The month of May marks a milestone for many students around the UTEP campus whom are finishing their degrees and getting ready for graduation. Many of these students’ accomplishments are possible with the support of advisors who are there along the way guiding students. Susana Iscapa has been an academic advisor for the College of Business Administration for the past three years and this month is especially important to her because of those students that culminate their studies and will go on to succeed in their professional careers. “It is the best feeling when you’ve helped a student since they started at UTEP and seeing them progress and finally graduate; it really makes my job rewarding.” Susana encourages everyone to participate in the commencement ceremonies because as she states “no matter your position in the university, each and every one of us contributes to the students’ success.”

As an advisor, Susana is also responsible for coordinating orientation session, recruiting students and providing support to students regarding career and professional development. She believes that students have many resources available to them such as scholarships, internships, co-ops, etc. but the key to students taking advantage of those resources is having a good support system that will encourage students and give them the tools to take advantage of such opportunities. In the fall semester, she plans to start her master’s degree and take advantage of the fee waiver program.

Prior to being an academic advisor, Susana worked at the Registrar’s office for four years. During that time she established many contacts with staff members around the campus that since then have helped her daily with providing answers to the students she advises. “The UTEP staff community is great because we help each other out, when I don’t have the answer to a student’s question; I know someone else around campus will be able to help.”