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PROGRAM

Saturday, May 11, 2024 | 1 p.m.

Concert	UTEP Ceremonial Brass
	Eduardo Granados, Conductor
	Graduate Conducting Assistant, Music
Academic Procession	Commencement Stage Party
National Anthem	
<i>Star Spangled Banner</i>	UTEP Chamber Singers
	Curtis Tredway, Conductor
	Associate Professor, Music Education
Welcome and Introductions	Heather Wilson, President
Alma Mater	
<i>Men O' Mines</i>	UTEP Chamber Singers
Conferral of Degrees	John Wiebe, Provost
The College of Liberal Arts	Anadeli Bencomo, Dean
The Graduate School	Lucía Durá, Associate Dean
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Saturday, May 11, 2024 | 1 p.m.

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The Graduate School

Associate Dean. Lucía Durá
Faculty Marshal of Students Barbara Zimbalist
Student Marshal Noah Schaffrick
Candidates for the Degree

The College of Liberal Arts

Marshal Ana Schwartz
Richard Lambrecht
Dean Anadeli Bencomo
Faculty of the College
Faculty Marshal of Students Selfa A. Chew Meléndez
Caitlyn Muñiz
Student Marshal Rhaymee M. Arch
Candidates for the Degree

The University Librarians Marshal. Jennifer Urban-Flores
The University Staff Marshal John Aranda
Institutional Advancement, CoLART

PROGRAM

Saturday, May 11, 2024 | 6 p.m.

Concert	UTEP Ceremonial Brass Eduardo Granados, Conductor Graduate Conducting Assistant, Music
Academic Procession	Commencement Stage Party
National Anthem	
<i>Star Spangled Banner</i>	UTEP Chamber Singers Curtis Tredway, Conductor Associate Professor, Music Education
Welcome and Introductions	Heather Wilson, President
Alma Mater	
<i>Men O' Mines</i>	UTEP Chamber Singers
Conferral of Degrees	John Wiebe, Provost
The College of Education	Clifton Tanabe, Dean
The College of Engineering	Martine Ceberio, Associate Dean
The Graduate School	Lucía Durá, Associate Dean
Announcement of Candidates' Names	Yvonne Carranza Rolph Elena Izquierdo Associate Professor, Teacher Education
University Faculty Marshal of Students	Pei-Ling Hsu, Education Raymond Rumpf, Engineering

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The University Banner Bearer Diana Guerrero
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College of Education Banner Bearer Irwin Mena
College of Engineering Banner Bearer Marco Antonio Alanis
President Heather Wilson
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. John Wiebe
Vice President, Research and Sponsored Projects Ahmad Itani
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Vice-Chair, Staff Council June Urbina
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President, Student Government Association Andrea Nuñez

The Graduate School

Associate Dean. Lucía Durá
Faculty Marshal of Students Nora Paugh, Education
Héctor Erives-Contreras, Engineering
Student Marshal John Hensgen, Education
Stephanie Encizo, Engineering
Candidates for the Degree

The College of Education

Marshal Penelope Espinoza
Dean Clifton Tanabe
Faculty of the College
Faculty Marshal of Students Anjanette Todd
Student Marshal Andrea Del Toro
Candidates for the Degree

The College of Engineering

Marshal Amit J. Lopes
Associate Dean. Martine Ceberio
Faculty of the College
Faculty Marshal of Students Palvi Aggarwal
Student Marshal Brian G. Rodiles Delgado
Candidates for the Degree

The University Librarians Marshal Kristen Perales
The University Staff Marshal Frank Fernandez, Engineering Dean's Office

PROGRAM

Sunday, May 12, 2024 | 1 p.m.

Concert UTEP Ceremonial Brass
Eduardo Granados, Conductor
Graduate Conducting Assistant, Music

Academic Procession Commencement Stage Party

National Anthem

Star Spangled Banner UTEP Chamber Singers
Curtis Tredway, Conductor
Associate Professor, Music Education

Welcome and Introductions Heather Wilson, President

Alma Mater

Men O' Mines UTEP Chamber Singers

Conferral of Degrees John Wiebe, Provost

The College of Health Sciences William Robertson, Dean

The College of Nursing Leslie Robbins, Dean

The Graduate School Lucía Durá, Associate Dean

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

Patricia Lara
Clinical Associate Professor,
Speech-Language Pathology

University Faculty Marshal of Students Jeannie B. Concha, Health Sciences
Isabel C. Zuñiga, Nursing

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Grand Marshal of the University Delfina Dominguez
The University Banner Bearer Josua J. Cayme
Graduate School Banner Bearer Kaycee K. Carmignani
College of Health Sciences Banner Bearer Jessica I. Garcia Nungaray
College of Nursing Banner Bearer Nicole Guzman
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Chair, Graduate Council Martine Ceberio
Chair, Staff Council Heriberto Garcia
President, Alumni Association Manuel Castruita
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The Graduate School

