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PROGRAM/PROGRAMA

Morning Ceremony/Ceremonia Matutina 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 Tony Jason Stafford, Grand Marshal
Professor, English

National Anthem/Himno Nacional. Ceremonial Brass Ensemble
The Star Spangled Banner UTEP Chamber Singers and Audience

UTEP Chamber Singers
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** Howard Daudistel
Interim Provost

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

Conferral of Degrees/Entrega de Títulos Diana Natalicio, President

The College of Liberal Arts Patricia Witherspoon, Dean
The Graduate School Charles Ambler, Dean

**Announcement Candidates' Names/
Anuncio de los nombres de los candidatos** Adriana Dominguez
Clinical Professor, Theatre and Dance

Rebecca Rivas
Assistant 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 graduate in Lot P-11. 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 P-11. Consulte el diagrama en la página 7 del programa.

ORDER OF ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Morning Ceremony 9 a.m.

Tony Jason Stafford
Grand Marshal of the University

Isabella C. Marin
The University Banner Bearer

Anthony Gus Cohen
Graduate School Banner Bearer

Carmen Marie Arrabito
College of Liberal Arts Banner Bearer

Diana Natalicio
President

Howard Daudistel
Interim Provost

Gary Edens
Vice President for Student Affairs

Beth L. Brunk-Chavez
Vice Dean of Extended University

Charles Ambler
Dean of the Graduate School

Elena Izquierdo
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Jack Chessa
Chair, Graduate Council

Ben Carnevale
Chair, Staff Council

John Aranda
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Alumni Association*

Sergio Baltazar
*President,
Student Government Association*

MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY

The Graduate School

Bess Sirmon-Taylor Marshal
Charles Ambler Dean

The College of Liberal Arts

Yolanda Chávez Leyva Marshal
Patricia Witherspoon Dean
Faculty of the College

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE

The Graduate School

The College Banner Bearer
Faculty Marshal of Students Brian D. Yothers, Liberal Arts
Student Marshal José Miguel Chávez Leyva, Liberal Arts
Candidates for the Degree

The College of Liberal Arts

The College Banner Bearer
Faculty Marshals of Students Leanne F. Alarid
Maryse Jayasuriya
Student Marshal Rose Elizabeth Lerma
Candidates for the Degree

