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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Honors Convocation at The University of Texas at El Paso is an annual tradition in the life of the University. It is a tradition that celebrates both the outstanding academic achievements of our students and the distinguished teaching and scholarship of our faculty.

We are proud to recognize this year's student honorees, who exemplify academic excellence and a passion for learning. They have challenged themselves and discovered new pathways to personal success, and they have been guided by exceptional faculty who teach, mentor and lead by example.

In normal years, Honors Convocation would be marked by ceremony, complete with a processional and formal award presentation. But this year has been anything but normal. And even though we cannot celebrate you together, we are nonetheless very proud of all you have achieved.

Congratulations to each of this year's most accomplished students and faculty at UTEP. Know that our celebration of your success is truly genuine.

Sincerely,

Heather Wilson  
President



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# FACULTY ENDOWMENTS

## DISTINGUISHED CHAIRS

### College of Business Administration

James E. Payne . . . . . *Paul L. Foster and Alejandra de la Vega Foster  
Distinguished Chair in International Business*  
Richard Posthuma . . . . . *Mike Loya Distinguished Chair in  
Business Administration*

### College of Engineering

Stella A. Quinones . . . . . *Freeport-McMoRan Distinguished Chair in  
Metallurgical Engineering*  
David G. Novick . . . . . *Mike Loya Distinguished Chair in Engineering*

### College of Science

Antonio Arribas . . . . . *Kenneth F. and Patricia Clark Distinguished Chair*  
Robert Kirken . . . . . *Steven McKnight Distinguished Professorship in  
Biological Sciences*

## CHAIRS

### College of Business Administration

Hendrik Devos . . . . . *Ellis and Susan Mayfield Endowed Chair  
in the College of Business Administration*  
Gary L. Frankwick . . . . . *Marcus Jonathan Hunt Chair in International Business*  
Tom Fullerton . . . . . *Chair for the Study of Trade in the Americas*  
John S. Hadjimarcou . . . . . *Chair for the Director of the Center for the  
Study of Western Hemispheric Trade*  
Oscar Varela . . . . . *Charles R. and Dorothy S. Carter Chair in Business Administration*

### College of Engineering

Ahsan Choudhuri . . . . . *Mr. and Mrs. MacIntosh Murchison Chair in Engineering II*  
Soheil Nazarian . . . . . *Mr. and Mrs. MacIntosh Murchison Chair in Engineering IV*  
Ryan B. Wicker . . . . . *Mr. and Mrs. MacIntosh Murchison Chair in Engineering I*

### College of Health Sciences

Shafik Dharamsi . . . . . *Charles H. and Shirley T. Leavell Endowed Chair  
in Health Sciences*

### School of Nursing

Leslie K. Robbins . . . . . *Orville Edward Egbert, M.D. Chair in the School of Nursing*

**College of Science**

Luis A. Echegoyen . . . . . *Robert A. Welch Chair in Chemistry*  
Vanessa L. Loughheed . . . . . *Edward and Barbara Brown Egbert  
Chair in Biological Sciences*  
Mark R. Pedersen . . . . . *Dr. C. Sharp Cook Chair in Physics*

**DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIPS**

**College of Business Administration**

Giorgio Gotti . . . *Dr. Gary J. Mann Family Distinguished Professorship in Accounting*  
Robert Nachtmann . . . . . *Distinguished Professorship in Business Administration*  
Zuobao Wei . . . . . *Gary R. and Leanne B. Hedrick Distinguished Professorship  
in Western Hemispheric Trade Research*

**College of Engineering**

Louis J. Everett . . . . . *John T. MacGuire Distinguished Professorship  
in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering*  
Ann C. Quiroz Gates . . . . . *AT&T Distinguished Professorship  
in the College of Engineering*

**College of Liberal Arts**

Brian Yothers . . . . . *Frances Spatz Leighton Endowed Distinguished  
Professorship in English*

**College of Science**

Bruce Cushing . . . . . *Dr. Larry P. Jones Endowed Distinguished  
Professorship in Biological Sciences*  
M. Christina Mariani . . . . . *Shigeko K. Chan Distinguished Professorship in  
Mathematical Sciences*