Associate Dean. Lucía Durá
Faculty Marshal of Students Hyejin Jung, Health Sciences
Carlos Ortiz, Nursing
Student Marshal Mikaela M. Reyes, Health Sciences
Alejandra Rodriguez, Nursing

Candidates for the Degree

The College of Health Sciences

Marshal Jason B. Boyle
Dean William Robertson
Faculty of the College
Faculty Marshal of Students Alma R. Armendariz
Student Marshal Christian A. Carbajal
Candidates for the Degree

The College of Nursing

Marshal Jacob Martinez
Dean Leslie Robbins
Faculty of the College
Faculty Marshal of Students Monica S. Vasquez
Student Marshal Laken Moore
Candidates for the Degree

The University Librarians Marshal. Marissa Testerman
The University Staff Marshal Dolores Licerio,
Clinical Laboratory Science

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The College of Science Robert Kirken, Dean

The Woody L. Hunt College of Business. John Hadjimarcou, Dean

The School of Pharmacy Jose O. Rivera, Founding Dean

The Graduate School Lucía Durá, Associate Dean

Announcement of Candidates' Names Francisco Montes de Oca III
Assistant to the Dean, College of Science

Patricia Lara
Clinical Associate Professor,
Speech-Language Pathology

University Faculty Marshal of Students Jorge A. López, Science
Nathan Ashby, Woody L. Hunt College of Business

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Grand Marshal of the University Jeri Sias
The University Banner Bearer Frida Garcia Ledezma
Graduate School Banner Bearer Aileen Wiebe
College of Science Banner Bearer Oscar O. Buenrostro Mendoza
Woody L. Hunt College of Business Banner Bearer. Elena Dibattista
School of Pharmacy Banner Bearer Jaime Santiesteban

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The Graduate School

Associate Dean. Lucía Durá
Faculty Marshal of Students Charlotte M. Vines, Science
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Student Marshal David Lomeli, Science
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Candidates for the Degree

The College of Science

Marshal Keith Pannell
Dean Robert Kirken
Faculty of the College
Faculty Marshal of Students Dino Villagran
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Candidates for the Degree

The Woody L. Hunt College of Business

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Faculty of the College
Faculty Marshal of Students Michael Garcia
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Candidates for the Degree

The School of Pharmacy

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Faculty of the College
Candidates for the Degree

The University Librarians Marshal. Angela Lucero
The University Staff Marshal Paul Rodriguez, Facilities Management

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

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.

In addition to his professional achievements, Escudero is actively involved in community service. He serves on the boards of several organizations, including El Paso Electric, the Medical Center of the Americas Foundation and

the Hospitals of Providence Memorial/Sierra Campus. Escudero is a recipient of the El Paso Community Spirit Award, the Hispanos Triunfadores Award and the UTEP Gold Nugget Award in recognition of his generosity and community service. Escudero is a longtime supporter of UTEP and was a co-chair of the 2014 Centennial Commission formed to celebrate the University's 100th anniversary.

"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."

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES SPRING 2024

Congratulations, Class of 2024! 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 2024! 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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Erika Cecilia Sanchez
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Paulina Torres
Amanda Victoria Valadez
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Melissa Vasquez
Daniela A. Vazquez
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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Juan Eduardo Ayala
Omar Moatasem Azzam
Alejandro Julian Baeza
Emilio Barrios
Alexa Leticia Benitez
Kevin Caballero
Derek Ismael
Caballero Herrera
Jose Arnoldo Cano
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Jesus Fernando
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 Luis Adrian Lopez Alarcon
 Matthew Jesus Marin
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 Mendoza-Flores
 Hector Emanuel Montalvo
 Arlette G. Munoz
 Jesus J. Narvaez
 Priscila Narvaez
 De Santiago
 Frida Miranda
 Navarro Gutierrez
 Carlos Eduardo Olivas
 Johnathan L. Ornelas
 Marco A. Ortega
 Angel Raul Parra
 Eddie Payan Hernandez

Alejandro Perez
 Carlos Perez Fierro
 Jeffrey Thomas Poore
 Arturo Armando
 Ramirez Flores
 Eduardo Arturo Reaza
 Rodriguez III
 Nathaniel Caleb Regalado
 Rogelio Reveles. Jr.
 Valeria Alexandra
 Rodriguez Alvarez
 Anthony Roldan
 Joshua Alan Rubalcaba
 Kevin Saucedo
 Robert Vicenzo Schaffino
 Lorenz D. Smith
 Jesus Orlando Torres

Samuel G. Trejo, Jr.
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Metallurgical and Materials Engineering

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 Michael Rene Lopez
 John Carlos Melendez
 Kenya Judith Moreno
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 Juvenal Rodela, Jr.
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A portrait of Kennadi Trevino, a young woman with long dark hair, smiling. She is wearing an orange top under a black blazer with a small gold UTEP 'T' pin on the lapel. The background is a solid dark blue.