The University Librarians

Claudia A. Rivers Marshal

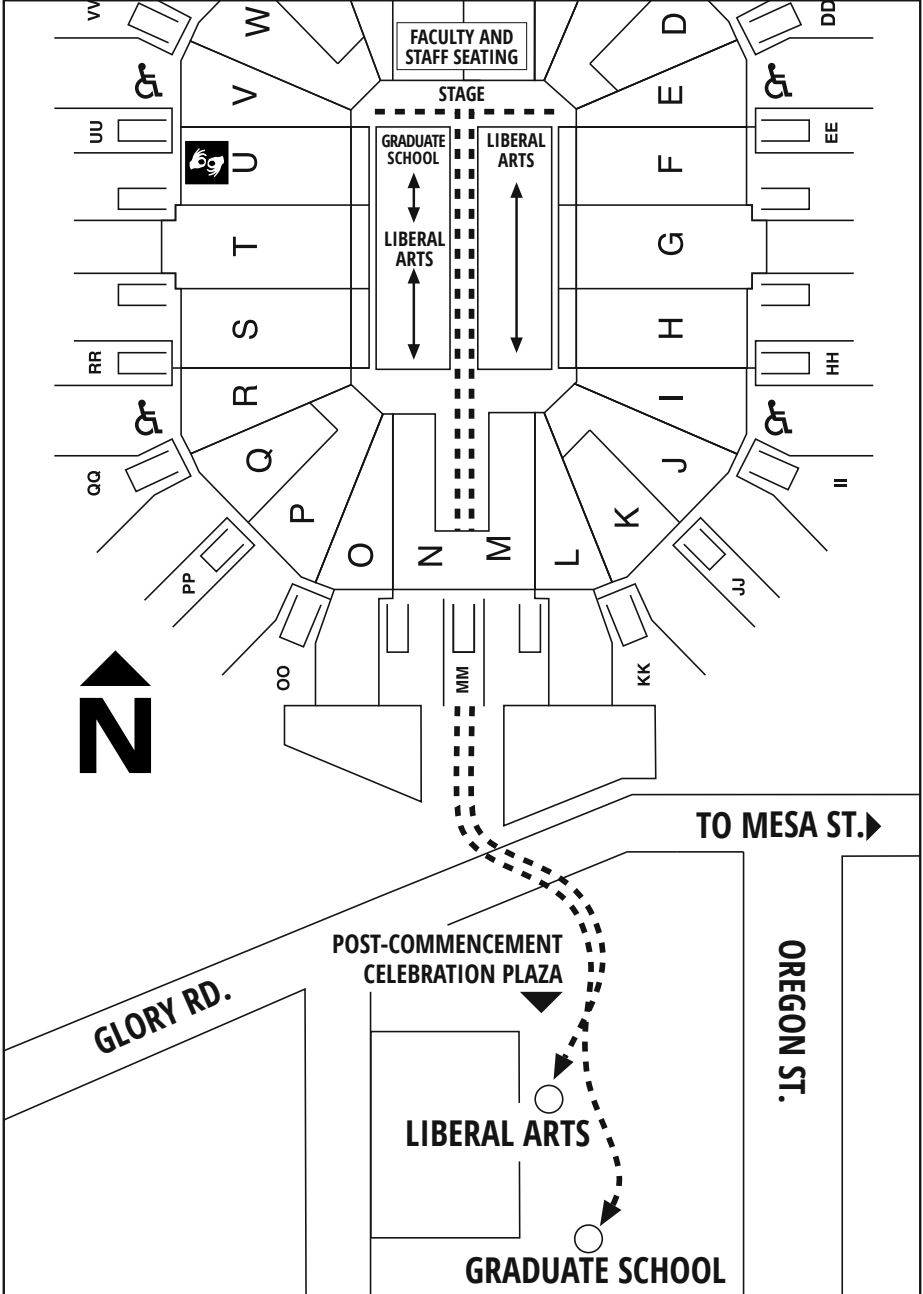
The University Staff

Rebecca Duran-Levy Marshal

STUDENT SEATING & WAITING AREAS

Morning Ceremony 9 a.m.

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PROGRAM/PROGRAMA

Afternoon Ceremony/Ceremonia Vespertina 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 Helen M. Castillo, Grand Marshal
School of Nursing

National Anthem/Himno Nacional. Ceremonial Brass Ensemble
The Star Spangled Banner UTEP Chamber Singers and Audience

UTEP Chamber Singers
Elisa Fraser Wilson, Conductor
Associate Professor, Music

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

Presentation Candidates' Names/

Presentación de los Nombres de los Candidatos Howard Daudistel
Interim Provost

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

Conferral of Degrees/Entrega de Títulos Diana Natalicio, President

The College of Education. Cynthia A. Giorgis, Dean
The School of Nursing Elias Provencio-Vasquez, Dean
The College of Business Administration Robert Nachtmann, Dean
The Graduate School Charles Ambler, Dean

Announcement Candidates' Names/

Anuncio de los nombres de los candidatos Elena Izquierdo
Associate Professor, Teacher Education

Angelica Moreno
Student Engagement and Leadership Center

University Faculty Marshals of Students/

Bastón de Mando y Estandartes Fernando R. Jiménez Arévalo,
Associate Professor, Marketing and Management

Irasema Coronado, Professor, Political Science

Recessional

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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 P-11. Consulte el diagrama en la página 11 del programa.

ORDER OF ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Afternoon Ceremony 2 p.m.

Helen M. Castillo
Grand Marshal of the University

Ana M. Reyes
The University Banner Bearer

Alfredo José Austin
Graduate School Banner Bearer

Noah V. Quinn
College of Business Administration Banner Bearer

David M. Phillips
College of Education Banner Bearer

Sara Elizabeth Martine
School of Nursing Banner Bearer

Diana Natalicio
President

Howard Daudistel
Interim Provost

Gary Edens
Vice President for Student Affairs

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Resources and Planning*

Benjamin Gonzalez
*Vice President for Asset
Management and Development*

Charles Ambler
Dean of the Graduate School

Elena Izquierdo
President, Faculty Senate

Jack Chessa
Chair, Graduate Council

John Aranda
President, Alumni Association

Ben Carnevale
Chair, Staff Council

Sergio Baltazar
*President, Student
Government Association*

MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY

The Graduate School

Bess Sirmon-Taylor Marshal
Charles Ambler Dean

The College of Business Administration

Fernanda Wagstaff Marshal
Robert Nachtmann Dean
Faculty of the College

The College of Education

Joyce G. Asing-Cashman Marshal
Cynthia A. Giorgis Dean
Faculty of the College

The School of Nursing

Jennifer J. Ware Marshal
Elias Provencio-Vasquez Dean
Faculty of the College

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE

The Graduate School

The College Banner Bearer
Faculty Marshals of Students . . . Gary L. Frankwick, Business Administration
Maria Teresa Cortez, Education
Hector R. Morales, Nursing
Student Marshals . . Gwendolyn L. Almodovar, Business Administration
Janette R. Fuentes, Education
Gwendolyn Y. Price, Nursing

Candidates for the Degree

The College of Business Administration

The College Banner Bearer
Faculty Marshal of Students Faith Xie
Student Marshal Amanda S. McLeod
Candidates for the Degree

The College of Education

The College Banner Bearer
Faculty Marshal of Students Daniel A. Tillman
Student Marshal Diana L. Rodríguez
Candidates for the Degree

The School of Nursing

The College Banner Bearer
Faculty Marshal of Students Franchesca E. Nuñez
Student Marshal Ally J. Shin
Candidates for the Degree