**PROFESSORSHIPS**

**College of Business Administration**

José H. Ablanedo-Rosas . . . . . *Professorship in Western Hemispheric  
Trade Research II*  
Kallol K. Bagchi . . . . . *Nita and Jim Phillips  
Endowed Professorship in Business*  
Timothy P. Roth . . . . . *Dr. Arleigh B. Templeton Professorship in  
Financial Management and Banking*

Prajya Vidyarthi . . . . . *Frank and Wilma Hanley Professorship in Business Administration*

Maria F. Wagstaff . . . . . *Robert E. and Jacqueline Skov Professorship in Business Ethics*

Feixue Xie. . . . . *JPMorgan Chase Bank Professorship in Business Administration*

**College of Engineering**

Patricia A. Nava . . . . . *El Paso Electric Company Professorship in Education Research*

Raymond C. Rumpf. . . . . *Schellenger Professorship in Electrical Research*

Stephen Stafford . . . . . *Freeport-McMoRan Professorship in Metallurgical Engineering*

Heidi A. Taboada-Jimenez . . . . . *Patricia Daw Yetter Professorship*

Miguel Velez-Reyes . . . . . *George W. Edwards, Jr. El Paso Electric Distinguished Professorship in Engineering*

W. Shane Walker. . . . . *Alumni Academy of Civil Engineers Professorship in Civil Engineering*

David Zubia. . . . . *Texas Instruments Professorship in Electrical Engineering*

**College of Health Sciences**

Christina A. Sobin . . . . . *J. Edward and Helen M.C. Stern Endowed Professorship in Neuro-Science*

**College of Liberal Arts**

Sam Brunk . . . . . *Dr. and Mrs. W.H. Timmons Borderlands History Professorship*

Howard B. Campbell . . . . . *Professorship for Western Hemispheric Trade Policy Studies*

Wendy Francis . . . . . *Helen M.C. Stern and J. Edward Stern Endowed Professorship in Psychology*

Cristina Goletti . . . . . *June Sadowski Kruszewski Professorship in Theatre Arts*

Lowell E. Graham . . . . . *Abraham Chavez, Jr. Professorship in Music*

David Griffin . . . . . *Thurston-Cox Rho Sigma Tau Endowed Professorship*

Josiah M. Heyman . . . . . *Professorship for Border Trade Issues*

Arvind Singhal . . . . . *Samuel Shirley and Edna Holt Marston Professorship*

Nicholas Sobin . . . . . *Antoni Grabowski Endowed Professorship*

Maggy A. Smith . . . . . *Dorrance D. Roderick Foundation Professorship in English*



**School of Pharmacy**

Amanda M. Loya . . . . . *Barry and Barbara Coleman Professorship*

**School of Nursing**

Hseuh-Fen S. Kao . . . . . *J. Edward and Helen M.C. Stern Endowed  
Professorship in Nursing*

Diane B. Monsivais . . . . . *Wakefield Endowed Professorship in Health Sciences*

**College of Science**

Jorge Gardea-Torresdey . . . . . *Richard M. and Frances Dudley Memorial Professorship*

Katherine A. Giles . . . . . *Lloyd A. Nelson Professorship in Geology*

Jorge A. Lopez . . . . . *Rho Sigma Tau-Robert L. Shumaker Endowed  
Professorship in Physics*

Juan C. Noveron . . . . . *Ralph and Kathleen Ponce de Leon Professorship in Chemistry*

## FACULTY & STAFF HONOREES

### PROFESSORS EMERITI

**Diana Natalicio, Ph.D.**

*President Emerita*

**Jon Amastae, Ph.D.**

*Professor Emeritus of Languages and Linguistics*

**Rafael Gutierrez, Ph.D.**

*Associate Professor Emeritus of Industrial, Manufacturing  
and Systems Engineering*

**Panagis Moschopoulos, Ph.D.**

*Professor Emeritus of Mathematical Sciences*

**Homer Nazeran, Ph.D.**

*Professor Emeritus of Electrical and Computer Engineering*

**Kirsten Nigro, Ph.D.**

*Professor Emerita of Languages and Linguistics*

**Albert Wong, Ph.D.**

*Associate Professor Emeritus of Art*

## TOP 10 SENIORS 2020

The University of Texas at El Paso Alumni Association Top 10 Seniors awards are presented to students who have achieved academic success as well as a proven commitment to the community. A committee of UTEP alumni, faculty and staff select the Top Ten Seniors based on grade point average, volunteer activities and leadership.