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A portrait of Maximilian Rothblatt, a young man with a mustache, smiling. He is wearing a dark blue suit, white shirt, and blue patterned tie. A small gold UTEP 'T' pin is on his lapel. The background is a solid light gray.

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A portrait of Abeni Merriweather, a young woman with long gray braids, smiling. She is wearing a dark blue top. The background is a solid orange.

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A portrait of Brian Rodiles Delgado, a man with dark hair and a mustache, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and red tie. He is smiling against an orange background.

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Diana Laura Bustillos	Estrada	Luis Eduardo Orozco	Maria Fernanda
Reno Miguel Garces Calo	Levi John Herrera	Paolet Payan	Tejada Escobedo
Abigail Campos Arellano	Grace Hubbard	Valeria Perez	Melanie Torres
Ana Sofia Carrasco	Elisa M. Ibarbo	Juan Francisco	Jorge Vargas, Jr.
Yunuem Castillo-Delgado	Jeremy Aaron Johnson	Pinon Chavez	Jordan Isaac Velarde
Gisselle Paola Covarrubias	Cruz G. Juarez Hernandez	Angelica Maria Platt	Clara Catriona Villasenor
Argelia De La Cruz	Caleb N. Ledesma	Emmanuel I. Rangel	Samonda Wells
Lizbeth Delgado	Diego Alejandro Martinez	Aaliyah J. Rebolledo	Anthony Yanez, Jr.
Elena Dibattista	Juliana Martinez	Mariana Isabel Renteria	Jeonghyun Yoo
Julissa Renae Falcon	Edgar A. Martinez Espitia	Samantha Nicole Resendez	Santi Zamarripa
Hector Alejandro Gutierrez	Diego Jesus Mendez	Alan Reyes	Jose Javier Zavala Anaya
Jacquelin Gutierrez	Jesus M. Miranda	Sebastian A. Rodriguez	
Maria Fernanda Gutierrez	Jessica Veronica Montellano		

TOP TEN SENIORS AWARD RECIPIENTS 2024

Zachary Jacob Althoff <i>Accounting</i>	Brian Giovanni Rodiles Delgado <i>Computer Science</i>
Zoe Alexandra Andritsos <i>Economics</i>	Maximilian Manuel Rothblatt <i>Mechanical Engineering</i>
Frida Daniela Garcia-Ledezma <i>Geological Sciences</i>	Benjamin Adam Shipkey <i>Political Science</i>
Michael Andrew Gutierrez <i>Political Science</i>	Kennadi Trevino <i>Public Health</i>
Abeni Janae Merriweather <i>Commercial Music in Voice</i>	Amira Tynise Williams <i>Engineering Innovation and Leadership</i>

ROTC COMMISSION AS SECOND LIEUTENANT

Alex Barraza	Danielle Mercado
Mary Garza	Tuyen Nguyen
Joshua Hamric	Marco Ortega
Nichole Igwe	Daniel Salazar
Zephrey Klemke	Mary Smith
Vernon McCrea	Joshua Tractenberg

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

Spring 2024

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Graciela Acosta Education
Idali Arevalo Education
Paulina Torres Education

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Jesus De Haro Ruiz Mechanical Engineering
Nicole Jimenez Metallurgical
Montserrat Najera Civil Engineering
Brian Rodiles Computer Science
David Santacruz Metallurgical
Amira Williams Innovation and Leadership

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Joshua Cayme Kinesiology
Jizelle Duarte Rehabilitation Sciences
Paulina Gonzalez Kinesiology
Aliseana Lopez Kinesiology
Federico Mondaca Kinesiology
Kristina Olave Rehabilitation Sciences
Brianna Reyes Social Work

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Jeralyn Barbie Anthropology
Amber Borjon Criminal Justice
Esmeralda Castro Psychology
Luz Melendez Criminal Justice
Maria Jose Urbina Salas Psychology
Samatha Velarde Psychology

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Aliyah Garcia Nursing
Savannah Garcia Nursing
Jenny Grajeda Nursing
Samantha Sierra Nursing
Kathya Zatarain Nursing

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Ximena Beltran Medina Biological Sciences
Frida Garcia Ledezma Geological Sciences
Andrea Granados Baca Chemistry
Janine Hagar-Montoya Neuroscience
Daniel Hernandez
Rodriguez Cellular & Molecular Biochemistry
Matthew Jones Biochemistry
Alexis Klima Biochemistry
Ximena Larrieu Environmental Sciences
Jacqueline Lopez Biological Sciences
Georgina Martinez Cellular & Molecular Biochemistry
Brisa Medina Biological Sciences
Melanie Mendiola Biological Sciences
Laisha Ramirez Cellular & Molecular Biochemistry
Nia Reneau Biological Sciences
Valeria Silva Forensic
Christopher Trejo Forensic
Ymalay Vega Biological Sciences

