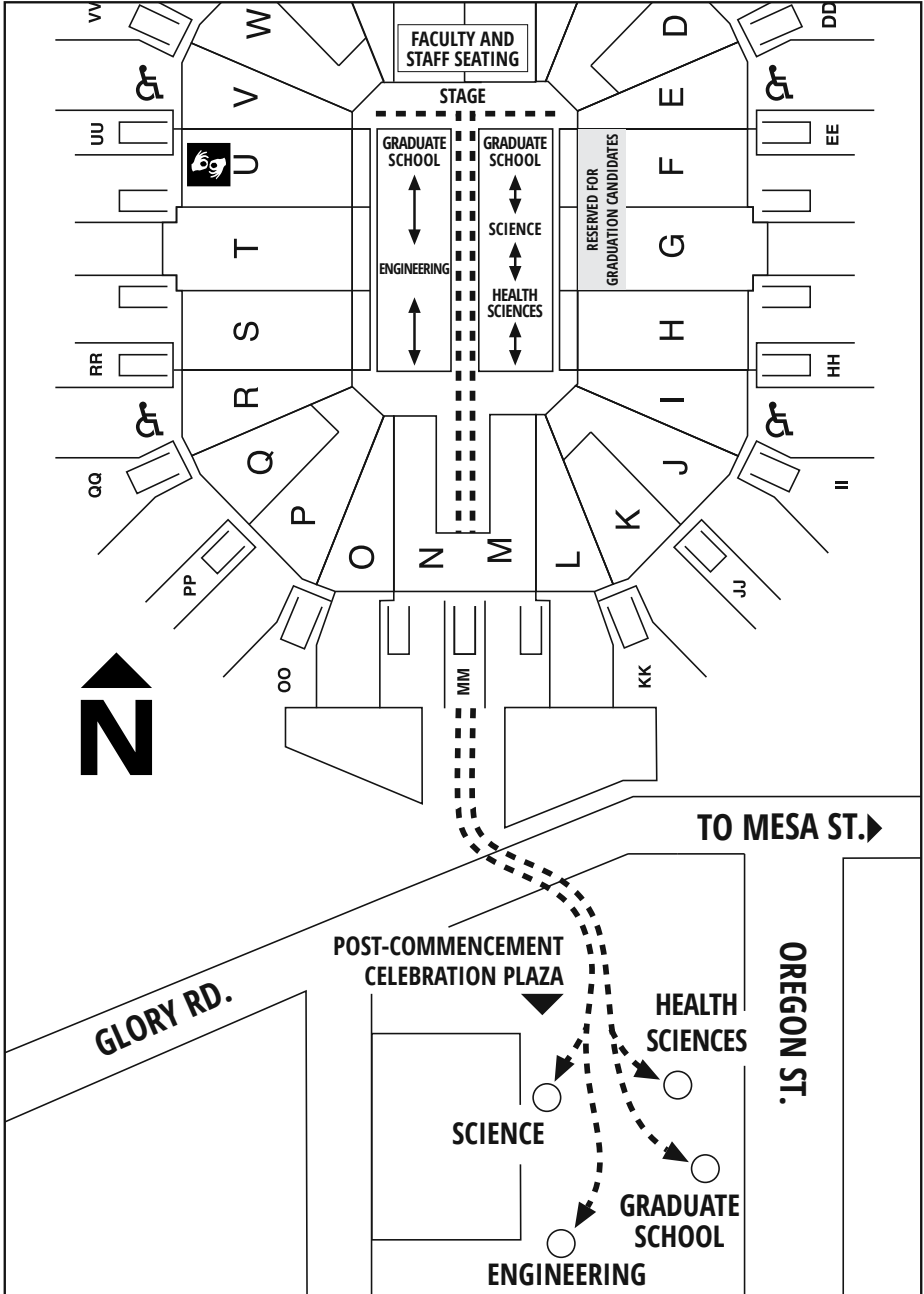
Concha Ruiz . . . . . Marshal



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## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

The University of Texas at El Paso is proud to recognize its 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients presented by the UTEP Alumni Association. The award is the highest honor bestowed upon graduates who have excelled in their professions and sustained a commitment to the University.



### MARIA CASTAÑÓN MOATS

Maria Castañón Moats was born in Juárez, Mexico and grew up in El Paso. She graduated from UTEP in

1990 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She made partner at PwC in 2004 and was later appointed as the firm's U.S. Diversity Leader from 2011-16, where she reported to the company's U.S. CEO and served on the U.S. leadership team. Currently, Castañón Moats serves as the first woman and first Hispanic to hold her position at PwC and recently claimed the No. 2 spot on Fortune magazine's inaugural list of the 50 Most Powerful Latinas.

"I'm incredibly humbled by being named as a Distinguished Alumna," Castañón Moats said. "UTEP means so much to me – it's where I learned the value of hard work and was exposed to a variety of people, cultures, and information, all of which contributed to both the person I've become and the fulfilling career I have today."