**Ruben Aguirre**

*Political Science*

**Bryn Ireland Birdwell**

*Applied Learning and Development*

**Isaac Noel Gándara**

*Biological Sciences*

**Yeshey Lham**

*Economics*

**Nohemi Lopez Valdez**

*Biological Sciences*

**Tania Pamela Mariscal Quintana**

*Finance and Economics*

**Sandra Navarrete**

*Accounting*

**Marlon Andre Picado**

*Economics*

**Aiyana Minee Ponce**

*Cellular and Molecular Biochemistry*

**Jozelyn A. Rascon**

*Rehabilitation Sciences*

# UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENT AWARDS

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Accounting and Information System

Elena Calugher-Swidorski . . . . . TXCPA Outstanding MAcc  
Kinley Dem . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Accounting  
Paige S. Dorsey . . . . . Outstanding Accounting Tutor  
Diana I. Hernandez . . . . . Outstanding Accounting Leadership Award  
Wayne W. Landry . . . . . TXCPA Outstanding Senior  
Maria Elena Martinez . . . . . 2020 Federation of Schools of Accountancy Student Award  
Eric Nevarez . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Master of  
Accountancy - Financial/Audit Concentration  
Edgar Quiroga . . . . . Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Scholars 2019-2020

### Marketing and Management

Jason A. Colon . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Management/ Entrepreneurship  
Santiago S. Macias . . . Outstanding Senior in Operations and Supply Chain Management  
Jesus E. Ramirez . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Management/General Management  
Alexis A. Rico . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Management/Human Resource Management  
Sarah E. Riebeling . . . . . Outstanding Senior in International Business  
Elizabeth Vega . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Marketing

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

### Teacher Education

Bryn Birdwell . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Applied Learning and  
Development, Elementary-Generalist Concentration  
Adriana Chavarria . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Curriculum and Instruction - Early  
Childhood Education Concentration  
Alexandra Cruz. . . Outstanding Senior in Applied Learning and Development, Elementary-  
Bilingual Concentration  
Trevino Karla . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Applied Learning and  
Development, 4-8 Grade Math Composite Concentration

## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

### Computer Science

Roberto Camacho Barranco . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Computer Science  
Sairy Elizabeth Cohen Cruz . . . . . Department Award  
Oscar Galindo . . . . . Outstanding Peer Mentor and Supporter Award  
Zayra Padilla. . . . . Outstanding Senior in Computer Science

### Electrical and Computer Engineering

Francisco Candelario-Burgoa . . . . . Outstanding Senior Award for Spring 2020  
Daniel Jonathan Cruz . . . . . Floyd Decker Award

Vicente Lombrana . . . . . Outstanding Senior Award for Spring 2020  
Manuel F. Martinez . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Electrical Engineering  
Paola Perez . . . . . Floyd Decker Award to Best Senior for Spring 2020  
Daniel J. Rodriguez . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Electrical Engineering  
Mauricio Violante . . . . . Top Senior with Recognition for Leadership

**Industrial, Manufacturing and Systems Engineering**

Pablo Bustamante-Murguia . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Industrial Engineering  
Rocio Jazminne Lopez-Terrazas . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Industrial and Systems Engineering  
Elizabeth Mendia . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Systems Engineering  
Daniel Gustavo Teijo . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Manufacturing Engineering

**Mechanical Engineering**

Alan Alan Esparza Hernandez . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Mechanical Engineering  
Juan Antonio Gonzalez Trejo . . . . . Top Senior with Recognition for Leadership  
Dante Ascencion Gutierrez Palma . . . . . Department Award  
Aldo Rubio . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Mechanical Engineering

