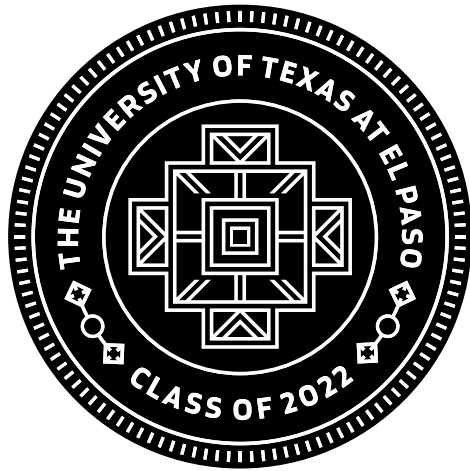


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Concert Ceremonial Brass Ensemble
Stephen Haddad, Conductor
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Academic Procession Commencement Stage Party

National Anthem

Star Spangled Banner UTEP Chamber Singers
Elisa Fraser Wilson, Conductor
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Welcome and Introductions Heather Wilson, President

Alma Mater

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The Graduate School

Dean Stephen Crites
Faculty Marshal of Students Dahlia Castillo, Health Sciences
Maria Amaya, Nursing
Ian Mendez, Pharmacy
Student Marshal Jennifer Torres, Health Sciences
Jessica Swingler, Nursing

Candidates for the Degree

The College of Health Sciences

Marshal Alvaro Gurovich
Dean William Robertson
Faculty of the College
Faculty Marshal of Students Hyejin (Jina) Jung
Student Marshal Vi Nguyen
Candidates for the Degree

The School of Nursing

Marshal Karim Singh
Dean Leslie Robbins
Faculty of the College
Faculty Marshal of Students Monica Vasquez
Student Marshal Britney B. Cooper
Candidates for the Degree

The School of Pharmacy

Marshal Emily Christenberry
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Faculty of the College
Candidates for the Degree

The University Librarians Marshal. Marissa Testerman
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PROGRAM

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Assistant to the Dean, College of Science

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Amit J. Lopes, Engineering
Amy Wagler, Science
Anthony Darrouzet-Nardi, Science

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Faculty Marshal of Students Meagan Vaughan Kendall, Engineering
Ramon Ravelo, Science
Student Marshal Henry Salgado, Engineering
Valeria Arteaga Muñiz, Science

Candidates for the Degree

The College of Engineering

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Interim Dean Patricia Nava
Faculty of the College
Faculty Marshal of Students Louis Everett
Student Marshal Carlos E. Quinones
Candidates for the Degree

The College of Science

Marshal Juan Noveron
Dean Robert Kirken
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Faculty Marshal of Students Kate Giles
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The University Staff Marshal Virginia Granda-Becker, Engineering Dean's Office

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The Graduate School

Dean Stephen Crites
Faculty Marshal of Students for Liberal Arts Josiah Heyman
Student Marshal for Liberal Arts. Mariany A. Gainza Perez
Candidates for the Degree

The College of Liberal Arts

Marshal Leanne F. Alarid
Linda W. Nodjimbaden
Dean Dennis O'Hearn
Faculty of the College
Faculty Marshal of Students Dena Kay Jones
Crystal G. Herman
Student Marshal Kaylie A. Vasquez
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The University Librarians Marshal. Claudia Rivers
The University Staff Marshal Lorena Ramos, C.L.A.S.S. Center

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The College of Education Clifton Tanabe, Dean

Graduate School Stephen Crites, Dean

Announcement of Candidates' Names Mauricio Gomez,
Associate Registrar, Registration & Records

Elena Izquierdo
Associate Professor, Teacher Education

University Faculty Marshal of Students . . . Fernando Jimenez-Arevalo, Business Administration

Hyo Jin Yoon, Business Administration

Arturo Olivarez, Education

Olga Kosheleva, Education

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The University Banner Bearer Barbara Bueno
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Song An, Education
Student Marshal Paulina Chavira Duran, Business Administration
Gabriela M. Maynes, Education

Candidates for the Degree

The College of Business Administration

Marshal Prajya Vidyarthi
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Candidates for the Degree

The College of Education

Marshal Edna Martinez
Dean Clifton Tanabe
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Faculty Marshal of Students Rachel Keller
Student Marshal Emma Zamora
Candidates for the Degree

The University Librarians Marshal Joy Urbina
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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

The University of Texas at El Paso is proud to recognize its 2020-2021 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.