### JACOB CINTRON

Jacob Cintron started out doing odd jobs in the Engineering Department of Thomason Hospital, now

University Medical Center (UMC), when he was 17 years old. Cintron earned his bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from UTEP in 1983 and returned to the

## EX ALUMNOS DISTINGUIDOS

La Universidad de Texas en El Paso se enorgullece en reconocer a los galardonados como Ex alumnos Distinguidos del 2017 presentados por la Asociación de ex alumnos de UTEP. Este reconocimiento es el mayor honor que se otorga a alumnos que se han graduado de UTEP, que han destacado en sus profesiones y que han mantenido su compromiso hacia la universidad.

Maria Castañón Moats nació en Juárez, creció en El Paso y en 1990 se graduó de UTEP con una Licenciatura en Administración de Empresas. En el 2004, se unió a PwC y posteriormente, del 2011 al 2016, fue designada Líder de Diversidad en la firma donde reportaba para el Director Ejecutivo de la compañía en E.U. laborando para el equipo de liderazgo de la misma. Castañón Moats es actualmente la primera mujer y primera hispana en desempeñar dicho cargo en PwC y fue reconocida en la lista inaugural de la revista Fortune, como la segunda entre las 50 latinas más poderosas.

"Me siento increíblemente honrada por haber sido designada Exalumna Distinguida", comentó Castañón. "UTEP significa tanto para mí – fue donde aprendí el valor del trabajo arduo y estuve en contacto con una diversidad de personas, culturas e información, todo lo cual contribuyó tanto para que fuera la persona que soy como para la carrera tan satisfactoria que hoy tengo".

Cuando Jacob Cintron tenía 17 años desempeñó todo tipo de funciones en el Departamento de Ingeniería del Hospital Thomason, actualmente Centro Médico Universitario (UMC, por sus siglas en inglés). En 1983, Cintron obtuvo su título de Ingeniero Industrial en UTEP y regresó a la Universidad para estudiar una Maestría en Administración de Empresas y en Contabilidad. Llegó a ser director de

University to earn an MBA and a Master of Accountancy. He became director of engineering at Thomason and, later, assistant administrator of the hospital. He stayed at Thomason for 17 years before moving on to executive positions at major health care systems in Chicago, San Antonio, and San Diego. Cintron returned to El Paso in 2006 to become CEO of Del Sol Medical Center, a position he held for 10 years before being named CEO of UMC.

“I am blown away, proud and humbled by being named as one of UTEP’s Distinguished Alumni,” Cintron said. “If it weren’t for UTEP, I would have settled for something else, and my life path would have been very different. Thanks to UTEP, I am in a place where I’d never thought I’d be.”



## ALLEN GILMER

Allen Gilmer attended Rice University intending to become a lawyer. While at Rice, he enjoyed his geology

classes and ended up earning a bachelor’s degree in geology in 1984. Gilmer returned to El Paso and attended UTEP, where he earned his master’s degree in geological sciences in 1987. He worked several years as a geophysicist at Marathon Oil Co. and went on to co-found several companies in the oil and gas sector before starting up Drillinginfo, a leading provider of cloud-based data and analytics software for the oil and gas industry. Professionally, Gilmer has received numerous accolades. He was selected as Large Company CEO of the Year for Central Texas in 2014, Top 7 North American Prospect Expo Influencers in 2014, Texas’ Outstanding Geoscientist in 2012 by Texas Monthly magazine and Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year in Central Texas in 2012.

“Throughout the history of TWC and UTEP, there have been some true giants who have earned their degrees at this outstanding university,” Gilmer said. “I am amazingly humbled by being recognized as one of UTEP’s Distinguished Alumni.”

ingeniería en el Thomason y posteriormente, administrador asistente del hospital. Permaneció en el Thomason durante 17 años antes de cambiarse a puestos ejecutivos en los principales sistemas de salud en Chicago, San Antonio y San Diego. En el 2006, Cintron regresó a El Paso para fungir como Director Ejecutivo de Del Sol Medical Center, puesto que ocupó por más de 10 años antes de ser nombrado Director Ejecutivo del UMC.

“Me siento muy emocionado, orgulloso y honrado de ser nombrado uno de los Exalumnos Distinguidos de UTEP”, comentó Cintron. “Si no hubiera sido por UTEP, yo habría optado por algo más y la trayectoria de mi vida hubiera sido muy diferente. Gracias a UTEP, estoy en un sitio donde nunca me hubiera imaginado que estaría”.

Allen Gilmer asistió a la Universidad Rice para estudiar derecho, sin embargo, una vez allí se interesó por las clases de geología y en 1984, se graduó con una Licenciatura en Geología. Posteriormente regresó a El Paso y se inscribió en UTEP donde en 1987, obtuvo una Maestría en Ciencias Geológicas. Trabajó algunos años como geofísico en la compañía Marathon Oil Co. y fue cofundador de varias empresas en el sector petrolero y del gas antes de comenzar Drillinginfo, un proveedor líder de servicio de base de datos en nube y programas analíticos para la industria petrolera y gasera.

Gilmer ha recibido innumerables reconocimientos en el ámbito profesional. En el 2014, fue elegido Director Ejecutivo del Año de Grandes Compañías de Central Texas, posteriormente fue reconocido entre los 7 principales de mayor influencia en la North American Prospect Expo del 2014, como el Geocientífico Sobresaliente de Texas por la Revista Texas Monthly, en el 2012 y como el Empresario del Año en Central Texas por Ernst & Young, en el 2012.

