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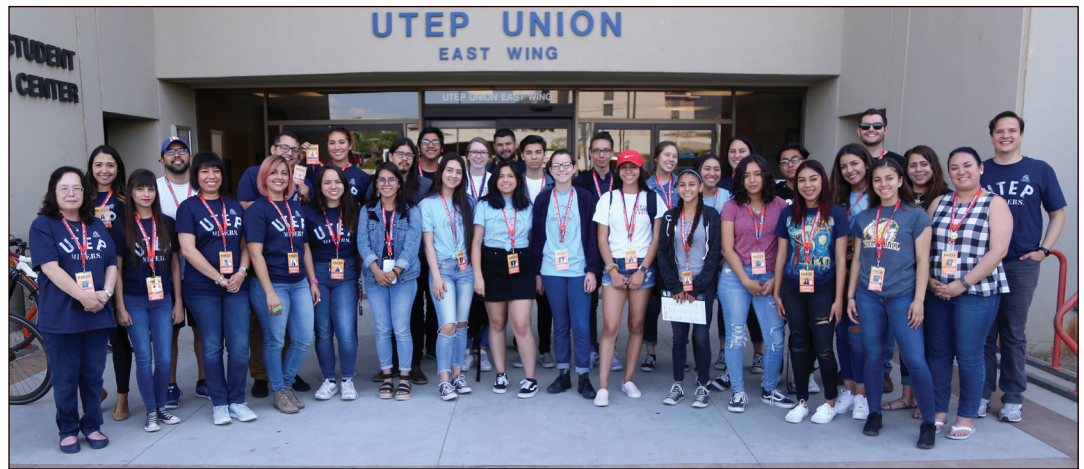
## Covering Your Future—workshop provides hands-on training

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Student Media and Publications

On Saturday, April 28, 18 high school journalism students from Montwood, El Dorado, Parkland, Bowie and El Paso high schools, visited the UTEP campus to attend a daylong workshop given by seven student editors and staff from the Department of Student Media and Publications. The high school journalism teachers, who were former students at The Prospector, chose the sophomore and junior students to participate.

From 9 a.m. to noon, the students participated in a series of workshops, including the Feel It/Smell It Labs that worked to enhance their sensory reporting. The students were then divided into five teams, paired with one or two student editors, and given assignments to cover on campus. They were challenged to cover their as-



signments and complete them in just three hours with multimedia tools.

The five events were:

- Flora Fest at the Centennial Museum
- Putting up the Student Art Exhibition at the Rubin Center
- Residential Life at Miner Village
- Student employees at the Student Recreation Center
- Sports Podcast with graduating sports editor and reporters

### LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Through the on-campus hands-on multimedia assignments and interacting with The Prospector student staff, high school students will gain and expand their experience and skills in multimedia journalism. These students will also broaden their horizons and consider attending UTEP.

### STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS:

- 18 students attended, along with 5 teachers.
- Of those 18 students:
  - 5 will be sophomores next year and 13 will be juniors;
  - 4 male and 14 female students;
  - 14 Hispanic and 4 white.

### SURVEY RESULTS:

**95%** were extremely to very satisfied with the workshops and 5% were moderately satisfied.

**83.5%** were extremely to very satisfied that their multimedia skills had improved, while 16.5% were moderately satisfied.

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**90%** said they wanted go to college after high school, while 10% said they were thinking about it.

**40%** of students said they wanted more time and additional equipment to work with video/photo/audio editing, while 60% of the students said the workshops needed no improvements.

“Working on deadline is such an important skill for journalists...the kids saw this firsthand.”

- Marilyn Aleman  
Journalism teacher, Parkland

### NEXT STEPS:

The high school teachers all commented that the students learned a lot and had a very rewarding experience. The attendees stated it was a very enjoyable experience, and wished it was longer.

“I learned that Podcasts are a really good way to interview people and go in depth with the questions.”

- High school student