J. STEVE DEGROAT
BBA, 1972 | MBA, 1975

As a UTEP alumnus, J. Steve DeGroat has remained engaged with the University as a volunteer and a

philanthropist. He has served as president of the Alumni Association and as a member of multiple boards to include Friends of the Library, Legacy Campaign Cabinet, and the College of Business Administration Advisory Council.

In line with his belief in access to higher education, DeGroat and his wife, Martini, have established and funded two UTEP scholarships — the J. Stephen DeGroat and Martini DeGroat Endowment Scholarship and the Robert C. Heasley Endowment Scholarship in Business. Additionally, DeGroat and some of his colleagues established the L. Marcus Fry Endowment Scholarship Fund.

DeGroat retired in 2019 as the longtime owner of Lincoln Financial Advisors' El Paso branch, a financial planning firm. The leadership experience he has honed has yielded opportunities to serve the El Paso community as chairman of the board at University Medical Center and the YMCA, president of the Ronald McDonald House and the Sun Bowl Association, and currently as chairman of El Paso Health.

"Giving back is a way to pay back those who helped me in my growth, development and education," DeGroat said. "Once I got involved in community activities, more and more opportunities came my way and I was enriched by my participation."



JOE M. GOMEZ
B.A. HISTORY, 1970

Joe M. Gomez serves as the director of business development and community affairs at Jordan Foster

Construction in El Paso. He has served the El Paso community tirelessly and has received numerous awards and accolades for his service, such as the City of El Paso's Conquistador Award and the McDonald's *Hispanos Triunfadores* Award, and was inducted into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame. In 2017, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott appointed him to serve on the Pathways to Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) Advisory Council.

Gomez's contributions to the University have been numerous. He served on UTEP boards, raised money for various departments and programs, and provided pro bono work for several campus projects. In 2006, the College of Liberal Arts selected him as one of its Gold Nugget Award recipients.

For decades, Gomez has been known for his steadfast dedication to promote and preserve the history of the 1966 Texas Western College (now UTEP) men's basketball team that won the NCAA Championship. He has worked on three documentaries about the team's accomplishment, assisted the Disney production team on the 2006 film "Glory Road" by providing historical artifacts and memorabilia used in the movie that told the team's story, and was awarded the El Paso Historical Society Hall of Honor Award for his work to preserve the team's history.

"I graduated but never really left because of my love for UTEP, and wanted to make things better through time or treasure," Gomez said.



BUZZ GRAVES
B.S. PHYSICS, 1977 |
M.S. PHYSICS, 1979

The National Solar Observatory in Sunspot, New Mexico, immediately recruited Buzz Graves after he earned his

graduate degree from UTEP to assemble its refractive solar coronagraph telescope. Two years later, he joined Kitt Peak Observatory near Tucson, Arizona, where he pioneered the use of digital sensors for ultraviolet, visible and infrared observations. In 1989, Graves traversed the Pacific Ocean to join the University of Hawaii Institute for Astronomy, home to some of the world's largest optical telescopes atop Mauna Kea on the Big Island.

While in Honolulu, Graves obtained funding for 11 years from the National Science Foundation to invent adaptive optics, a concept that revolutionized astronomical observations. Ground-based telescopes with larger apertures could now surpass the resolution of the Hubble Space Telescope once the atmospheric blurring could be removed. This emerging technology brought notoriety for Graves through abundant publications, citations and a place in astronomy textbooks.

In 2000, Graves founded Laplacian Optics Inc., which later became AOptix Technologies, in Campbell, California. At AOptix, he applied his adaptive optics experience to obtain 20 patents in areas of free space laser communications and iris identification. In recent years, Graves has worked as a consultant with Koshla Ventures, KLA-Tencor and SA Photonics. Today, he is a full-time employee with Apple who works on current and future products.

"I owe a great debt to so many people I have been privileged to know and work with over my career, understanding that accomplishing major goals is not a solo adventure, it is the collective work of many who can reach for amazing things," Graves said. "UTEP was critical in helping mold a work and relationship ethic that lives with me today."



R. NOEL LONGUEMARE
B.S. ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, 1952

R. Noel Longuemare began his professional career with Westinghouse, where he played a lead role in the development of

modern radar and avionics systems for airborne, land and surface applications, as well as advanced space systems. The Westinghouse Electronic Systems Group later named him corporate vice president and general manager of its systems development and technology divisions.