WOODY L. HUNT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Tinais Alexander Management
Zoe Andritsos Economics
Elena Dibattista Management
Ninelle Gutierrez Accounting
Angelica M. Platt Management
Ana Rodriguez Irungaray Management
Paige Uptergrove Operations & Supply
Jose Zavala Anaya Finance

HONORS REGALIA

WOODY L. HUNT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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

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

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 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:

COLLEGES

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

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 – 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.





"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.

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.

*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.*

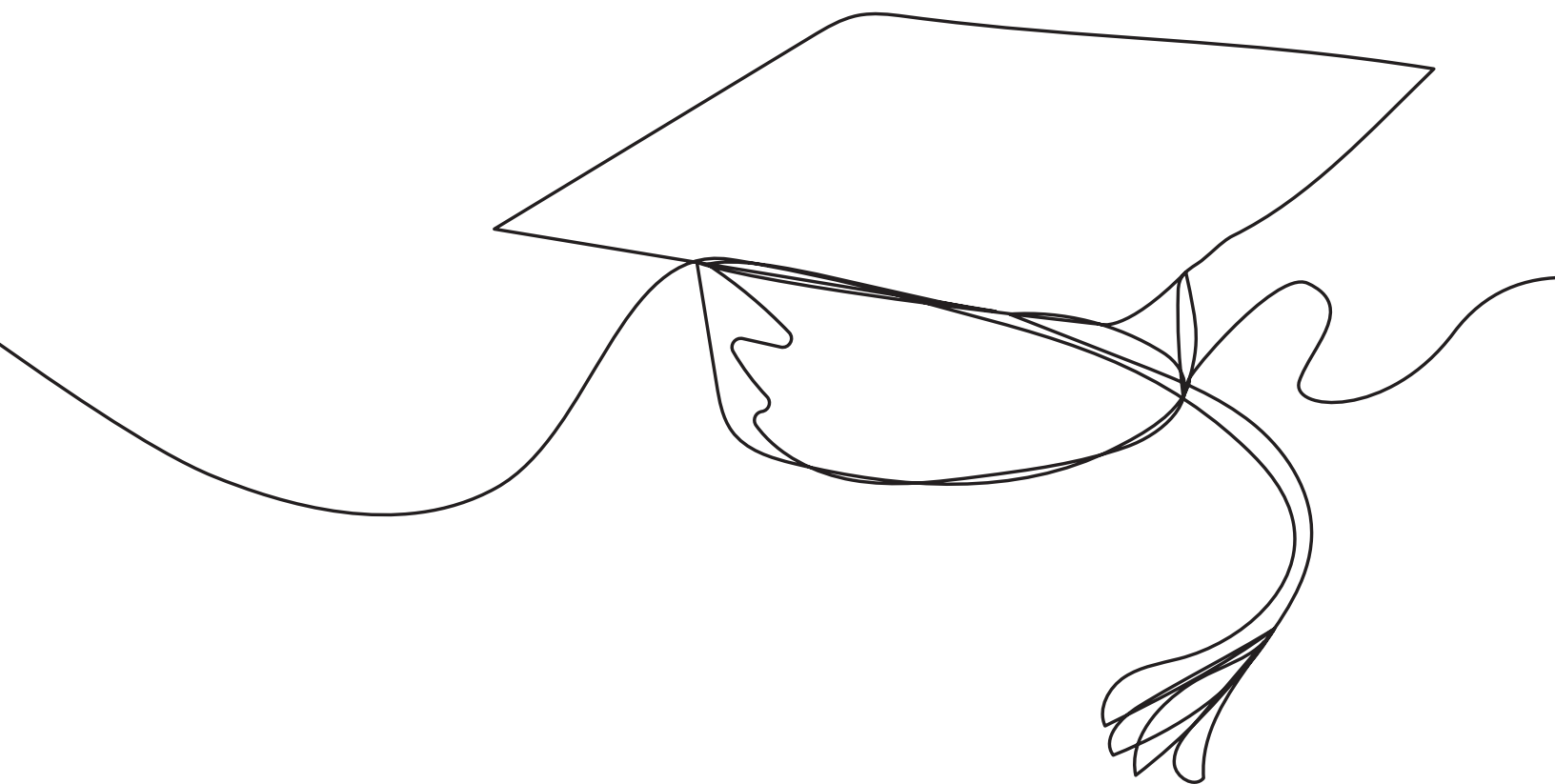


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With pride, we celebrate your hard work
and bright future ahead.

GO MINERS!



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