The University Librarians

Sebastian Diaz Marshal

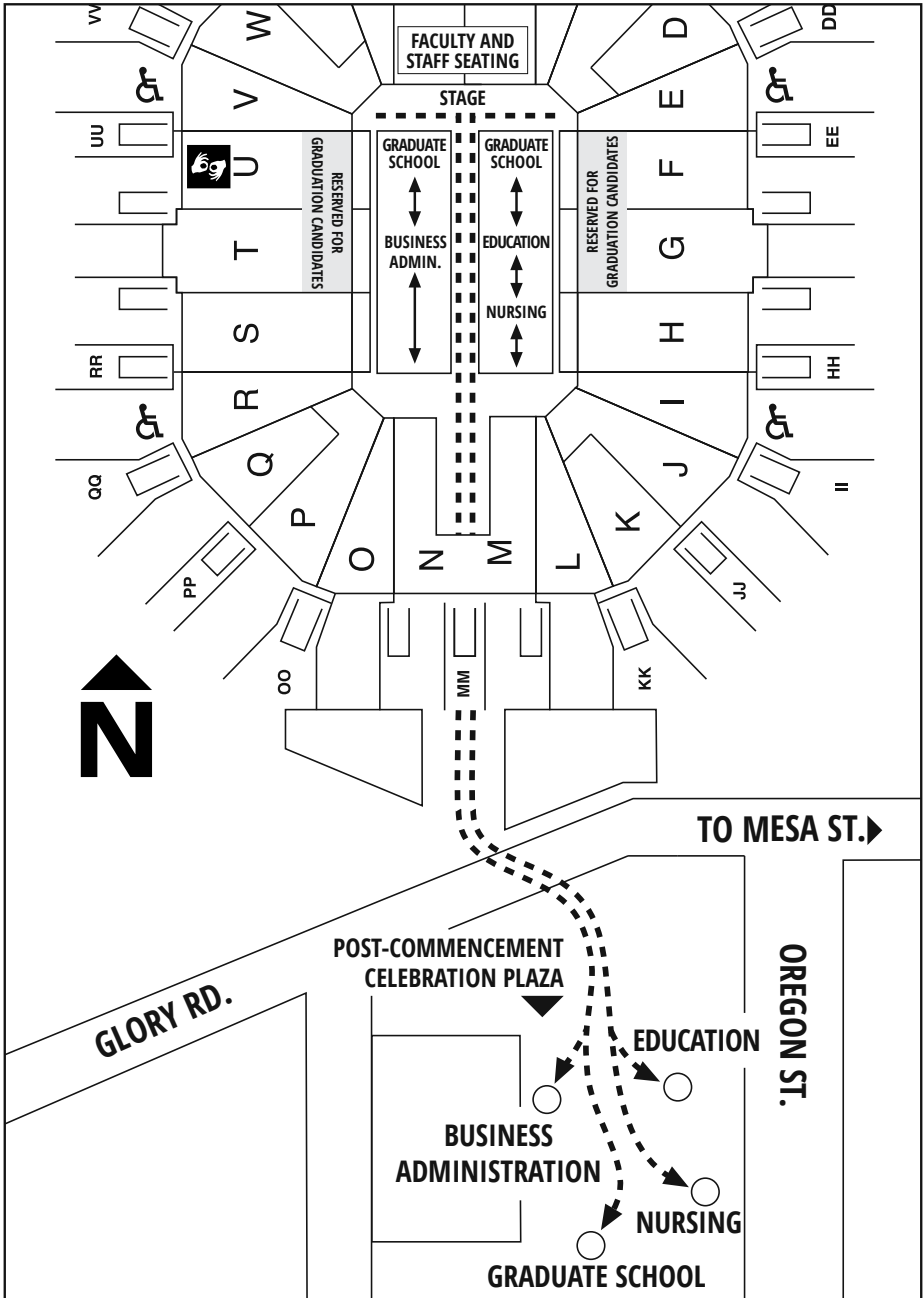
The University Staff

Georgina Antillón Marshal

STUDENT SEATING & WAITING AREAS

Afternoon Ceremony 2 p.m.

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PROGRAM/PROGRAMA

Evening Ceremony/Ceremonia Nocturna 7 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 William P. Mackay, Grand Marshal
Professor, Biological Sciences

National Anthem/Himno Nacional. Ceremonial Brass Ensemble
The Star Spangled Banner UTEP Chamber Singers and Audience

UTEP Chamber Singers
Elisa Fraser Wilson, Conductor
Associate Professor, Music

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

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Presentación de los Nombres de los Candidatos** Howard Daudistel
Interim Provost

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

Conferral of Degrees/Entrega de Títulos Diana Natalicio, President

The College of Engineering Carlos Ferregut, Interim Dean
The College of Science Robert Kirken, Dean
The College of Health Sciences Osama I. Mikhail, Interim Dean
The Graduate School Charles Ambler, Dean

**Announcement Candidates' Names/
Anuncio de los nombres de los candidatos** Richard Teschner
Professor Emeritus, Languages and Linguistics

Yvonne Carranza Rolph
Director, Liberal Arts Dean's Office

**University Faculty Marshals of Students/
Bastón de Mando y Estandartes** . . Luis A. Anchondo, Lecturer, Languages and Linguistics

Yvonne Carranza Rolph, Director, Liberal Arts Dean's Office

Recessional

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Himno de despedida

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ORDER OF ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Evening Ceremony 7 p.m.

