ARE YOU READY FOR GRADUATION?

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS at EL PASO

One-Hundred Twenty-Fifth Commencement Ceremony

Saturday
December 11, 2010
Don Haskins Center

www.utep.edu/commencement
Congratulations on completing your degree! I know that this is a major milestone in your life, and I look forward to joining UTEP faculty and staff and your family members and friends in celebrating at UTEP’s commencement ceremonies on Saturday, December 11, 2010.

This booklet contains important information about the degree application process and the commencement ceremonies. Should you have additional questions, please consult the resource guide on page 13. A UTEP staff member will be pleased to assist you. You can also visit us online at www.utep.edu/commencement.

At each commencement ceremony, we introduce several UTEP graduates whose life stories and accomplishments help characterize their graduating class. Each member of the Class of 2010 has a story to tell, and we hope you will take a moment to submit your story for our consideration. Don’t be modest! This is a wonderful opportunity for us to recognize your accomplishments and celebrate the collective talent and motivation of UTEP students. You’ll find information about how you can “Tell Us Your Story” on Page 3.

As you prepare to join the distinguished ranks of UTEP alumni, I invite you to remain an active member of the UTEP family by joining the UTEP Alumni Association. As our gift to you, you’ll enjoy the benefit of a reduced membership fee for your first year as an Association member.

On behalf of everyone at UTEP, I extend to you our very best wishes for continued success in the future.

Diana Natalicio
President
Winter 2010 COMMENCEMENT
Saturday, December 11, 2010 • Don Haskins Center

Morning Ceremony - 9 a.m.  Afternoon Ceremony - 2 p.m.
College of Liberal Arts  College of Business Administration
University College  College of Education

Evening Ceremony - 7 p.m.
College of Engineering
College of Science
College of Health Sciences
School of Nursing

✓ All ceremonies include graduate and cooperative programs corresponding to these colleges.

Congratulations Class of 2010!
We know that your graduation from UTEP is an important event in your life and in the lives of those who have helped you reach this goal. It is important in the life of the University as well, and it should be a meaningful and rewarding experience for everyone. We hope this booklet provides the answers to your questions about the commencement ceremony, and helps to ensure that you, your family and friends have a memorable experience at this joyous event, marking your transition from student to alumnus.

Best Wishes and Congratulations!
From the Registration and Records Office, the Office of University Relations and your UTEP Alumni Association

JOIN TODAY!
The UTEP Alumni Association offers members a variety of ways to stay connected as well as campus, local and nationwide benefits. To learn more about the UTEP Alumni Association visit www.alumni.utep.edu or call 1-866-GO-MINERS.
How has UTEP made a difference for you or a fellow graduate? Each commencement provides UTEP an opportunity to tell a story through the experiences of a graduate. Visit the commencement Web site at www.utep.edu/commencement and complete the “Tell Us Your Story” form to tell us of your unique experiences. Perhaps you have a friend with a special story you want to share. Tell us how UTEP has helped you or a fellow graduate achieve your goals.

You may want to consider these questions in preparing your response:

- What impact has UTEP had on your life?
- Was there an individual at UTEP who made a significant impact in completing your education?
- Was there a specific turning point, incident, course, or learning experience that sparked your success?
- If you are a first-generation college graduate, what are your thoughts on being a graduate?
- What challenges have you faced in completing your education?
- Have you been accepted to graduate/professional school?
- What are your employment options?
- What unique experiences have made your UTEP education interesting or unusual?
- What honors have you received?
- List other members of your immediate or extended family who are graduates of UTEP (brothers, sisters, spouse, mom, dad, children, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc.)

Your story may be chosen to be included in the President’s commencement remarks. The local media may also decide to include your story in their news reports concerning commencement.