“A lo largo de la historia del TWC y de UTEP, ha habido algunos verdaderos gigantes que se han graduado de esta reconocida Universidad”, señaló Gilmer. “Me siento increíblemente honrado de ser reconocido como uno de los Exalumnos Distinguidos de UTEP”.

# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES SPRING 2018

Congratulations Class of 2018! As you leave your alma mater to make your mark upon the world, we want to stay connected with you and be part of your journey. Picks Up! GO MINERS!

¡Muchas Felicidades Generación 2018! Al dejar su alma mater para comenzar a dejar su huella en el mundo, queremos seguir en contacto con ustedes y ser parte de su travesía. ¡VAMOS MINEROS y arriba esos picos!

***UTEPALUMNI***  
***ASSOCIATION***

# COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

### *Anthropology*

Karen Aimee De Anda  
Dario Garza  
Maria Rachel Gonzalez  
Sashiel Marie Pina  
Brenda Ruiz Lopez

### *Art*

Francisco Javier Arrieta Jr.  
Brianna Auror Calvillo  
Ivan Chavarria  
Hector Manuel  
Chavira Rubio  
Emmanuel Falcon  
Amy J. Freitas  
Daniela Garcia  
Sarah Huizar  
Karla Ivonne Maciel  
Bernadette Alicia Ramos  
Andi Monet Salazar  
Monica Michelle  
Silva De Lucio  
Jose Enrique Torres

### *Art/English &*

### *American Literature*

Raul A. Valadez

### *Art/Media Advertising*

Yoly M. Cortez  
Alan Cruz Castruita

### *Chicano Studies*

Melissa Lisette Trejo

### *Chicano Studies/*

### *Criminal Justice*

Jessica Ann Sanchez

### *Communication Studies*

Hillary Ashley Alvarez  
Sofia Castiello  
Estefania Castillo  
Mark A. Davis  
Angela K. Rodriguez  
Sheyenne Tercero

### *Communication Studies/French*

Camila Trespacios

### *Communication Studies/History*

Moises Richard Blankenship

### *Criminal Justice*

Jessica Acevedo  
Trevor Cuthbert Adams  
Stephanie Nicole Alvarado  
Ociris D. Alvarez  
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Wendy Andujo  
Mario Alberto Arroyo  
Crystal Ayala  
Roxana Bernal  
Ryan Thomas Bruce  
John A. Camacho  
Jessica E. Cardenas  
Crystal Carrillo  
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*Political Science*

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*Art History*

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*Mechanical Engineering*

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## HONORS REGALIA

University Academic Honors candidates are recognized by cords with the following designations:

3.9 – 4.0	Summa Cum Laude (Highest Honors) . . . . .	Gold
3.8 – 3.89	Magna Cum Laude (High Honors) . . . . .	White
3.5 – 3.79	Cum Laude (Honors) . . . . .	College Colors

Business Administration . . . . .	Nursing . . . . .
Education . . . . .	Science . . . . .
Engineering . . . . .	Honors Degree . . . . .
Health Sciences . . . . .	Honors Certificate . . . . .
Liberal Arts . . . . .	Honors Senior Thesis . . . . .

### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Beta Alpha Psi, Theta Beta–Black/Red Cords . . . . . National, Scholastic and Professional Financial Information Honor Society  
 Beta Gamma Sigma–Blue/Gold Cords and Stole . . . . . International Honor Society

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Chi Sigma Iota, Upsilon Tau Epsilon–Blue/White . . . . . National Counseling Honor Society  
 Kappa Delta Pi . . . . . International Education Honor Society

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 Double White . . . . . 3.8 - 3.89  
 Green/Purple/White . . . . . 3.5 - 3.79  
 Green/Purple . . . . . 3.25 - 3.49

### COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Alpha Pi Mu – White Cowl . . . . . Industrial Engineering Honor Society  
 Alpha Sigma Mu – Yellow . . . . . Materials Engineering Honor Society  
 Chi Epsilon – Purple Cowl . . . . . National Civil Engineering Honor Society  
 Tau Beta Pi – White/Orange Stole . . . . . Interdisciplinary Honor Society

### COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND SCHOOL OF NURSING

Eta Sigma Gamma, Lambda – Gold/Forest Green Stole . . . . . National Honorary Health Education Organization

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Iota Iota Iota – Lavender . . . . . Honor Society for Women’s Studies  
 Honors Program Student Organization – Blue/Orange Stoles . . . . . Honorary Student Organization  
 Phi Alpha Theta – Red/Blue Cords . . . . . National History Honor Society  
 Pi Kappa Delta – Red/Gray Cords . . . . . National Honorary Society  
 Pi Sigma Alpha, Epsilon Epsilon – Red/White/Black Cords . . . . . National Political Science Honor Society  
 International Honor Society in Psychology –  
 Silver Double Cords with Silver/Blue Tassels . . . . . International Honor Society in Psychology  
 Lambda Pi Eta – Red and White Cords . . . . . National Honor Society

### COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Sigma Gamma Epsilon – Gold/Blue/Silver Cords . . . . . National Honor Society for the Earth Science