William P. Mackay
Grand Marshal of the University

Gabriela Y. Porras
The University Banner Bearer

Mariana Chaidez
Graduate School Banner Bearer

Reina Treviño
College of Engineering Banner Bearer

Brenna Michele Bandstra
College of Health Sciences Banner Bearer

Laura J. Collins
College of Science Banner Bearer

Diana Natalicio
President

Howard Daudistel
Interim Provost

Gary Edens
Vice President for Student Affairs

Roberto Osegueda
Vice President for Research

Charles Ambler
Dean of the Graduate School

Elena Izquierdo
President, Faculty Senate

Jack Chessa
Chair, Graduate Council

Ben Carevale
Chair, Staff Council

Sergio Baltazar
*President, Student
Government Association*

Robert Gonzales
*President-Elect,
Alumni Association*

MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY

The Graduate School

Bess Sirmon-Taylor Marshal
Charles Ambler Dean

The College of Engineering

Stella Quiñones Marshal
Carlos Ferregut Interim Dean
Faculty of the College

The College of Health Sciences

Vanessa Mueller Marshal
Osama I. Mikhail Interim Dean
Faculty of the College

The College of Science

Ori Rosen Marshal
Robert Kirken. Dean
Faculty of the College

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE

The Graduate School

The College Banner Bearer
Faculty Marshals of Students Patricia A. Nava, Engineering
Bess Sirmon-Taylor, Health Sciences
Jorge Gardea-Torresdey, Science
Student Marshals Uriel Brian Arteaga, Engineering
Victoria Leigh Martyn, Health Sciences
Gabriela Tarin, Science

Candidates for the Degree

The College of Engineering

The College Banner Bearer
Faculty Marshal of Students Jeffrey Weidner
Student Marshal Adbeel J. Moreno Tarango
Candidates for the Degree

The College of Health Sciences

The College Banner Bearer
Faculty Marshal of Students Christina Sobin
Student Marshal Evelyn Villarreal
Candidates for the Degree

The College of Science

The College Banner Bearer
Faculty Marshal of Students Elizabeth Y. Anthony
Student Marshal Miguel Adolfo Algara
Candidates for the Degree

The University Librarians

Angela J. Lucero. Marshal

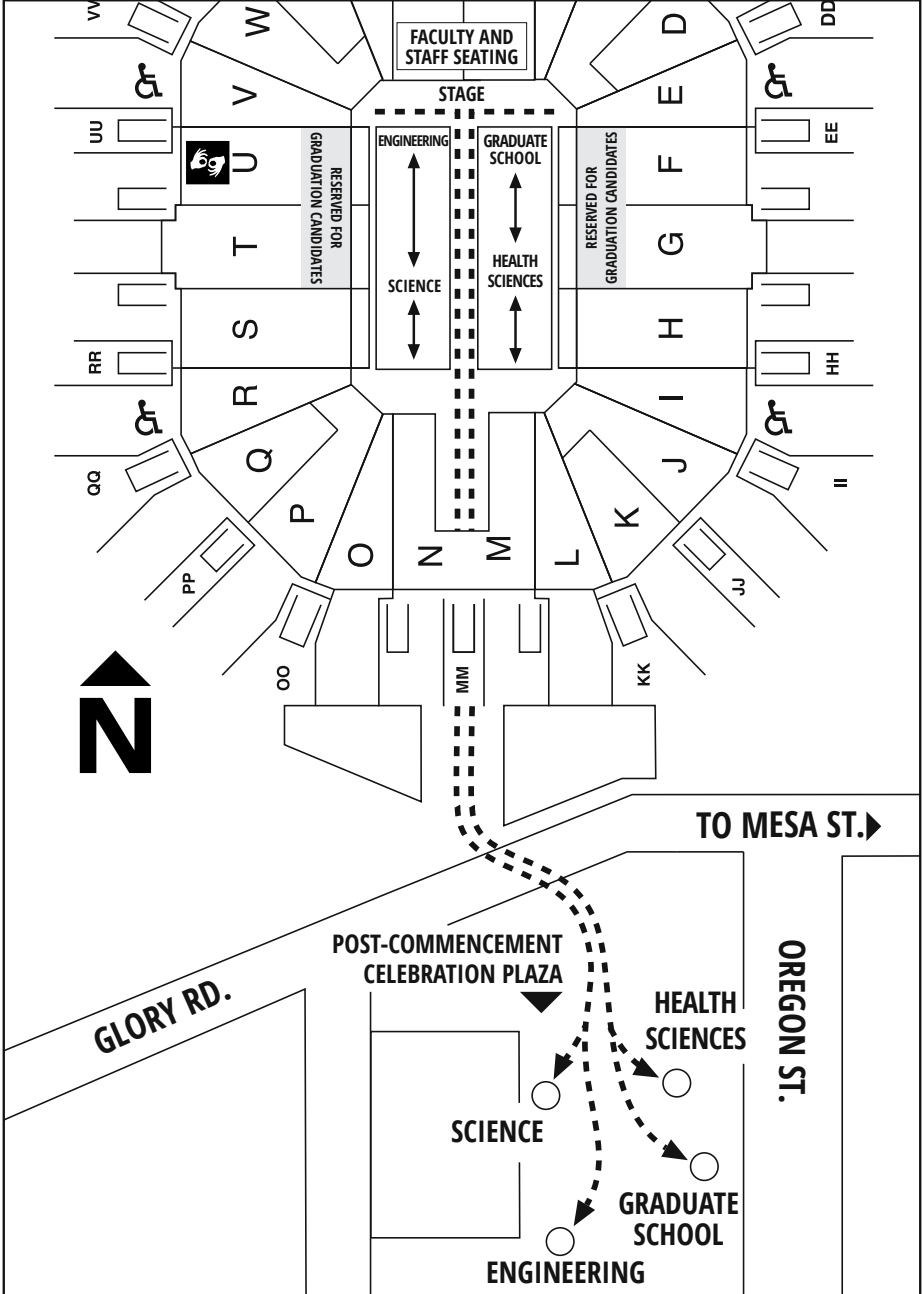
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Maria Isela Hernández Marshal

