

Miner Nation Newsletter 2023-2024 Archive

FEATURED READS



Transforming Barriers into Bridges: Trellis Foundation's Partnership with

UTEP: The Trellis Foundation recently granted \$195,694 to UTEP for student emergency funds, which will help cover urgent expenses so students can stay in school and finish their degrees. Learn more about the Trellis Foundation's impact and why it is important. [Read more here.](#)

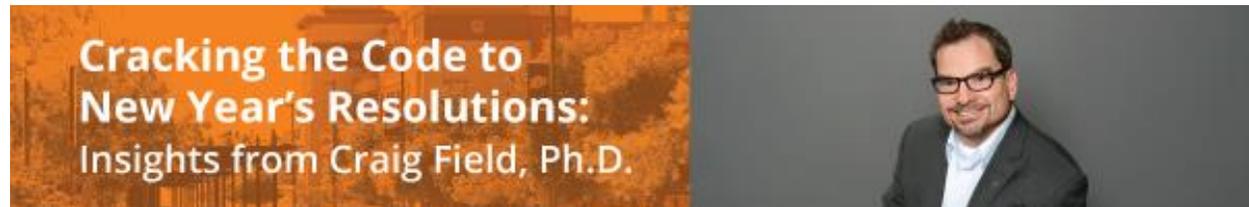


Meet incredible alumni making a difference in our community! Explore the impactful work of these UTEP alumni who are making a difference:

- **Louie Salazar** (Media Advertising '09), Nutrition Initiatives Manager at El Pasoans Fighting Hunger, leads the Food FARMacy Program, providing nutritious food and education to those in need.
- **Daniel James Veale** (MBA '11), Director of Marketing and Public Information Officer at El Paso Children's Hospital, uses creativity and compassion to bring joy to young patients and their families.

- **Italia Solis** (BA Business '21), Community Relations & Development
Coordinator at Lee & Beulah Moor Children's Home, spearheads community engagement efforts to support children and families in transition.

Read more here.



A new year means new resolutions! But how can we actually stick to our goals for 2025 and achieve them? UTEP psychology professor, Craig A. Field, Ph.D., reveals proven strategies on how small habits can lead to big results. Discover his expert tips and kickstart your transformation journey on a positive note! **Read more here.**



Behind the Mascot: A Former Paydirt Pete's Journey and Legacy: Discover the journey behind the mask! Meet Javier Aguilar, the former Paydirt Pete who brought joy, spirit, and unforgettable memories to UTEP and beyond. From balancing a demanding schedule to touching lives in the community, his story is one of resilience, creativity, and heart. **Read more here.**



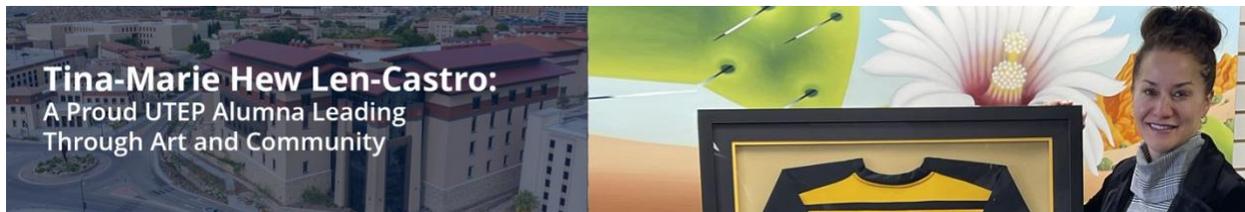
Ultimate Creamy Mac & Cheese Recipe: Indulge in the ultimate comfort food with this creamy, cheesy Mac & Cheese recipe by Anna Carrillo. Perfect for any occasion, this dish is sure to satisfy your cravings and impress your guests. Discover the full recipe and share your favorite holiday dishes with us using #MinersInTheKitchen! **Read the recipe here.**



25 Years of the Chihuahuan Desert Gardens and tips for starting your own garden: Discover UTEP's Chihuahuan Desert Gardens, home to over 600 native plant species. Celebrating its 25th anniversary, this oasis showcases the beauty and resilience of desert flora. Kevin Floyd, Ph.D., Botanical Curator at UTEP, shares his journey and expert tips on starting your own water-saving, biodiversity-supporting garden...**read more here.**



Bilingual Bard: Dive into the world of reimagined classics with Professor Jay Stratton as he explores bilingual theatre and the future of UTEP's Madeline Park Shakespeare Festival...**read more here.**

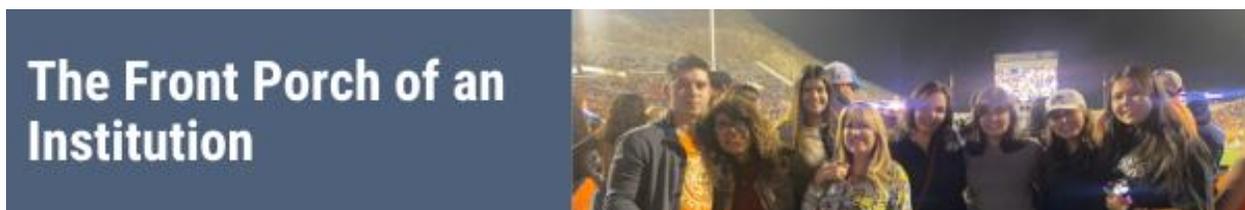


A Proud UTEP Alumna Leading Through Art and Community: Discover the inspiring journey of Tina-Marie Hew Len-Castro, a proud UTEP alumna who turned her passion for art into a thriving business... [read more here.](#)



Meet a Miner: Grissel Rodriguez '18, Bachelors in Finance Administration & Legal Reasoning.