**EXTENDED UNIVERSITY**

**UTEP Connect**

Michael E. Aldaco . . . . . Outstanding Achievement-Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies Online  
Paul A. Bower . . . . . Outstanding Senior-BA-Applied Art and Science Online  
Constance M. Collins . . . . . Outstanding Senior-BA-Chicano Studies Online  
Paul J. Cuara . . . . . Outstanding Achievement-BA-Criminal Justice Online  
Cesar Del Rio . . . . . Outstanding Achievement-BA-Applied Arts and Science Online  
Andrew Mario Hernandez . . . . . Outstanding Senior-BA-Criminal Justice Online  
Graciela Ramirez-Vasquez . . . . . Outstanding Achievement-BA-Organizational  
and Corporate Communication Online  
Beth Ann Sturges . . . . . Outstanding Senior-Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies Online  
Pablo Villa . . . . . Outstanding Senior-Media Advertising Online

**GRADUATE SCHOOL**

Suresh Lohani . . . . . UTEP Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Student  
Emmanuel Sequeira . . . . . UTEP Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Student

**COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

**Clinical Laboratory Science**

Jennifer Dawn Nolen . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Clinical Laboratory Science  
Destiny Love Porras . . . . . Honoric Award  
Laila Rajabi . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Clinical Laboratory Science

**Public Health Sciences**

Denise Nicole Portillo . . . . . Outstanding Community Service Award  
Paloma Carolina Sanchez. . . . . Outstanding Senior in Health Promotion

**Rehabilitation Counseling**

Maria G. Chavarria . . . . . Outstanding Community Service Award  
Adriana Cordero. . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Rehabilitation Counseling  
Jennifer A. Cormican. . . . . Outstanding Student Award  
Abril A. Smart . . . . . Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

**Social Work**

Amelia L. Furrow . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Social Work  
Yarenn Garcia . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Bachelor of Social Work  
Zanetta Thomas . . . . . Outstanding Achievement Award Master of Social Work Program  
Shawn S. Vosburg . . . . Outstanding Achievement Award Bachelor of Social Work Program

**Speech-Language Pathology**

Isabel A. Cano . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Speech-Language Pathology  
Erika Magalde. . . . . Outstanding Graduate Clinician

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**

**African American Studies Program**

Alexis Yvonne Swope. . . . . Outstanding African American Studies Minor

**Chicano Studies**

Jacqueline Michelle Baquera . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Chicano Studies

**Communication**

Yvette van Oijen . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Communication

**Creative Writing**

Kira Crider . . . . . Outstanding Creative Writing Minor  
Alaric Lopez . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Creative Writing  
Margarita Mejia . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student - MFA in Creative Writing

**Criminal Justice**

Aleida S. Bautista . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Master of Science-Intelligence and  
National Security Studies  
Erick M. Burgos . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Criminal Justice  
Jorge A. Nunez. . . . . Outstanding Senior in Security Studies  
Arier A. Santiago Outstanding Graduate Student - Master of Defense and Strategic Studies

**English**

- Jose Avila . . . . . English Language Arts Outstanding MA Graduate
- Erick M. Balandran . . . . . Outstanding Senior in English and American Literature
- Stephanie Kathleen Bulloch . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in English and American Literature
- Estefania Castillo. . . . . Rhetoric and Writing Studies Outstanding MA Graduate
- Maria Nunez Perla. . . . . English Language Arts Outstanding BA Graduate

**History**

- Citlalli C. Rodriguez . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in History
- Gustavo J. Rodriguez . . . . . Outstanding Achievement
- Alexis Yvonne Swope. . . . . Outstanding Service
- Julius A. Tano . . . . . Outstanding Senior in History

**Languages and Linguistics**

- Haydee B. Martinez . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Linguistics
- Valeria Martinez . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Spanish

**Leadership and Community Engagement**

- Melissa Lagunas Cervantes . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Leadership Studies Online
- Amy Geraldine Zavalza . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Leadership Studies

**Linguistics**

- Elyana Amparan. . . . . Outstanding Academic Achievement in Linguistics

**Music**

- Erika E. Araujo . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Music Education, Vocal
- Ivana Biliskov . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student - Master of Music, Performance
- Cristina Melendez Rascon . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Music Performance, Keyboard
- Christopher Terrazas . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Music Education, Instrumental
- Toni M. Torres . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Music Performance, Vocal

**Philosophy**

- Gabriela Azcarate . . . . . Outstanding Achievement as an Undergraduate
- Grecia Sanchez Blanco . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Philosophy

