Celebrate your Graduation as a Member of The University of Texas at El Paso Class of 2018!

Saturday May 12, 2018
Don Haskins Center

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SPRING 2018 COMMENCEMENT
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Morning Ceremony - 9 a.m.
College of Liberal Arts

Afternoon Ceremony - 2 p.m.
College of Business Administration
College of Education
School of Nursing

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

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

Congratulations Class of 2018!

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 information 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

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.
Tell Us About Your Next Steps

How has UTEP transformed your future?

Each commencement provides UTEP an opportunity to tell a story through the experiences and future plans of a graduate. Visit the commencement website at www.utep.edu/springcommencement and complete the “Tell Us About Your Next Steps” form. 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?
• Have you been accepted to graduate/professional school?
• What are your employment options?
• 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/springcommencement and complete the online “Tell Us About Your Next Steps” form.
COMMENCEMENT CHECKLIST:

- Visit www.utep.edu/springcommencement for updated information on commencement and college ceremonies. Remember to register with the commencement photographer (GradImages).
- Do not forget to RSVP. Please note: RSVPs are for statistical purposes only. They do not assign you a seat at commencement.
- The Office of Alumni hosts "GRADFAIR," where graduate candidates can purchase all of their commencement needs—everything from your cap and gown to your class ring. It is all conveniently packaged for you in the GRADPACK. Additionally, with the purchase of your GRADPACK, you will receive one-year membership to the UTEP Alumni Association.
- After GRADFAIR, you can also visit the UTEP Bookstore to purchase your regalia (caps, gowns, etc.)
- 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 Mike Loya Academic Services Building Room 107.

THE DAY OF COMMENCEMENT

1. In order to experience an enjoyable Commencement ceremony, 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 5:30 PM)

2. Arrive early and have your green screen Commencement portrait taken in Memorial Gym prior to the ceremony.

3. After you check-in, members of the UTEP Alumni Association will present you with an official Miner Pick lapel pin to welcome you to a long-lasting and fruitful relationship with the Association. Everytime you look at this UTEP pin, you will fondly remember your UTEP experience and remain connected with your alma mater.

4. Please leave all personal items (backpacks, mobile devices, purses, coats, etc.) at home or in your automobile. These items (along with, food, beverages, beach balls, balloons, confetti, noise makers, silly string, etc.) will not be allowed in the Don Haskins Center.

5. 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.

6. Wear regalia and comfortable shoes, and out of courtesy for your fellow graduates, please remain for the duration of the ceremony.

7. 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 60 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, tripods, and banners are not permitted in the Don Haskins Center. Reserving seats is not allowed.

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. Plan to arrive via Sun Bowl Dr., and avoid N. Mesa and Oregon St. Please do not park in any reserved parking areas.

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

   Visit [www.utep.edu/springcommencement](http://www.utep.edu/springcommencement) for directions and parking location 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 Center for Accommodations and Support Services at 747-5148.

5. Only candidates and faculty are allowed to enter through the South Tunnel entrance.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Ceremonies are expected to last approximately 2 hours.

9. Celebrate your graduate’s accomplishments!

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**Tips For Family & Friends**

- 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 at all times.

- 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
Afternoon Ceremony

Candidate Seating and Post-Commencement Celebration Plaza

Faculty and Staff Seating

Graduate School

Graduate School

Business Administration

Education

Nursing

Post-Commencement Celebration Plaza

Oregon St.

Glory Rd.

To Mesa St.
Evening Ceremony

Candidate Seating and Post-Commencement Celebration Plaza

Engineering Graduate School
Health Sciences
Science

Faculty and Staff Seating

Stage

Engineering
Graduate School
Health Sciences
Science

To Mesa St.

Glory Rd.

Oregon St.
CONGRATULATIONS!

- After check in have a special “Green Screen” photograph taken in the 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 or via email 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/wintercommencement (follow the GradImages link) and click on Pre-Event Registration then search for "UTEP".

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Graduation Package Prices

Picture proofs will be emailed to each graduate 48-72 hours following the ceremony. A paper proof will also be delivered to the graduate with ordering information via the U.S. Postal service. There is no obligation to purchase.

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Celebrations...

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