After 41 years at Westinghouse, Longuemare accepted a four-year appointment by President Bill Clinton to serve as the principal deputy under secretary of defense for acquisition and technology at the Pentagon, where he was responsible for the U.S. Department of Defense's (DoD) \$100 billion acquisition budget. Within that assignment, he served as Acting Under Secretary of Defense, and represented the United States on the NATO Defense Ministers panel in Brussels, Belgium. Additionally, he hosted the 1997 Tri-Lateral Defense Conference in Vancouver, Canada. For his many contributions, he was awarded three DoD Distinguished Public Service awards and the prestigious David Packard acquisitions award.

Throughout his career, Longuemare has served in top-level management and technical positions for the DoD and the aerospace industry. Additionally, Longuemare holds eight patents and 17 patent disclosures.

Today, he oversees Longuemare Consultants Inc. and continues to participate in studies and advisory boards for the government and industry. He is a member of the executive advisory board for the U. S. Navy, the Strategic Red Team for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology/ Lincoln Laboratories, and UTEP's Engineering Advisory Board.

"Attending UTEP was a pivotal point in my life," Longuemare said. "It opened up amazing new doors, and gave me the confidence to take advantage of the many resulting opportunities."

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES SPRING 2022

Congratulations, Class of 2022! 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 2022! 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!



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Economics

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Jordan Seth Dominguez
Biological Sciences

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Engineering Innovation and Leadership

Camille Ariana Garcia
Biological Sciences with a biomedical concentration

Paola Garcia Hernandez
Biological Sciences

Andrea Cecilia Herrera Aguirre
English and American Literature

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Accounting and Finance

Kaelin Walker
Women's and Gender Studies

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Mauro Reyes

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UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM Spring 2022

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Annabelle Alvarez Accounting

Sophia Andritsos Economics

Mariana Fuentes Finance

Brenda Perez Gonzalez Finance

Eduardo Sano Finance

Anapaula Rodriguez International Business

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Maria Jose Arredondo Santillan Applied Learning and Development

Barbara Bueno Applied Learning and Development

Anna Flores Applied Learning and Development

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Briana Cardenas. Industrial and Systems

Jesus Gutierrez Araiza Industrial and Systems

Alejandra Garay Innovation and Leadership

Gustavo Rios-Ibanez Mechanical

Adan Mireles. Metallurgical and Materials Engineering

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Valeria De La Cruz Clinical Laboratory Science

Daniela Rodriguez Kinesiology

Sofia Carranza	Rehabilitation Science
Ariadna Hernandez	Rehabilitation Science
Lisa Medrano	Rehabilitation Science
Chastidy Urteaga	Rehabilitation Science

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Fernanda Urbina	Criminal Justice
Melissa Ramirez	Political Science
Ana Rodriguez	Political Science
Cassandra Hernandez de la Cruz	Psychology
Andrea Martinez	Psychology
Leslie Trevizo	Psychology

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Michelle Lopez	Nursing
Joanna Whitaker	Nursing

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Sergio Saucedo	Biochemistry
Azul Silveyra	Biochemistry
Cristopher Allen	Biological Sciences
Paola Garcia Hernandez	Biological Sciences
Valeria Grisanti	Biological Sciences
Elan Guinn De La Rosa	Biological Sciences
Bela Mahtabfar	Biological Sciences
Rebeca Orozco	Biological Sciences
Carla Canales	Biology
Karina Banuelos	Biology
Brian Arellanes	Biology Concentration in Biomedical
Camille Garcia	Biology Concentration in Biomedical
Rebekah Hightower	Biomedical Science
Samantha Garcia	Cellular and Molecular Biochemistry
America Alvidrez Camacho	Cellular and Molecular Biochemistry
Cristina Guerena	Cellular and Molecular Biochemistry
Samantha Sakells	Cellular and Molecular Biochemistry
Sonam Choden	Chemistry
Arlene Levario	Chemistry
Aparna Mangadu	Environmental Science
Gerald Strenke	Environmental Science
Jacklyn Estrada	Forensic Science
Raissa Guevara	Forensic Science
Dilli Acharja	Mathematics
Gabriela Acuna	Mathematics
Kayla Foster	Mathematics
Kelzang Jigme	Mathematics
Andrea Anchondo	Microbiology
Mia Chan	Microbiology
Mariana Castaneda	Neuroscience
Myra Hernandez	Neuroscience
Diego Ariza Barba	Physics
Pema Dhendup	Physics
Kinley Wangmo	Physics

HONORS REGALIA

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Beta Alpha Psi, Theta Beta Chapter—Black/Red Cords International Honor Organization for Financial Information
Beta Gamma Sigma—Blue/Gold Cords and Stole International Business Honor Society
Omicron Delta Epsilon—Blue/Gold Cords and Stole International Honor Society for Economics