### UNIVERSITY HONOR SOCIETIES/PROGRAMS

Alpha Chi, Texas Alpha Beta  
 Royal Blue/Emerald Green Cords . . . . . National Honor Society for Juniors, Seniors, and Graduates  
 Alpha Lambda Delta – Red/White/Gold Cords . . . . . National Honor Society for Freshmen Year Students  
 EPCC Transfer Honor – Orange/Teal Cords . . . . . All EPCC Transfer Honor Candidates  
 Delta Alpha Phi – Royal Blue and Gold Cords . . . . . International Honor Society  
 Golden Key International – Blue/Gold Cords  
 Gold Medallion with Blue/Gold Ribbon, and Gold Stole . . . . . International Honor Society for  
 Graduates and Undergraduates  
 Order of Omega - White/Gold Cords . . . . . National Honor Society  
 Sigma Alpha Pi (NSLS) – Black and Silver Cords and Silver Stole . . . . . National Society of Leadership and Success  
 Society for Collegiate Leadership & Achievement  
 Royal Blue/Gold Cords . . . . . Honor Society of Collegiate Leadership & Achievement  
 Tau Sigma National Honor Society, Alpha Eta – Gold/Burgundy Cords . . . . . National Academic Honor Society  
 The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi  
 Navy Blue/Gold . . . . . National Honor Society for “The Unity and Democracy of Education”  
 The National Society of Collegiate Scholars  
 Gold/Maroon or Gold Sash (officers) . . . . . National Society of Collegiate Scholars for First and Second Year Students  
 University Honors Council – Royal Blue/Orange . . . . . Honors Program Honor Society  
 United States Military Honor – Red/White/Blue Cords . . . . . All Military Candidates



# REGALIA

## HISTORY

Prior to 1980, The University of Texas at El Paso (and its predecessors, the Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy and Texas Western College) borrowed regalia for ceremonial occasions. In 1980, drama department faculty member C.L. Etheridge suggested that the time had come for UTEP to have its own unique regalia. President Haskell Monroe established the University Heritage Commission to raise funds for the creation of official regalia, to include a mace, chains of office for the President and the Vice President for Academic Affairs, a UTEP banner and seal, and a banner and seal for each of the colleges.

A University seal, depicting El Paso's sun, mountains and river, had been created for Texas Western College in 1949 by renowned local artist José Cisneros. This seal was incorporated into the official heraldic layout for the University banner designed by art department faculty member Sally Bishop Segal, who also designed seals for the colleges of Liberal Arts, Science, Nursing and Allied Health (now the College of Health Sciences), and the Graduate School. Albert Ronke, drama department faculty member, designed the seals for the colleges of Business Administration, Education and Engineering. All nine seal designs in their heraldic layout were then crafted into fabric by Esther "Terrie" Cornell. In 2001, the seals for Engineering, Business and Health Sciences were updated by Sally Segal to reflect new programs offered by those colleges.

UTEP alumnus James Love created the Chain of Office for the President, consisting of eight seals reproduced on two-inch-diameter enameled disks; the Chain of Office for the Vice President for Academic Affairs; and the University Mace. C.L. Etheridge developed the ceremonial rituals used in University Commencements since 1981.

## BANNERS

Among the many traditions associated with Commencement, the presentation of the ceremonial University and college banners symbolizes the accomplishments of the graduates whom we honor on this

occasion and the University's commitment to their success. Each banner bears a unique seal placed on a 4 x 6-foot heraldic field, or saltire, and each incorporates symbols and colors that define it:

### *University Banner*

**Colors:** Orange, White and Blue  
**Symbols:** Open Book – the learning process; the Sun, Mountains and River – the city of El Paso; Star – The Lone Star of Texas; Laurel Branch – high academic achievement; Oak Branch – solidity and permanence

## COLLEGES

### *Business Administration*

**Colors:** Brown – Business and Accounting  
Copper – Economics  
**Symbols:** Flame – depicts knowledge and enlightenment; Miner's Pick – represents unity with the University's identity; Column – symbolic of strength and an emblematic inference to the importance of international accreditation; Scroll – associated with commerce and contracting; Laurel Branches – denote academic and professional success; Globe – international

### *Education*

**Color:** Light Blue  
**Symbols:** Lamp – lamp of learning; Book – learning and literacy; Sigma – Greek symbol for "all-encompassing;" Book, Ruler and Compass – the tools of learning

### *Engineering*

**Color:** Dark Orange  
**Symbols:** Castle Structure – civil engineering; Gear – mechanical engineering; Bolt of Lightning – electrical engineering; Hammer and Assaying Scale – metallurgical and mining engineering; Human Form – industrial engineering; Computer Card and Binary Numbers – computer science

### *Health Sciences*

**Colors:** Green – Healing Arts  
**Symbols:** Dark Red Field – blood of life; White Shield and Red Cross – humanitarian aid; Human Figure – physical care and therapy; Beaker, Needle and Test Tube – laboratory research and application

### *Liberal Arts*

**Color:** White – Humanities, Arts and Letters

**Symbols:** Alpha/Omega – first and last letters of the Greek alphabet symbolizing the scope of studies in liberal arts;

Torch – knowledge; Open Book – the learning process and literacy

Color stripes denote disciplines within liberal arts: Brown for Fine Arts, Crimson for Journalism, Pink for Music, Dark Blue for Philosophy, Violet for Psychology, Scarlet for Religion, Citron for Social Work and Silver Gray for Speech and Drama

