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National Anthem
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Men O’ Mines .................................................... UTEP Chamber Singers

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Dean: Stephen Crites
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Manuel O. Miranda, Nursing
Student Marshal: Mariah Alvarez Ramirez, Health Sciences
Carlos A. Ramirez, Nursing

Candidates for the Degree

The College of Health Sciences
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Dean: William Robertson
Faculty of the College
Faculty Marshal of Students: Sudip Bajpeyi
Student Marshal: Pamela Escobar

Candidates for the Degree

The College of Nursing
Marshal: Esteban Monreal
Dean: Leslie Robbins
Faculty of the College
Faculty Marshal of Students: Amy Field
Student Marshal: Alizah L. Holt

Candidates for the Degree

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The University Staff Marshal: Bertha Alicia Samaniego,
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PROGRAM
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The Woody L. Hunt College of Business
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The Graduate School
Stephen Crites, Dean

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Assistant to the Dean, College of Science

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Faculty Marshal of Students ................................................................. Srinivasa Rao Singamaneni
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Candidates for the Degree

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Student Marshal .................................................................................. Josue D. Breceda

Candidates for the Degree

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Faculty Marshal of Students ................................................................. Sarah Robertson
Student Marshal .................................................................................. Uziel Rodriguez

Candidates for the Degree

The University Librarians Marshal ........................................................ Harvey Castellano
The University Staff Marshal ............................................................... Lilia Abbud, Facilities Business Operations
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The Graduate School
Associate Dean ............................................................................................ Lucía Durá
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Candidates for the Degree

The College of Liberal Arts
Marshal .......................................................................................................... Susan Stanfield
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Faculty Marshal of Students ....................................................................... Anadeli Bencomo
Student Marshal ........................................................................................ Crystal Ramirez
Candidates for the Degree

The University Librarians Marshal ........................................................... Joy Urbina
The University Staff Marshal ....................................................................... Chris Loya

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The Graduate School
Associate Dean: Lucía Durá
Faculty Marshal of Students: Jose Maria Herrera, Education
Arunkumar Pennathur, Engineering
Student Marshal: Jessica Y. Avitia, Education
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Candidates for the Degree

The College of Education
Marshal: Elena Izquierdo
Dean: Clifton Tanabe
Faculty Marshal of Students: William Medina-Jerez
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Candidates for the Degree

The College of Engineering
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Candidates for the Degree

The University Librarians Marshal: Les Arms
The University Staff Marshal: Vanessa Monzon, Enterprise Computing
The University of Texas at El Paso is proud to recognize its 2023 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.

HILDA GALVAN, J.D.
B.S. IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, 1985

Hilda Galvan is a Dallas attorney with expertise in intellectual property and the intersections between law and technology. After receiving her electrical engineering degree from UTEP, Galvan worked in the telecommunications industry before attending law school at The University of Texas at Austin. Throughout her 35-year legal career, she has provided strategic counsel to businesses about safeguarding their proprietary technology and advised her clients on the impact of emerging technologies on their operations. She is currently the partner-in-charge at the Dallas office of the law firm Jones Day, where she is responsible for strategic planning, operational oversight and profit and loss management.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Galvan strives to make a meaningful impact on her community. She frequently mentors students in UTEP’s Law School Preparation Institute and founded the Galvan-Contreras Engineering Endowed Scholarship for UTEP students along with her husband, Mike Galvan. Her contributions as a business leader and her commitment to the community have garnered significant recognition. In 2023, she was inducted into the Junior Achievement Dallas Business Hall of Fame.

“The education I received at UTEP profoundly altered the course of my life,” she said. “As a result, being chosen as a Distinguished Alumna holds immense significance and fills me with a deep sense of gratitude.”

EDWARD ESCUDERO
BBA IN ACCOUNTING, 1992

Edward Escudero is a successful business leader who currently serves as president and CEO of High Desert Capital, LLC, an El Paso finance company specializing in capital alternatives for small and midsize companies, and Vice Chairman of WestStar Bank Holding Company, Inc. and WestStar Bank. Prior to his current role, Escudero held executive positions at C&R Distributing and Petro Stopping Centers, LP, where he contributed to substantial revenue growth and workforce expansion.

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“To be selected as a Distinguished Alumnus feels like coming full circle,” Escudero said. “The experience that got me to this moment was built upon the knowledge and skills I gained as a UTEP student. It is incredible to be recognized with this prestigious honor from where it all began.”
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Biomedical Engineering

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Borderlands History

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- 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.
- National Electrical and Electronic Engineers Honor Society
- Pi Tau Sigma, Texas Delta Gamma Chapter—Teal/Red Cords.
- National 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

**COLLEGE 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
- 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
- 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
HISTORY

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

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

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

BANNERS

Among the many traditions associated with Commencement, the presentation of the ceremonial University and college banners symbolizes the accomplishments of the graduates whom we honor on this occasion and the University's commitment to their success. Each banner bears a unique seal placed on a 4 x 6-foot heraldic field, or saltire, and each incorporates symbols and colors that define it:

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

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

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

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

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

**Color:** White – Humanities, Arts and Letters  
**Symbols:** Alpha/Omega – first and last letters of the Greek alphabet symbolizing the scope of studies in liberal arts; Torch – knowledge; Open Book – the learning process and literacy; Color stripes denote disciplines within liberal arts: Brown for Fine Arts, Crimson for Journalism, Pink for Music, Dark Blue for Philosophy, Violet for Psychology, Scarlet for Religion, Citron for Social Work and Silver Gray for Speech and Drama

**Nursing**

**Color:** Apricot  
**Symbols:** Maltese Cross – exceptional service to humanity; Lamp of Knowledge – tribute to Florence Nightingale; Eternal Flame – lifelong quest for knowledge; Laurel Leaves – honor; “Corpus Sanare” – healing the body; Burnt Orange Ring – College 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 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,
Tamp! 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 afame,
   Till they see again the beauty
   Of the vista she commands.
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