**Political Science**

- Erica Martinez . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Political Science Cook Award
- Ryan M. Ross. . . . . Outstanding Senior in Political Science Ray Award

## **Psychology**

Miriam J. Alvarez . . . . .	Best Dissertation
Rodolfo J. Flores Garcia . . . . .	Outstanding Graduate Student in Psychology
Francisco J. Flores Ramirez . . . . .	High Impact Research Award
Xiomara V. Gonzales . . . . .	Outstanding Senior in Psychology, BA
Alexander Ho . . . . .	Outstanding Senior in Psychology, BS
Elizabeth M. Purser . . . . .	Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis, Fall 2019
Dylan K. Richards . . . . .	Best Master of Arts Thesis Graduate Research Productivity Award
Mariana Vazquez . . . . .	Outstanding Senior in Psychology, BA

## **Sociology and Anthropology**

Denise N. Delgado . . . . .	Outstanding Graduate Student in Sociology
Morgan S. Elixavide-Pitcher . . . . .	Outstanding Senior in Sociology
Julius A. Tano . . . . .	Outstanding Senior in Anthropology

## **Theatre and Dance**

Mariana Baidon Carrillo . . . . .	Outstanding Senior in Musical Theatre, BFA
Olivia Fuentes . . . . .	Outstanding Senior - BFA in Theatre, Design and Technology Concentration
Lindsay Hearon . . . . .	Outstanding Senior - BFA in Theatre, Stage Management Concentration
Romanti-Ezer Mata . . . . .	Outstanding Senior in Dance, BFA
Constanza Romero . . . . .	Outstanding Service to the Department
Bianca Taylor . . . . .	Outstanding Senior - BFA in Theatre, Performance Concentration

## **Women's and Gender Studies Program**

Cristina Camacho . . . . .	Service Award
Daisy P. Marquez . . . . .	Outstanding Academic Achievement WMNS Minors
Annel A. Mena . . . . .	Outstanding Research Award
Yasmin A. Morales . . . . .	Service Award
Adren Darius Warling . . . . .	Outstanding Research Award

## **SCHOOL OF NURSING**

Wynisha R. Alcorn . . . . .	Outstanding Graduate Student in Nursing Administration and Management
Irma S. Ansalmo-Carlos . . . . .	Outstanding Graduate Student in Nursing Education
Gwendalyn K. Barron . . . . .	Outstanding Graduate Student - Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care
Amanda C. French . . . . .	Outstanding Graduate Student - Doctor of Nursing Practice
Jacqueline M. Mauer . . . . .	Outstanding Graduate Student - Family Nurse Practitioner
Aaron M. McTague . . . . .	Outstanding Senior in Nursing



Flor D. Navar . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student - Pediatric Nurse  
 Practitioner Chronic Care  
 Albert A. Oyefusi. . . . . RN to BSN Online  
 Eric B. Vogt. . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student - Adult and Geriatric Acute  
 Care Nurse Practitioner

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**

**Biological Sciences**

Aiyana M. Ponce. . . . . Outstanding Senior in Cellular and Molecular Biochemistry  
 Paul R. Sabandal . . . . . Excellence in Research and Mentorship  
 Erick B. Saldes . . . . . Excellence in Research and Mentorship  
 Michelle G. Sanchez Guillen . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Biological Sciences  
 Vanessa Valles . . . . . Excellence in Research and Academic Performance

**Chemistry and Biochemistry**

Maria I. Grajeda Martinez . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Biochemistry  
 Yuejiao Xian . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Chemistry

**Mathematical Sciences**

Neetu Acharya. . . . . Outstanding Senior in Mathematics  
 Abigail Chaidez. . . . . Outstanding Mathematics Undergraduate and  
 MaST/NSF Noyce Scholar  
 Estefania Munoz-Ribot . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student - MAT in Mathematics  
 Enrique Salcido . . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Mathematics

**Physics**

Michael R. De La Rosa . . . . . Outstanding Academic Performance  
 Christopher A. Ibarra. . . . . Outstanding Graduate Student in Physics  
 Hector Iturriaga . . . . . Outstanding Senior in Physics  
 Alexis D. Lupo . . . . . Outstanding Academic Achievement

# CONFERENCE USA COMMISSIONER'S ACADEMIC MEDAL

Awarded to student-athletes who achieve a 3.75 or greater cumulative GPA.