### *Nursing*

**Color:** Apricot

**Symbols:** Maltese Cross – exceptional service to humanity; Lamp of Knowledge – tribute to Florence Nightingale; Eternal Flame – lifelong quest for knowledge; Laurel Leaves – honor; “Corpus Sanare” – healing the body; Burnt Orange Ring – School of Nursing becomes part of The University of Texas System in 1972; Columbia Blue and Navy Blue – past and present colors; Stars – the State of Texas with Miner Orange

### *Science*

**Color:** Golden Yellow

**Symbols:** Clouds/Sky – the atmosphere surrounding the Earth; Globe – Earth and geography; Methane molecule – chemistry, biology and physics; Five Mathematical Symbols – basic and higher math concepts; Tree – the history of science; and the Mountains, Earth and Strata – geology

### *Graduate School*

**Colors:** University colors of Orange, White and Blue and other colors from academic areas offering graduate study

**Symbols:** Rainbow – the spectrum of disciplines forming the Graduate School; Star – the Lone Star of Texas and the skyward direction of the flames; Pan of Flames – group knowledge; and Laurel Branches – high academic achievement

## THE UNIVERSITY MACE

A symbol of authority and dignity of office, the Mace has been associated with civil and academic ceremonies from at least the 14th century. The Mace is designed to convey honor,

optimism, hope, accomplishment, learning and scholarship, and its association with special events denotes tradition, solemnity and a commitment to excellence. At The University of Texas at El Paso, the Mace plays a prominent role in all Commencement and Convocation ceremonies.

The University Mace is a timeless and inspiring symbol that combines forms selected from the distinctive Bhutanese architecture of the UTEP campus; the natural landscape of the Chihuahuan Desert; and the multicultural heritage of the U.S.-Mexico border region. The Mace captures the University’s rich history as well as its highly promising future, from its beginnings as Texas’ first mining school in 1914 to today’s competitive research university serving a 21st century student demographic.

## GOWNS, CAPS AND HOODS

The tradition of the gown, cap and hood worn at UTEP events dates back to universities in the Middle Ages, when such garments had very practical applications. The gown and hood kept the chill away as students and teachers labored in halls of learning that were often damp and drafty.

Originally, the mortar board, or flat square cap, was a hat which, when removed, provided its wearer with a flat writing surface. Writing instruments and paper were kept in the long sleeves of the gown.

Until modern times, caps and gowns were made of black fabric to illustrate the gravity of learning. Although today’s gowns, caps and tassels are available in a variety of colors, the symbolism of color remains. For example, students who graduate from UTEP wear a tassel whose color represents the college from which they receive their degrees.

The hood drapes over the shoulders and is worn by those who have earned a master’s or doctoral degree. It consists of a black shell, lined in satin, and bears the color of the institution that conferred the degree. The hoods worn by UTEP graduates have an orange lining crossed with a white chevron. The velvet on the border bears the color of the field of learning in which the degree was earned.

## COMMENCEMENT STOLES

The University of Texas at El Paso Alumni Association honors Faculty and Student Marshals, Banner Bearers and the University Banner Bearer with an orange satin stole bearing the Class Medallion and Alumni Association logo. Inaugurated in May 2004, the stoles are proudly worn by students who were selected to represent their college based on their exceptional academic achievement.

The University Banner Bearer – selected based on academic achievement, leadership and campus involvement – is considered the highest honor bestowed upon a student during Commencement. This student follows the Grand Marshal and leads the college banners in the processional. The University Banner Bearer is the second to receive their diploma in their respective college.

In the second phase of the processional, undergraduate and graduate Student Marshals lead their fellow candidates and are the first in their college to receive their diplomas.

The College Banner Bearers carry their college banner and lead their college in the second phase of the processional. These students are second in their college to receive their diploma except in the college represented by the University Banner Bearer.

## CLASS MEDALLION

The first class medallion was created to commemorate UTEP's 100th Commencement ceremony in May 1998 at the Sun Bowl featuring The Honorable George W. Bush, then Governor of Texas. Because of the medallion's popularity, University officials decided to create a Class Medallion for each year's graduating class starting in the new millennium. The Class Medallion unifies graduates of the spring, summer and winter graduation classes into a single class determined by the graduation year. A scholarship from the Medallion Endowed Scholarship Fund is awarded to a Commencement candidate during the spring and winter ceremonies.



## DECORACIONES, INSIGNIAS Y TRAJES CEREMONIALES

### HISTORIA

La Universidad de Texas en El Paso, al igual que sus antecesoras, Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy y Texas Western College, pedían prestados los trajes que se usaban en algunas ocasiones solemnes que tuvieron lugar antes de 1980. En el verano de dicho año, el profesor C.L. Etheridge, miembro del cuerpo docente del Departamento de Arte Dramático, sugirió que ya era hora de que UTEP contara con sus propios trajes de ceremonia. El Presidente Haskell Monroe fundó la Comisión Patrimonial de la Universidad con el fin de recaudar fondos destinados a la creación de una serie de elementos decorativos o ciales, que incluirían un bastón de mando, collares emblemáticos de los cargos de Rector y Vicerrector de Asuntos Académicos, el estandarte universitario y el escudo, así como estandartes y escudos para cada una de las facultades.