STUDENT SEATING & WAITING AREAS

Evening Ceremony 7 p.m.

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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

The University of Texas at El Paso is proud to recognize its 2016 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.



ERIC J.C. CHAN

From an early age, Eric J.C. Chan had a savvy business sense. He fondly remembers the first profit he ever made, purchasing

stink bombs at a department store in Hong Kong and taking them to his elementary school in Vientiane, Laos. He would put on demonstrations for his classmates that resulted in selling out his supply in one shot.

Chan was born in Vientiane and grew up in Hong Kong. In 1973, he left Hong Kong to attend Riverside High School in El Paso through an international exchange program. After graduation, he decided to stay and attend UTEP.

“I treasure my education from UTEP,” Chan said. “It taught me the fundamentals to be an entrepreneur and taught me to develop a sense of completeness. It has definitely broadened my mind and taught me new approaches to analytically think through problems and define predicaments.”

Shortly after earning his Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting from UTEP in 1978, Chan moved back to Hong Kong and, with help from his father and a few business partners, started his first business – a contracting company for fitting out interior spaces in buildings, making them suitable for occupation.

Today, Chan is the founder or co-founder of four companies in Hong Kong and China, including one that sells American rice in Hong Kong and another that deploys a citywide free wireless mesh

EX ALUMNOS DISTINGUIDOS

La Universidad de Texas en El Paso se enorgullece en reconocer a los galardonados como Ex alumnos Distinguidos del 2016 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.

Desde temprana edad, Eric J.C. Chan tenía un hábil sentido para los negocios. Con nostalgia, recuerda la primera ganancia que obtuvo comprando bombas de olor para hacer bromas en una tienda departamental en Hong Kong y llevándolas después a su escuela primaria en Vientiane, Laos. Les hacía demostraciones a sus compañeros de clase y terminaba vendiéndolas todas de una sola vez.

Chan nació en Vientiane y creció en Hong Kong. A través de un programa de intercambio internacional, en 1973, dejó Hong Kong para asistir a la Preparatoria Riverside en El Paso. Después de su graduación, decidió quedarse y asistir a UTEP.

“Valoro mi educación en UTEP”, comenta Chan. “Me enseñó las bases para ser empresario y desarrollar un sentido de integridad. Definitivamente ha ampliado mi mente y me ha mostrado nuevos enfoques para pensar de manera analítica a través de los problemas y explicar los dilemas”.

En 1978, poco después de haber obtenido su Licenciatura en Administración y Contaduría de UTEP, Chan se regresó a Hong Kong y con la ayuda de su padre y unos cuantos socios comerciales, comenzó su primer negocio –una compañía contratista para equipar espacios interiores en edificios con el fin de adaptarlos adecuadamente para ser ocupados.

Hoy, Chan es el fundador y cofundador de cuatro compañías en Hong Kong y China, incluyendo una que vende arroz norteamericano en Hong Kong y otra

network in Guangzhou City, China, by turning moving vehicles like taxis, buses and trams into hotspots.



CATALINA E. GARCÍA

Catalina E. García, M.D., began to dream of becoming a doctor at the age of five. She saw how much her parents revered her

female doctor from the county clinic near the housing project in El Paso's Segundo Barrio where she grew up, the oldest of six siblings.

García would admire the large homes at the top of the Franklin Mountains and ask her parents, "Why can't we live in a house like that?" Her parents' response was clear: "Get an education, and you can have a house like that one day."

"My parents saw education as a means to get a good job," García said. "Mother completed fourth grade, and my father graduated from a technical high school, but they read a lot and were both mainly self-educated. They were very aware that education was the key to success."

García heeded her parents' advice and went on to graduate from Texas Western College, now UTEP, in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences. She then became the second Hispanic woman to graduate from UT Southwestern Medical School.

Today, García is a highly regarded anesthesiologist with Dallas Anesthesiology Group, P.A., as well as a mentor and advocate for education and women's issues, particularly those of Latina women.



MARIO T. GARCÍA

As a young man, Mario T. García, Ph.D., had a profound admiration for the first Hispanic mayor

que implementa una red inalámbrica gratuita por toda la ciudad de Guangzhou, China, al convertir a los vehículos en movimiento como taxis, camiones y tranvías en zonas de Wi-Fi.