To submit your story, please visit the commencement website at www.utep.edu/commencement and complete the online “Tell Us Your Story” form. For more information, contact Elizabeth Lang at eblang@utep.edu
CONGRATULATIONS

…on the completion of your degree from The University of Texas at El Paso! The faculty and staff at UTEP are extremely proud of you. Your hard work and perseverance have finally paid off and you will soon be an alumna/us of one of the finest institutions in the Southwest. As Associate Vice President and Dean of Students, I commend you on this achievement and urge you to apply all that you have learned through your experience at UTEP to your future endeavors.

I encourage you to attend commencement on Saturday, December 11, at the Don Haskins Center. I have earned three degrees (all from UTEP!) and know the sheer joy and excitement you experience when your name is called from the stage and you shake hands with the president as you receive your diploma. The pride your family and friends have in you will be something you will remember for the rest of your life. All of us at UTEP are honored to share this moment with you.

In order to make this event the best it can be, I ask that you follow some simple procedures referred to on pages 6 and 7.

Staff members will be present in the Memorial Gym to assist you with your commencement preparations. I look forward to seeing you at commencement and celebrating this wonderful occasion with you.

Sincerely,

Gary Edens, Ed.D.
Associate Vice President and Dean of Students
Class of ‘89, M.A. ‘95, Ed.D. ‘08
On behalf of the UTEP family, I congratulate you for your hard work and the dedication that have brought you to this cheerful day. Commencement is a time of celebration, to share with family and friends, and to reflect on the past and plan towards the future.

I hope that you will continue a proud UTEP tradition by wearing your Class of 2010 medallion at your Commencement ceremony. Available at the University Bookstore, this beautiful medallion is a symbol of your academic success. Many graduates keep their medallions as a cherished memento, while others present theirs to loved ones as a special thank-you gift for their support. When you purchase a Class of 2010 medallion, you’re also helping create opportunities for future generations of UTEP students to pursue their educational goals as you have.

Although your student days may have ended, you will always be a member of the UTEP’s vibrant campus community and your legacy as a Miner will live on. I encourage you to join the UTEP Alumni Association. This is a great way to stay current with the latest UTEP news, keep in touch with your friends, and let us know about the great things happening in your life!

I wish you and the Class of 2010 much success and prosperity in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Diana Gloria
President
Student Government Association
COMMENCEMENT CHECKLIST:

- Visit www.utep.edu/commencement for updated information on commencement and pre-commencement ceremonies. Remember to register with the commencement photographer while here.
- You will receive an email in your @miners.utep.edu account containing a link to submit your RSVP at a later date. *Please note RSVPs are for statistical purposes only. They do not assign you a seat at commencement.*
- Visit the UTEP Bookstore to purchase regalia (caps, gown, etc.) for commencement.
- Undergraduate students visit the Registration & Records page, www.utep.edu/records to see if you are eligible for a tuition rebate. On the “Student Forms” menu click, Tuition Rebate Program Application. Turn in the completed application to the Registration & Records Office in the Academic Services Building Rm. 123.

THE DAY OF COMMENCEMENT

1. To guarantee the best possible Commencement experience, please arrive at Memorial Gym at least an hour prior to the ceremony. Check-in will begin inside of Auxiliary Gym (room 120) at the following times:
   - For 9 AM Ceremony: 8 AM (doors open at 7:30 AM)
   - For 2 PM Ceremony: 1 PM (doors open at 12:30 PM)
   - For 7 PM Ceremony: 6 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
2. Arrive early and have a photo taken in Memorial Gym prior to the ceremony.
3. Please leave all personal items (backpacks, cell phones, purses, coats, etc.) at home or in your automobile. These items (along with beach balls, balloons, confetti, noise makers, silly string, etc.) will not be allowed in the Don Haskins Center.
4. Though your family and friends are an important part of commencement, child care services will not be provided, and children may not accompany graduates during the commencement ceremony. Please make appropriate plans for the care of your children.
5. Wear regalia, comfortable shoes and out of courtesy for your fellow graduates, please remain for the duration of the ceremony.
6. The procession will depart from Memorial Gym to the Don Haskins Center at the following times:
   - 9 AM Ceremony: 8:45 AM
   - 2 PM Ceremony: 1:45 PM
   - 7 PM Ceremony: 6:45 PM

Please ensure that you have checked-in and picked up your reader card prior to these times.
1. The Don Haskins Center will open one hour prior to the ceremony. Family and friends should plan to arrive at least 30 minutes before the ceremony. Due to the large crowds, choice parking and seating will be limited. Please be mindful of small children.