## **Basketball-Men's**

Ountae Campbell . . . . . Multidisciplinary Studies

## **Basketball-Women's**

Avery Crouse . . . . . Biochemistry

Arina Khlopkova . . . . . Business

Sabine Lipe . . . . . Civil Engineering

Tatyana Modawar . . . . . Criminal Justice

## **Cross Country-Men's**

Alek Duran . . . . . Political Science

## **Football**

Camryn Curtis-Dozier . . . . . Mechanical Engineering

Reynaldo Flores . . . . . Mechanical Engineering

Trim Jacob . . . . . Business

Jalen Joseph . . . . . Business

Elijah Klein . . . . . Undeclared

Robert Pufahl . . . . . MBA

## **Golf-Women's**

Abbie Anghelescu . . . . . Business

Sophie Delfosse . . . . . Undeclared

Valeria Mendizabal . . . . . Business

## **Rifle-Women's**

Isabel Brooks . . . . . Mechanical Engineering

Amoret McCartney . . . . . Political Science

Morgahn Warner . . . . . Civil Engineering

## **Soccer-Women's**

Vanessa Cabello . . . . . Nursing

Tessa Carlin . . . . .	Biological Sciences
Jacqueline Miller . . . . .	Business
Emily Parrott . . . . .	Business
Nicole Pugsley . . . . .	Biomedical Sciences
Isabel Trevino . . . . .	Health Promotion

**Softball**

Pam Baber . . . . .	Health Promotion
Zaylie Calderon . . . . .	Undeclared
Camiron Cathey . . . . .	Kinesiology
Isabella Kelly . . . . .	Psychology

**Tennis-Women's**

Thassane Abraham . . . . .	Psychology
Eve Daniels . . . . .	Biological Sciences
Kathleen Percegon . . . . .	Business
Vanessa Valdez . . . . .	Multidisciplinary Studies

**Track & Field-Men's**

Arturo Ciriza . . . . .	Kinesiology
Jared Ledesma . . . . .	Kinesiology
Austin Ondijo . . . . .	Forensic Science
David Rivera . . . . .	Biological Sciences

**Track & Field-Women's**

Sah-Jay Stevens . . . . .	Multidisciplinary Studies
Roosa Yloenen . . . . .	Business

**Volleyball**

Briana Arellano . . . . .	Biological Sciences
Sophia Chacon . . . . .	Biochemistry
Alianza Darley . . . . .	Kinesiology
Kristen Fritsche . . . . .	Health Promotion
Cheyenne Jones . . . . .	Business
Irbe Lazda . . . . .	Psychology
Anamarija Mikovic . . . . .	Business
Abigail Padilla . . . . .	Business
Erika Sianez . . . . .	MBA
Sofia Sifuentes . . . . .	Art

## BUILDING SCHOLARS

Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity: Southwest Consortium of Health-Oriented Education Leaders and Research Scholars, or BUILDing SCHOLARS, is a center of excellence established at The University of Texas at El Paso. The research-intensive training program, funded by the National Institutes of Health, is reserved for students with a strong motivation to become researchers in biomedical, social, behavioral or health sciences, or biomedical engineering. In addition to their coursework and research/mentoring activities at UTEP, participants conduct summer research at one of 12 partner institutions. BUILDing SCHOLARS requires students to complete a senior undergraduate thesis.

### **Outstanding Interdisciplinary Thesis Recipient, Winter 2019**

Luis Fernando Aranda . . . . . Mechanical Engineering

### **Outstanding Interdisciplinary Thesis Candidate, Spring 2020**

Yousef B. Abugalyon . . . . . Biochemistry

Erick Dominguez . . . . . Mechanical Engineering

Melissa Lerma . . . . . Biological Sciences

Andrew Ryan Rios . . . . . Mechanical Engineering

Brittany Renee Rodriguez . . . . . Engineering Leadership

Alexis Lee Wilson . . . . . Biological Sciences

### **Outstanding Interdisciplinary Senior Thesis**

Angelica Marquez . . . . . Computer Science

Aiyana Minee Ponce . . . . . Cellular & Molecular Biochemistry

Joel Fernando Reyes . . . . . Biological Science

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