La Dra. Catalina E. García, inició su sueño de ser doctora cuando tenía cinco años. Veía como sus padres admiraban al médico de la clínica de su condado, cerca del proyecto de vivienda pública en el Segundo Barrio de El Paso, donde creció siendo la mayor de seis hermanos.

García admiraba las enormes casas en lo alto de las Montañas Franklin y le preguntaba a sus padres: ¿Por qué no podemos vivir en una casa así? La respuesta de sus padres era clara: "Ve a la escuela y algún día podrás tener una casa así".

"Mis padres veían la educación como una forma de obtener un buen empleo", comenta García. "Mi mamá solo estudió hasta el cuarto año y mi papá se graduó de una preparatoria técnica, pero los dos leían mucho y ambos fueron más bien autodidactas. Estaban conscientes de que la educación era la clave para el éxito".

García siguió el consejo de sus padres y en 1961, se graduó del Texas Western College, hoy UTEP, con una Licenciatura en Ciencias Biológicas. Posteriormente fue la segunda mujer hispana en graduarse de la Escuela de Medicina Southwestern de la Universidad de Texas.

La Dra. García es actualmente una anesthesióloga muy reconocida en el grupo Dallas Anesthesiology Group, P.A. así como mentora y defensora en los temas de educación y de la mujer, particularmente los relacionados con la mujer latina.

De joven, el Dr. Mario T. García admiraba profundamente a Raymond L. Telles, el primer alcalde hispano de una de las principales ciudades de Estados Unidos. Admiraba a Telles porque por primera vez, podía verse reflejado en

of a major American city, Raymond L. Telles. He looked up to Telles because, for the first time, he was able to see a reflection of himself in a successful public figure: they were both Mexican-American, and both graduated from Cathedral High School. The iconic former El Paso mayor and U.S. Ambassador demonstrated to García that nothing can stop you from achieving your dreams.

García obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in history in 1966 and his master's in history in 1968, both from UTEP. Today he is a distinguished professor of history and Chicano studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he has been a faculty member for 41 years. He has authored numerous books and biographies on Chicano history, including "The Making of a Mexican American Mayor: Raymond L. Telles of El Paso," the biography of his early hero; "Desert Immigrants: The Mexicans of El Paso, 1880-1920;" and his most recent book, "The Chicano Generation: Testimonios of the Movement."

García has received many awards and fellowships for his teaching and research, including the distinguished Guggenheim Fellowship. In addition, he served as a history and American studies professor and director of ethnic studies at Yale University from 1990-92.

"I grew very much during my years at UTEP that prepared me not only for life but my career as a university professor," García said. "Being successful in my classes empowered me and made me feel that I could achieve my goals if I worked hard enough. Preparing for my classes added to my sense of discipline that has carried on in my later life and career."

Congratulations Class of 2016! 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!

una figura pública de éxito: ambos eran mexicanoamericanos y graduados de la Preparatoria Catedral. El ícono del exalcalde de El Paso y embajador de Estados Unidos demostraron a García que nada podía impedir que alcanzara sus sueños.

En 1966, García obtuvo su título de Licenciatura en Artes en Historia y en 1968, el de maestría en Historia, ambos de UTEP. Hoy en día, es un reconocido catedrático de Historia y Estudios Chicanos en la Universidad de California en Santa Bárbara, donde ha impartido clases por 41 años. Ha escrito varios libros y biografías sobre historia de los chicanos, incluyendo "The Making of a Mexican American Mayor: Raymond L. Telles of El Paso", la biografía de su primer ídolo; "Desert Immigrants: The Mexicans of El Paso, 1880-1920"; y su libro más reciente, "The Chicano Generation: Testimonios of the Movement".

García ha recibido muchos reconocimientos y becas por su enseñanza e investigaciones, incluyendo la reconocida beca Guggenheim Fellowship. Prestó sus servicios como catedrático de Historia y Estudios Americanos y como Director de Estudios Étnicos en la Universidad Yale de 1990 a 1992.

"Desarrollé mucho durante los años que estuve en UTEP, los cuales me prepararon no solamente para la vida sino también para mi carrera como catedrático universitario", comentó García. "Tener éxito en mis clases me empoderó y me hizo sentir que podía lograr mis metas si trabajaba arduamente. El hecho de prepararme para mis clases añadió un sentido de disciplina que he continuado posteriormente en mi vida y en mi carrera".

¡Muchas Felicidades Generación 2016! 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



CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES DECEMBER 2016

Above: The center of campus features a new Centennial Plaza bordered by the Union, Geological Sciences, Psychology and Administration buildings. Centennial Plaza includes a large open area reminiscent of urban plazas located across the Paso del Norte region and in Mexico, where residents congregate and celebrate life. Centennial Plaza commemorates the University's Centennial in 2014 and celebrated its grand opening on Saturday, April 18, 2015.

