With Gratitude

This past year challenged us and the El Paso Community to embrace a new normal. Now, as faculty and staff return to campus, we quickly regained our sense of purpose, fueled by the response from our students who were eager to return to the classroom, and our donors who were ready to support a myriad of needs to help them graduate.

The promise of coming back stronger than ever is a testament to the resilience of both UTEP and the El Paso community. We are defined by our strength and perseverance. Our responsibility as America’s leading Hispanic-serving university is to promote what makes us unique and to capitalize on the advantages that are singular to us.

I continue to be humbled by the overwhelming philanthropic support of our donor family and the ways in which your generosity and foresight allow us to continue our mission of providing access to excellent higher education. To put it simply, your support enabled us to surpass last year’s fundraising total and I couldn’t be more grateful. I hope you always remember that your gifts provide more than financial freedom to our students. You help us instill confidence, nurture discovery, and prepare future professionals who will advance our world.

I am honored to share our impact with you and a fragment of the many accomplishments and notable donor and student stories that will hopefully inspire you and reinforce your commitment to this great University.

Go Miners!

Heather Wilson
President

A Year in Review: Selection of Highlights, Stories and Achievements

UTEP, America’s Leading Hispanic-Serving University, Unveils 10-year Strategic Plan

UTEP began the strategic planning process by envisioning possible futures, each rooted in elements of the University’s history and proven successes. The plan includes initiatives that build upon UTEP’s unique advantages, including its place; the unique diversity of its people; its culture of care; and its community engagement. “With this strategic plan, we have reaffirmed and embraced who we are – America’s leading Hispanic-serving university,” said Heather Wilson, President of UTEP. To read the full story visit utep.edu/newsfeed.

Fundraising Highlights

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Through meaningful annual contributions from alumni, parents, and friends, we enhanced many important services to the UTEP community. Gifts to funds like annual scholarships, the food pantry, and other student-related initiatives enabled us to far exceed our initial fundraising projections.

Endowment Market Value

The annual distribution generated from UTEP’s $317 million endowment provides more than $10 million to support our mission and commitment to our community, students, faculty, and programs. This past year, the University of Texas Investment Management Company (UTIMCO) earned record-breaking endowment market value growth that will further enhance endowment awards.

“I chose UTEP primarily for the scholarships that I was awarded and because orange and blue are synonymous to home. My favorite things about UTEP are the sense of community and the opportunities available to students.”

Karina Damian Carmona ’21
Cellular and Molecular Biochemistry Scholarship recipient. Her scholarship gives her the freedom to pursue professional development workshops that enhance her college experience.
Alex V. Salazar '71, '90, Victoria Salazar '87 and Dr. Alejandro A. Salazar* '97 - Generation After Generation

Student Enrollment - Fall 2021

Preliminary Student Enrollment - Fall 2021
Total Number of Students Enrolled: 24,003
Hispanic Students Enrolled: 83.66%

UTEP Expands Efforts to Support First-Generation Student Success
UTEP expands its efforts to support the success of first-generation college students by incorporating a holistic approach, focused on preparing students to meet any challenges they may face in life and in their academic career. This initiative celebrates student success by fostering students’ diverse backgrounds, strengths, and skill sets. To read the full story visit utep.edu/newsfeed.

Alex and Victoria Salazar describe their son, Alex, as the “perfect child for amateur parents.” Alex excelled in academics early on and despite having other options for college, he always knew UTEP was the place for him. His parents had raised him to love UTEP as much as they did. Having been a scholarship recipient himself, Alex often talked about creating a scholarship and paving the way for others. Alex and Victoria lost their only child too soon. To honor his extraordinary life, they established the Dr. Alex Salazar M.D. Endowed Scholarship to support pre-med students in the College of Science.

“I wish to someday make the kind of contributions that help transform technology in a positive way for future generations.”
Adan Joel Mireles '22, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering Scholarship recipient. His three favorite basic sciences are Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry.

Martha I. Aguayo '94 - Paying it Forward

“To go to college, I had to do it myself. I have two kids, and I did it for them — so they would follow in my footsteps. And, now, after navigating three separate careers, and teaching classes in higher education, I feel like I can pay it forward — a little at a time — to help students who need a little extra to complete their degrees. You see, UTEP is the heart of El Paso; the better students do, the better we all do. We’re a community.” To that end, she established the Martha Isabel Aguayo Endowed Scholarship to support pre-med students in the College of Science.