En 1949, el renombrado pintor pasañero José Cisneros creó un escudo universitario para Texas Western College. Más tarde, se incluyó el escudo que representaba el sol, las montañas y el río de El Paso en el diseño heráldico oficial del estandarte de la universidad, diseñado por la profesora y pintora Sally Bishop, quien también creó los diseños de los emblemas para las facultades de Artes Liberales, Ciencias, Enfermería y Ciencias Afines (actual facultad de Ciencias de la Salud), y la Escuela de Graduados. A su vez, Albert Ronke, profesor de arte dramático y escenógrafo, concibió los diseños de los escudos para las Facultades de Administración de Empresas, Educación e Ingeniería.

Los ocho diseños de los escudos y su disposición heráldica fueron plasmados en tela por Esther “Terrie” Cornell. En el 2001, los escudos de la Facultad de Ingeniería, de Administración de Empresas y de Ciencias de la Salud fueron rediseñados para que se incluyeran los nuevos programas ofrecidos por dichas facultades.

Un ex-alumno, James Love, artista y joyero de El Paso, elaboró el collar del cargo oficial de Rector, que comprendía ocho escudos reproducidos sobre discos esmaltados de dos pulgadas de diámetro, así como el collar de cargo de Vicerrector de Asuntos Académicos y el bastón de mando de la Universidad.

Los procedimientos y procesiones ceremoniales que se siguen actualmente fueron ideados por C.L. Etheridge y fueron puestos en práctica en 1981.

### ESTANDARTES

Entre las diversas tradiciones relacionadas con la Ceremonia de Graduación, la presentación de los estandartes ceremoniales de la Universidad y de las Facultades simboliza los logros alcanzados por los graduados a los cuales honramos en cada ocasión, así como el compromiso de la Universidad para que tengan éxito. Cada estandarte ostenta el escudo oficial de la universidad colocado en un campo heráldico de cuatro por seis pies, y cada uno de ellos muestra los colores y símbolos que identifican a cada una de las facultades.

#### *Estandarte Universitario*

**Colores:** Naranja, Blanco y Azul  
**Símbolos:** Libro Abierto – el proceso de aprendizaje; el Sol, las Montañas y el Río – La ciudad de El Paso; La Estrella – La Estrella Solitaria de Texas; La Rama de Laurel – logros académicos superiores; La Rama de Roble – solidaridad y permanencia.

### FACULTADES

#### *Administración de Empresas*

**Colores:** Café – Administración y Contabilidad  
**Símbolos:** Flama – conocimiento e iluminación; Pico Minero – unidad con la identidad de la Universidad; Columna – fortaleza y es una inferencia emblemática a la importancia de la acreditación internacional; Pergamino – relacionado al comercio y contratos; Ramas de Laurel – éxito académico y profesional; Mapa Mundial – internacional

## *Educación*

**Color:** Azul cielo

**Símbolos:** Lámpara – luz del conocimiento; Libro – aprendizaje y alfabetismo; Sigma – símbolo griego que significa “quo lo abarca todo”; Libro, regla y compas – las herramientas del aprendizaje

## *Ingeniería*

**Color:** Anaranjado oscuro

**Símbolos:** Castillo – ingeniería civil; Engranaje – ingeniería mecánica; Relámpago – ingeniería eléctrica; Martillo y Bascula de Ensaye – ingeniería metalúrgica y materiales; Forma Humana – ingeniería industrial; Tarjeta de Computadora y Números Binarios – Informática

## *Ciencias de la Salud*

**Color:** Albaricoque – Enfermería Verde – Artes de Curación

**Símbolos:** Campo Rojo Oscuro – la sangre de vida; Campo Blanco y Cruz Roja – ayuda humanitaria; Figura Humana – cuidado y terapia física; Vaso de precipitado / Aguja / Tubo de Ensaye – investigación de laboratorio y su aplicación

## *Artes Liberales*

**Color:** Blanco – Humanidades, Filosofía y Letras

**Símbolos:** Alpha / Omega – Primera y última letra del alfabeto Griego simbolizando los ámbitos de estudio en las Artes Liberales; Antorcha – conocimiento; Libro abierto – el proceso de aprendizaje y el alfabetismo.

Las Franjas de colores denotan las disciplinas que forman parte de las artes Liberales: Café para las Bellas Artes, Carmesí para Periodismo, Rosa para Música, Azul Rey para Filosofía, Violeta para Psicología, Escarlata para Religión, Verde Lima para trabajo Social y Gris plateado para Declamación y Drama.

## *Enfermería*

**Color:** Albaricoque

**Símbolo:** Cruz de Malta – Servicio excepcional a la humanidad; Lámpara del Conocimiento – Tributo a Florence Nightingale; La Llama Eterna – Búsqueda del conocimiento durante toda la vida; Hojas de Laurel – Honor; “Corps Sanare” – Sanador de cuerpo; Aro Naranja Quemado – La Escuela de Enfermería forma parte del Sistema de la Universidad de Texas en 1972;

Azul Columbia y Azul Marino – Tonos anteriores actuales del color azul designados como oficiales; Estrella – El estado de Texas con el color naranja de los mineros.