2. PLEASE NOTE: Baby strollers, balloons, noise makers, glass containers and banners are not permitted in the Don Haskins Center.

3. General parking is available north of the Don Haskins Center off Sun Bowl Dr. and north of the Sun Bowl Stadium and Kidd Field. In order to avoid congestion due to construction, plan to arrive via Sun Bowl Dr., and avoid N. Mesa and Oregon St. Please do not park in any reserved parking areas.

   Visit www.utep.edu/commencement for parking locations.

   Disabled parking areas are located at the north end of the Don Haskins Center.

   Visit www.utep.edu/commencement for directions and maps.

4. Wheelchair accessible seating is available in Sections E, I, R and V. Refer to the ceremony diagrams in this booklet for the location of these sections. Questions concerning services available for individuals with disabilities may be directed to the Disabled Student Services Office at 747-5148.

5. Graduates will be seated in the Don Haskins Center in alphabetical order by college. After the ceremony, graduates will exit the Don Haskins Center through the south tunnel entrance and reunite with family and friends in the “Celebration Plaza,” located south of the Don Haskins Center. College signs will specify the meeting location. Refer to the ceremony diagrams for seating and post-commencement waiting areas.

6. Please respect the calling of all graduates’ names by refraining from long and disrupting celebrations, and by remaining seated throughout the entire ceremony, to ensure that each name is heard clearly by the entire audience.

7. Celebrate your graduate’s accomplishments!

   - Remember that this event is being shared with other graduates, their families and friends. Being joyful is important, but do not let your celebration ruin anyone else’s experience. Proper decorum for a commencement ceremony will be expected.

   - Alcoholic beverages and disorderly conduct detract from the dignity of the ceremony and will not be permitted during any of the commencement events. Persons who violate this prohibition may be escorted from the ceremony.

   - To ensure that the commencement ceremony is conducted efficiently and with respect for the occasion, all instructions by the staff working the ceremony must be followed.
Morning Ceremony

Candidate Seating and Post-Commencement Celebration Plaza

[Map of the area showing candidate seating and post-commencement celebration plaza, with labels for faculty seating, graduation candidates, graduate school, liberal arts, university college, and Glory Road.]
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SMILE FOR US…

CONGRATULATIONS!

- Arrive an hour before your ceremony and have a special “Green Screen” photograph taken in Memorial Gym.

- A photographer from GradImages® will be at your ceremony to take a candid photograph of you at your special moment of recognition.

- You will receive a free passport-sized digital proof of this photo on an order card within 5-7 days following the ceremony.

- PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY: To pre-register for your graduation photo, please visit www.gradimages.com or www.utep.edu/commencement (follow the GradImages link) and click on Pre-Event Registration.

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CELEBRATIONS...

Graduation Fair
November 2, 2010
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
November 3, 2010
10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
The University Bookstore
747-5594

UTEP Graduation Ring Ceremony
(Ceremony is open to those who have purchased UTEP rings)
December 1, 2010
6:00 PM
Tomas Rivera Conference Center
Union Building East, 3rd Floor

Student Alumni Association and
UTEP Alumni Association
747-5592

Senior Breakfast
December 2, 2010
8:00 AM
Peter and Margaret deWetter Center
Student Alumni Association and
UTEP Alumni Association
747-5592

Non-sponsored Commencement Luncheon
December 11, 2010
11:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Union Building East, 2nd Floor
747-7460
Live Mariachi Entertainment
### Resource Guide

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  - Sunday 10 am - 2 pm
  - (915) 747-5594