Parte superior: El centro del campus muestra la nueva Plaza del Centenario rodeada por los edificios de la Unión, Ciencias Geológicas, Psicología y Administración. La Plaza del Centenario incluye una enorme área abierta que nos recuerda las plazas urbanas ubicadas en la región Paso del Norte y en México dónde se reúnen sus habitantes y celebran la vida. La Plaza del Centenario conmemora el Centenario de la Universidad en el 2014 y su gran festejo de inauguración tuvo lugar el sábado 18 de abril del 2015.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Anthropology

Daniel Ismael Cortés
Casanova Escobano
Alejandra García
Rose Elizabeth Lerma
Kimberly Nicole Quan

Art

Nacar Devine
Michael Robert Durán
Janet Luna
Alonzo Martínez
Marianna T. Olague
Jacqueline L. Ramos
Clarissa Stiger
Abigail Vargas
Monica Daniela Veleta
Elizabeth Villagran
Norma Jean Walsh

Art/Art History

Areli Rocha

Art History

James Ahumada
Delia Alicia Ramos
Alexander Traver

Communication Studies

Genesis Delhumeau
Cooper Lee Foster
Javier Adrian Gómez
Christian Desean Harper
Nicolas César
Hernández de la Piedra
Matthew Desiderio Minnich

Creative Writing

Kristal Acuña
Nestor Mancía
Irma G. Navarrete

Criminal Justice

Fidel Daniel Aguilar
Maria Del Carmen Aguirre
Alberto Alcantar
Ruth Maria Aldaco
Clarissa Janine
Alonzo-Torres
Mario Alejandro Arenas
José Alfredo Arreola
Omar Avitia
Ericka E. Baquera

Jorge Esteban Barrios
Amy Jocelyn Berumen
Araceli Bustillos
Juan C. Calvo Jr.
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Eduardo Castañeda
Kimberly Maria Contreras
Olga Ivonne Correa
Brandy Dawson
Aldo A. Delgadillo
Karely Díaz
Juan Enrique Duron
Laurie Ann Eason
Julio César Eggenhafer
Cathleen Yvonne Escalante
Sarai Ferman
Silas Anthony Firstley
Vanessa Flores
Jazmin Fragoso
Edgar Lee García
Amanda Mirella Gardea
Ralph Gay
Evan Luke Gómez
Rosa A. Gómez
Christopher González
Susan Ann González
Carlos Manuel Guillen
Jorge Armando Heredia
Alberto Hernández
Arlene Hernández-Aguina
Alejandra Celeste Hinojosa
Nancy Holguin
Theresa Jackson
David Lee Jentis
Teana Denise Johnston
Sandra Guillermina Leal
Ernesto Macias
Juan Carlos Macias
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SUMMER 2016 GRADUATES PARTICIPATING IN THE DECEMBER 2016 COMMENCEMENT

Above: The center of campus features a new Centennial Plaza bordered by the Union, Geological Sciences, Psychology and Administration buildings. Centennial Plaza includes a large open area reminiscent of urban plazas located across the Paso del Norte region and in Mexico, where residents congregate and celebrate life. Centennial Plaza commemorates the University's Centennial in 2014 and celebrated its grand opening on Saturday, April 18, 2015.

Parte superior: El centro del campus muestra la nueva Plaza del Centenario rodeada por los edificios de la Unión, Ciencias Geológicas, Psicología y Administración. La Plaza del Centenario incluye una enorme área abierta que nos recuerda las plazas urbanas ubicadas en la región Paso del Norte y en México dónde se reúnen sus habitantes y celebran la vida. La Plaza del Centenario conmemora el Centenario de la Universidad en el 2014 y su gran festejo de inauguración tuvo lugar el sábado 18 de abril del 2015.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

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Anthropology

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Art

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Communication Studies

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Creative Writing

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Criminal Justice

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Rosa Elena Hernández
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Elda Mitre LaBombarbe
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Raymundo Torres
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Criminal Justice/ Chicano Studies

Elijah Janae Muniz

Criminal Justice/ Political Science

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Digital Media Production

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English and American Literature

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English and American Literature/Psychology

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History

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Linguistics

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Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

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GRADUATE SCHOOL DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Educational Leadership & Administration

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Dissertation Title: *Teacher's Sense of Self Efficacy and Grit and its Relationship to Student Achievement*

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Biological Sciences - Pathobiology

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Civil Engineering

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Computer Science

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Dissertation Title: *A Unified Cyber-Enhanced Approach for Detecting Cross-Site Scripting Attacks on Web Applications*

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Electrical and Computer Engineering

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Dissertation Title: *Information Entropy Measures Applied to Hierarchical Complex Technical and Socio-Technical Systems*

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Dissertation Title: *Blind Image Deconvolution Based on Sparsity: Theoretical Justification and Improvement of State-Of-The-Art Techniques*

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Dissertation Title: *CDTE Doped with ZN Grown on SI (110) and SI (211) Using the Closed Spaced Sublimation Method*

Geological Sciences

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International Business

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Dissertation Title: *Three Essays on Big Data Analytics, Traditional Marketing Analytics, Knowledge Discovery, and New Product Performance*

Materials Science and Engineering

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Dissertation Title: *Vascularization in Interconnected 3D Printed TI-6AL-4V Foams with Hydrogel Matrix for Biomedical Bone Replacement Implants*