Nearly 70% of UTEP students rely on financial aid. UTEP is able to provide financial relief through a combination of 523 Endowed Scholarships, 72 annual scholarships and 51 student excellence endowments.
The University of Texas at El Paso announced the launch of the UTEP Banking Academy, supported by significant contributions from regional and national banks and financial institutions to address the shortage of banking professionals in the West Texas and Southern New Mexico region. To read the full story visit utep.edu/newsfeed.

Noel learned about the value of an education from his parents. “Although we had very little, just a small farm with no electric lights until I was a junior in high school, there was never any doubt that I was going to go to college.” To this day, Noel credits UTEP faculty for providing him with an excellent academic foundation and for teaching him to learn. “They all had a real impact on my life, I think back about how I learned how to study under them. It’s not so much what you learn in college but how you learn how to study and learn how to learn. That’s what being at UTEP taught me.” Noel established a professorship in his and his late wife’s name, to support faculty in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. The R. Noel and Juliana Longuemare Professorship awarded funds to its first recipient this past year. Dr. Robert Roberts, an associate professor, was awarded the professorship as a faculty fellow. His research interests focus on design, fabrication, and integration of novel sensors and sensor systems; particularly micro-electro-mechanical systems.

Noel Longuemare ’52 - A Foundation for Learning

2020-2021 Distinguished Alumni Honoree

77 Endowments support faculty at UTEP: 4 Fellowships, 40 Professorships, 11 Distinguished Professorships, 17 Chairs, and 5 Distinguished Chairs.

UTEP Launches Banking Academy With Leading Banks and Financial Institutions

The University of Texas at El Paso and The University of Texas at Austin were two of 11 universities selected to join the Space Force University Partnership Program to provide advanced research and workforce development for the newest branch of the U.S. Armed Services. The quality of STEM degree offerings were part of the criteria. To read the full story visit utep.edu/newsfeed.

UTEP, UT Austin, UT System Join U.S. Space Force Partnership

NBCUniversal News Group Selects UTEP for New Partnership to Increase Journalism Diversity

UTEP will benefit from a new corporate collaboration with NBCUniversal News Group that will involve internships, training and development programs focused on diversity, equity and inclusion. NBCUniversal News Group will provide $500,000 to the Department of Communication over the next two years. To read the full story visit utep.edu/newsfeed.

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UEP School of Pharmacy Achieves Full Accreditation

“I’m a second-generation, proud Miner and am humbled by the opportunities UTEP has awarded my family and me. Without the generosity of others, many prospective students may be unable to pursue their dreams of higher education and advanced career opportunities, which hurts both the individual and the community.”

Mar Medina ’24 PharmD Scholarship recipient. She chose the pharmacy program because of her love for chemistry and biomedical sciences.

Lewis Peeples & Dr. Bonnie Brooks - An Estate to Support the Love of Music

Lewis Peeples married Dr. Bonnie Brooks in 2008. Together they traveled the world and made lasting friendships as they shared in Bonnie’s love of classical music and piano. Bonnie was an accomplished pianist and deeply involved in the classical musical arts of El Paso, many had the privilege of watching her perform. Following Bonnie’s sudden death in 2020, Lewis became the executor of her estate. Lewis knew how important UTEP and music education were to Bonnie. Together they built great friendships with faculty in the Department of Music. “Bonnie is the motivator behind these gifts to the University. She has always been a friend of the piano area within the UTEP Department of Music.”

Lewis established multiple large endowments in Bonnie’s name to support music education and piano pedagogy. More recently, Lewis gifted the department a new Steinway Sprio D concert piano. This single instrument will open doors and showcase the talent that exists on our campus. Faculty at UTEP will be able to play alongside others located elsewhere in the world. “Bonnie was a professor at UTEP, (and by) donating her piano to the music department, I am carrying out her wishes so we may continue with her legacy.”
Ways to Give

Outright Gifts
From cash, check, and online credit card gifts to IRA rollovers and gifts of stock, outright gifts are something that you give immediately and directly. Thousands of companies match gifts to higher education. Check givingto.utep.edu/matchinggifts or contact your employer’s human resources office for a matching gift form.

Real Estate
Gifts of real estate provide a lasting benefit to UTEP while allowing you to enjoy a charitable deduction.

Planned Gifts
Bequests, annuities, and income-producing trusts are types of planned gifts that enable you to create a legacy at UTEP. A planned gift can also protect your assets, provide for your family, and sometimes guarantee you income for life.

Gifts-In-Kind (Personal Property)
Tangible personal property donations to UTEP, may be eligible to receive an income tax deduction based on the full market value of the items you are donating (pending a professional appraisal).

To learn more about making a gift, please visit givingto.utep.edu or call (915) 747-8533 to speak with a development officer.