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Chi Sigma Iota, Upsilon Tau Epsilon Chapter—Royal Blue/White Cords and Stole International Counseling Honor Society
Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education
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 Pi Mu – White Cowl Industrial Engineering Honor Society
Alpha Sigma Mu – Yellow Cords International Professional Honor Society for Materials Science and Engineering
Chi Epsilon – Purple Cowl National Civil Engineering Honor Society
IEEE – Eta Kappa Nu, Zeta Delta Chapter—
Yellow Cords with Blue/Orange Tassels and Stole Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Honor Society
Pi Tau Sigma, Texas Delta Gamma Chapter—Teal/Red Cords International Honor Society for Mechanical Engineers
Tau Beta Pi—White/Orange Cowl National Engineering Honor Society
Upsilon Pi Epsilon – White Cowl and Maroon/White Cords International Honor Society for Computing and Information Disciplines

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Eta Sigma Gamma, Gamma Lambda Chapter – Gold/Forest Green Cords and Stole National Professional Health Education Honorary
Phi Alpha—Blue/Gold Cords and Stole National Honor Society for Social Work
Pi Theta Epsilon, Alpha Chi Chapter—Blue/Gold Cords National Occupational Therapy Honor Society

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Iota Iota Iota National Honor Society for Women's and Gender Studies
Lambda Pi Eta – Red/White Cords and Stole National Communication Honor Society
Liberal Arts Honors Program– Blue/Orange Stoles Scholar Student Organization
Phi Alpha Theta – Red/Blue Cords and Stole National History Honor Society
Pi Alpha Alpha – Gold/Baby Blue Cords and Stole The Global Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration
Pi Kappa Delta – Red/Gray Cords National Honor Society
Pi Sigma Alpha, Epsilon Epsilon Chapter—Red/White/Black Cords National Political Science Honor Society
Psi Chi—Silver Double Cords with Silver/Blue Tassels International Honor Society in Psychology
Sigma Tau Delta, Alpha Iota Beta Chapter—Red/Black Cords and Red Stole International English Honor Society

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Sigma Gamma Epsilon, Alpha Lambda Chapter—Gold/Blue/Silver Cords and Stole National Honor Society for the Earth Sciences

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Kappa Chapter—Purple/White Cords International Honor Society of Nursing

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Phi Lambda Sigma, Epsilon Kappa Chapter—Green/Gold Cords International Pharmacy Leadership Society
Rho Chi – Purple/White Cords The Pharmacy Honor Society

UNIVERSITY HONOR SOCIETIES/PROGRAMS

Alpha Chi, Texas Alpha Beta Chapter—Royal Blue/Emerald Green Cords and Stole National Honor Society for Juniors, Seniors, and Graduates
Alpha Lambda Delta – Red/White/Gold Cords National Honor Society for First Year Students
EPCC Transfer Honor – Orange/Teal Cords All EPCC Transfer Honor Candidates
Delta Alpha Pi – Royal Blue/Gold Cords International Honor Society
Golden Key International – Blue/Gold Cords and Stole International Honour Society for Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors and Graduates
Order of Omega – White/Gold Cords and Gold Stole National Honor Society for Greek Leaders
Sigma Alpha Pi—Black/Silver Cords and Silver Stole National Society of Leadership and Success
Society for Collegiate Leadership & Achievement--Royal Blue/Gold Cords National All-Discipline Honor Society
Tau Sigma, Alpha Eta Chapter—Gold/Burgundy Cords National Honor Society for Transfer Students
Terry Scholars Student Organization—Silver Cords (Officers) and White Stoles Scholars Student Organization
The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi—Navy Blue/Gold National All-Discipline Honor Society
The National Society of Collegiate Scholars—Gold/Maroon Cords or Gold Sash (officers) National Honor Society for First and Second Year Students
University Honors Council – Royal Blue/Orange Cords Scholars Student Organization
United States Military Honor—Red/White/Blue Cords All Military Affiliated 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

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:

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

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.

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

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

Pharmacy

Colors: Orange, Blue, and Silver

Symbols: Bowl of Hygieia - International symbol for the pharmacy profession; Mandala - recognizable feature of UTEP’s Bhutanese architecture; Mortar and Pestle - symbols of a pharmacist’s specialized skills; Typeface - The typeface used in this design is Jenson, a serif font that brings traditional serif to a contemporary setting. The “R” features a slightly elongated leg that alludes to the Rx (Prescription) symbol.

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.





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 then-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 Sun Bowl-University Roundabout, in front of the University Bookstore.

"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 a 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.

*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 enthalls.
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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