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Theory Analysis of Teacher
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Microbiology

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Cyber Branch

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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 (High Honors).	White
3.5 – 3.79	Cum Laude (Honors)	College Colors

Business Administration	Drab	Nursing.	Apricot
Education.	Light Blue	Science	Golden Yellow
Engineering.	Orange	Honors Degree	Gold Stole
Health Sciences.	Salmon	Honors Certificate	Lilac
Liberal Arts	Royal Blue	Honors Senior Thesis.	Dark Green

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

Double Gold	3.9 - 4.0
Double White.	3.8 - 3.89
Green/Purple/White.	3.5 - 3.79
Green/Purple	3.25 - 3.49

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Alpha Sigma Mu – Yellow	Materials Engineering Honor Society
Chi Epsilon – Purple Cowl	National Civil Engineering Honor Society
Eta Kappa Nu – Red/Blue	National Electrical Engineering Honor Society
Pi Tau Sigma, Texas Delta Gamma – Red/Blue Cords.	National Mechanical 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/Forrest Green Stole	National Honorary Health Education Organization
Phi Alpha Honor Society – Orange Cords	National Honor Society for Social Work

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
Psi Chi – Gold Double Cords with Blue/Gold Tassels.	National Honor Society in Psychology

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

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

Sigma Theta Tau International, Delta Kappa – Purple/White Cords	Honor Society of Nursing
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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
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 Lambda – Navy Blue/Gold/Black Cords	National Leadership and Honors Organization
Society for Collegiate Leadership & Achievement	
Navy 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 eight 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: Apricot – Nursing

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.

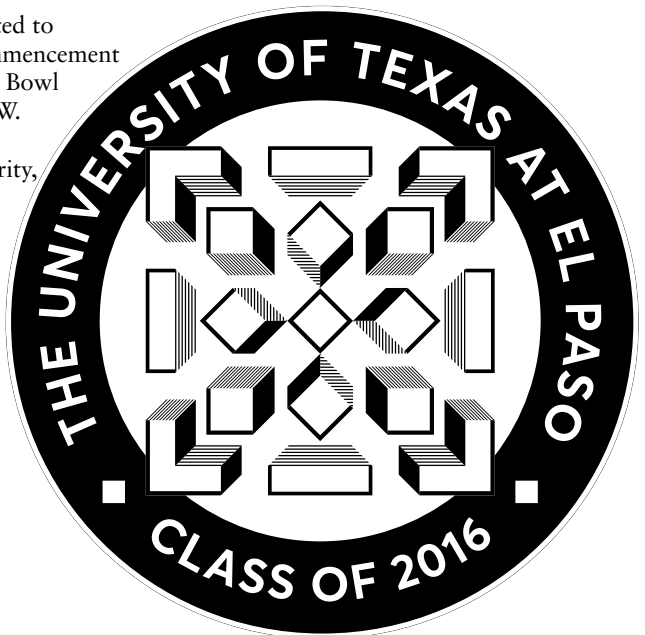
The University Banner Bearer – selected based on academic achievement, leadership and campus involvement – is considered the highest honor bestowed upon a student during Commencement. This student follows the Grand Marshal and leads the college banners in the processional. The University Banner Bearer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

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 Cobre – Economía

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 satín 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 satín 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 56.



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 emanan 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.

FIRST COMMENCEMENT

One hundred years ago on May 30, 1916, The University of Texas at El Paso, then known as the State School of Mines and Metallurgy, held its first commencement in the school's auditorium, which was located on a dusty, dry mesa that is today part of Fort Bliss. Judge Beauregard Bryan, a former member of The University of Texas Board of Regents and an early supporter of the School of Mines, presented the Engineer of Mines degree to three candidates – Vere Leasure, Lloyd Nelson and Clyde M. Ney. “From an educational point of view,” wrote the El Paso Morning Times the next day, “it was probably one of the most important events in the history of El Paso,” since the school not only made El Paso a “University town,” it was also “destined to be one of the greatest technical and professional colleges in the entire west.”

LA PRIMERA GRADUACIÓN

El 30 de mayo del 1916, hace ya cien años, La Universidad de Texas en El Paso, conocida en ese entonces como la State School of Mines and Metallurgy (Escuela Estatal de Minería y Metalurgia), celebró su primera graduación en el auditorio de la escuela, la cual estaba ubicada en una árida y polvorosa meseta, donde actualmente es Fort Bliss. El Juez Beauregard Bryan, ex miembro del Consejo de Regentes de La Universidad de Texas y uno de los primeros simpatizantes de la Escuela de Minería, entregó el título de Ingeniero de Minas a tres candidatos: Vere Leasure, Lloyd Nelson y Clyde M. Ney. “Desde un punto de vista educativo” subrayó el Periódico El Paso Morning Times al día siguiente: “Este es probablemente uno de los eventos más importantes en la historia de El Paso”, ya que la escuela no únicamente convirtió a El Paso en una “ciudad universitaria” sino que también estaba “destinada a ser una de las universidades técnicas y profesionales más grandes de todo el oeste”.

“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 Flowsheet. 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.

"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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