## *Ciencias*

**Color:** Amarillo dorado

**Símbolos:** Nubes / cielo – la atmósfera que rodea la tierra; Globo – la Tierra y la geografía; Molécula de Metano – química, biología y física; Cinco Símbolos Matemáticos – conceptos matemáticos básicos y superiores; Árbol – la historia de la ciencia; las Montañas, la Tierra y el Estrato – geología

## *Escuela de Graduados*

**Colores de la Piedra Angular:** los colores universitarios Anaranjado, Blanco y Azul y otros colores de áreas académicas que ofrecen estudios para graduados

**Símbolos:** Arco iris – el espectro de las disciplinas que forman la escuela de graduados; Estrella – la estrella solitaria de Texas y las ramas dirigidas hacia el cielo; Bandeja de Flamas – conocimiento grupal; y Ramas de Laurel – conocimiento académico superior.

## EL BASTÓN DE MANDO UNIVERSITARIO

El bastón de mando, símbolo de autoridad y dignidad del cargo, ha sido asociado con ceremonias civiles y académicas desde el Siglo XIV, por lo menos. El bastón de mando está diseñado para transmitir honor, optimismo, esperanza, logro, aprendizaje y sabiduría y su vínculo con acontecimientos especiales denota tradición, solemnidad y un compromiso hacia la excelencia. En la Universidad de Texas en El Paso, el bastón de mando representa un papel importante en todas las ceremonias de graduación y de convocación.

El Bastón de Mando Universitario es un perenne símbolo de inspiración que combina las formas seleccionadas de la característica arquitectura Butanesa del campus de UTEP, el paisaje natural del Desierto Chihuahuense y la herencia multicultural de la región fronteriza de Estados Unidos y México. El bastón de mando capta la rica historia de la Universidad así como su futuro sumamente prometedor, desde sus

inicios como la primera escuela de minería de Texas en 1914, hasta la universidad de hoy en día, dedicada a la investigación competitiva, que ofrece sus servicios a la población estudiantil del Siglo XXI.

## TOGAS, BIRRETES Y ESCLAVINAS

La tradición del uso de las togas, birretes y esclavinas que utilizan en las ceremonias de UTEP tiene su origen en los albores de las universidades medievales, cuando dicha vestimenta tenía usos prácticos. La toga y la esclavina eran utilizadas por los estudiantes y profesores para abrigarse del frío y la humedad imperantes dentro de los salones de aprendizaje.

En un principio, el birrete, o sea la gorra plana cuadrada, se utilizaba para cubrir la cabeza del estudiante, y cuando se quitaba podía emplearse como una superficie plana para escribir (el papel y los instrumentos para escribir se guardaban en las amplias mangas de la toga).

Incluso actualmente, las togas y birretes se fabrican con tela negra para simbolizar el aspecto sombrío de la educación. Aunque hoy en día existe variedad en los colores de las togas, birretes y borlas, el simbolismo del color permanece. Por ejemplo, los estudiantes que se gradúan de UTEP utilizan borlas cuyo color representa la facultad de la cual se están graduando.

La esclavina la portan únicamente aquellos que han obtenido un grado de Maestría o Doctorado. Consiste en una capa negra forrada en satén que cuelga sobre la espalda de la toga; el color del forro varía según el color de la institución que con ere el título. Las esclavinas que portan los graduados de UTEP ostentan un forro color naranja atravesado por un listón blanco. El terciopelo del borde ostenta el color del campo de estudios del cual se está obteniendo el título.

## ESTOLAS DISTINTIVAS DE GRADUACIÓN

La Asociación de Ex-Alumnos de la Universidad de Texas en El Paso honra con una estola de satén color anaranjado que ostenta el Medallón de la Generación y el Emblema de la Asociación a aquellos

estudiantes y profesores que fueron distinguidos para fungir como Marshals, como portadores del estandarte universitario y de la insignia de cada facultad.

Los estudiantes que llevan con orgullo estas estolas instauradas en mayo de 2004, son seleccionados para representar a su escuela en base a sus logros académicos.

Ser Portador del Estandarte Universitario, es el mayor honor que se otorga durante la ceremonia de graduación a un estudiante que ha sido elegido por su desempeño académico, liderazgo y participación en el campus. El galardonado sigue al Grand Marshal, guía a los estandartes de las facultades durante la ceremonia y es el segundo en recibir el diploma en la facultad que le corresponde.

En la segunda fase de la procesión ceremonial, los estudiantes de licenciatura y de posgrado que fueron designados como Marshals guían a sus compañeros graduados y son los primeros en recibir el diploma de su facultad.

Los Portadores del Estandarte de la Facultad llevan el que representa a su escuela, sirven de guía para los graduados de la misma en la segunda fase de la ceremonia y son los segundo en recibir el diploma de su facultad, a excepción de la representada por el Portador del Estandarte Universitario.

## MEDALLÓN DE LA GENERACIÓN

El primer Medallón de la Generación fue ideado con el fin de conmemorar la Ceremonia de Graduación del Centenario de UTEP en mayo de 1998 en el Estadio Sun Bowl. La ceremonia contó con la presencia del Honorable George W. Bush en ese entonces, Gobernador de Texas.