What advice would you give to fellow Miners? "Challenging yourself to get out of your comfort zone is essential. Doing things that scare you will take you far. Never settle for anything, always go for more, and always be yourself. Authenticity can't be bought." [Read more here.](#)



The Front Porch of the Institution: One of the first things Christian Diaz '20 did after graduating and obtaining his first full-time job was purchase UTEP season tickets for football and basketball...[read more here.](#)

Let's Keep Raising Our Picks!



Let's Continue to Raise Our Picks!: Anna Carrillo '19, '21 discusses the importance of donations in creating opportunities for UTEP students and fostering community well-being...[read more here](#).

Growing up at UTEP



Growing up at UTEP: Anna Carrillo '19, '21 recalls the memorable moments she shared with her parents throughout her student journey...[read more here](#).

Once a Miner, Always a Miner



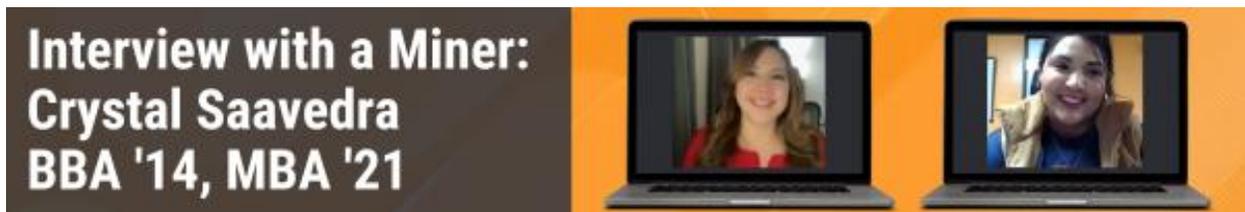
Once a Miner, Always a Miner: Alexandra Sanchez '17 remembers how cool it was to impact UTEP and listen to alumni stories during her time as a student caller for the UTEP Phone Center...[read here](#).

Family Legacy and Academic Triumphs



Family Foundations and Academic Triumphs: UTEP alumnus Christian Diaz '20 reflects on the profound impact his supportive family has had throughout his academic

journey...[read more here](#).



Interview with a Miner: Crystal Saavedra BBA '14, MBA '21, Associate Director of Advance for Vice President Kamala Harris

Anna Carrillo '19, '21 interviews fellow Miner Crystal Saavedra '14, '21, who reflects on her time at UTEP and the impact it had on her future...[watch the interview here](#).



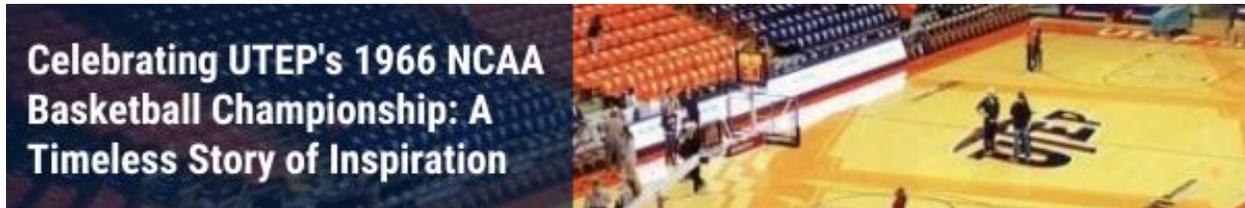
Building Trust, Being Adaptable, and Other Lessons Learned: UTEP alumnus Christian Diaz '20 shares what he's learned about building trust and being adaptable in a professional environment...[read here](#).



Alexandra Sanchez '17 interviews fellow Miner Rigo Gonzalez '17 about his time at UTEP and career advice for other young alumni...[watch the interview here](#).



Alexandra Sanchez '17, reflects on a life-changing moment she had as a UTEP student her senior year...[read here](#).



Celebrating UTEP's 1966 NCAA Basketball Championship: A Timeless Story of

Inspiration: Anna Carrillo '19, '21, recalls the memorable task of placing nearly 12,000 blue and orange shirts on every seat in the sold-out Don Haskins Center...



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- [UTEP Children's Fall Activity Book](#)
- [UTEP Jack O'Lantern Stencils](#)
- [UTEP Holiday Gift Tags](#)
- [UTEP Children's Winter Activity Book](#)