Debido a la popularidad del medallón, los funcionarios universitarios decidieron crear uno para cada generación a partir del nuevo milenio. El medallón de generación une a los graduados de las generaciones de primavera, verano e invierno en una sola generación que se determina por año de graduación. Durante las ceremonias de primavera e invierno se otorgara a un graduado una beca del Fondo de Becas del Medallón. Medallón, ilustrado en página 49.



## MINING MINDS

To honor the graduates, “Mining Minds,” the iconic piece of public art installed in 2010 to enhance the entrance of The University of Texas at El Paso campus, will glow in orange and blue through the weekend of Commencement. Michael Clapper, the sculptor who created “Mining Minds,” honored President Diana Natalicio by selecting and converting into binary code on the pick the final lines from her Fall 2008 Convocation remarks: Believe in yourself and in your dreams. Believe in UTEP and its aspirations. Share the dream!

At night, orange light illuminates the steel structure, while LEDs emanate from the perforated ones and zeros at each end of the pick. On special occasions, including historic dates, annual milestones and to celebrate special accomplishments, the pick illuminates the campus’ entrance in orange and blue. The majestic pickaxe sculpture is located in the roundabout at University Avenue and Sun Bowl Drive, in front of the UTEP Bookstore.

## MINING MINDS

La icónica pieza de arte público Mining Minds, instalada en el 2010 para realzar la entrada del campus de la Universidad de Texas en El Paso, brillara de color naranja y azul este fin de semana de graduaciones para celebrar a los graduados. El escultor que elaboro Mining Minds, Michael Clapper, hizo honor a la Rectora Diana Natalicio el seleccionar y convertir en código binario las palabras de la convocatoria de Otoño del 2008 para añadirlas al pico: “crean en ustedes mismos y en sus sueños. Crean en UTEP y en sus aspiraciones. ¡Compartan el sueño!”

Por la noche, la luz naranja ilumina la estructura de acero, mientras que los pequeños focos LED emanen de los unos y ceros perforados en cada orilla del pico. En ocasiones especiales incluyendo fechas históricas, hitos anuales y para celebrar logros especiales, el pico ilumina la entrada del campus en naranja y azul. La majestuosa escultura de la punta de pico está ubicada en la glorieta de la Avenida Universidad y calle Sun Bowl Drive, en frente de la librería de UTEP.

## “MEN O’ MINES”

(1932; Alma Mater 1956)

In 1932, biology professor Burt Franklin Jenness wrote a seven stanza poem titled “Men O’ Mines” that was published in that year’s yearbook. Band director Rayo Reyes set it to music and Katherine Owsley arranged the music for four-part choir. By 1934 the song was regularly performed at games, assemblies and special functions. Copies were sent to civic clubs throughout El Paso for popularization by club song leaders.

In 1956, music graduate student J. Sande Morrison rewrote the song for choir. Its first two verses and chorus were adopted with some minor changes as the new alma mater for Texas Western College after approval by the Music Department, executive council of the student body, and alumni. Sometimes the chorus is played alone and called “Miner Victory.” The University premiered a new version of the Alma Mater at the 2015 Spring Commencement. It was arranged by Edward Rodriguez, then a Choral Music Education student and a member of the UTEP Chamber Singers.

Burt Franklin Jenness, profesor de biología, compuso en 1932 un poema de siete estrofas titulado “Men O’ Mines” que fue publicado en el anuario de ese año. Rayo Reyes, director de la banda le puso música y Katherine Owsley hizo los arreglos musicales para un coro en cuatro partes. Para el año de 1934, la canción se interpretaba regularmente en juegos, asambleas y reuniones especiales. Se enviaron copias a los clubes cívicos por todo El Paso para que los líderes de canciones de clubes la popularizaran.

En 1965, J. Sande Morrison, un egresado de UTEP, reescribió la canción para coro. Se adaptaron sus primeros dos versos y coro con algunos cambios menores como nueva Alma Mater para el Texas Western College, después de haber sido aprobada por el Departamento de Música, el Consejo Ejecutivo del cuerpo estudiantil y los ex-alumnos. En ocasiones, se toca el coro solo y se le llama “Miner Victory”.

La Universidad estrenó una nueva versión del Alma Mater en la Ceremonia de Graduación de la primavera del 2011. Los arreglos fueron hechos por Edward Rodríguez, en ese entonces estudiante de educación en música coral y miembro de los cantantes de Cámara de UTEP.

Traducciones al español por  
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## "MEN O' MINES"

(1932; Alma Mater 1956)

*1. Far beneath the crags of Franklin  
Stand our Alma Mater's halls.  
Gleams afar her rock-hewn campus,  
Dust brown walls against the hills.  
Gem of learning in a country  
Whose own wealth of lore enthralls.  
Hail the light of Texas Western  
And the mission she fulfills!*

### **Chorus:**

*Up! Men of mines, and hit the trail;  
The Texas spirit shall not fail;  
Miners fight for the right!  
For the orange and white!  
Tamp! Tamp! Tamp! Men of mines,  
Tramp! Tramp! Tramp! Men of mines,  
Now clear the way, for it's today,  
That we must gain the victory.*

*2. May the canyon walls above her  
Echo back her classic name,  
And the deeds of men who leave her  
Stir the heights on which she stands.  
May the pangs of recollection  
Set their memories aflame,  
Till they see again the beauty  
Of the vista she commands.*

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