



**Celebrating Excellence Fourth Quarter 17-18**

**December 2018**

## **UTSA PD's Belinda Hernandez's Beautification Efforts Earn Her 4Q Celebrating Excellence Award**



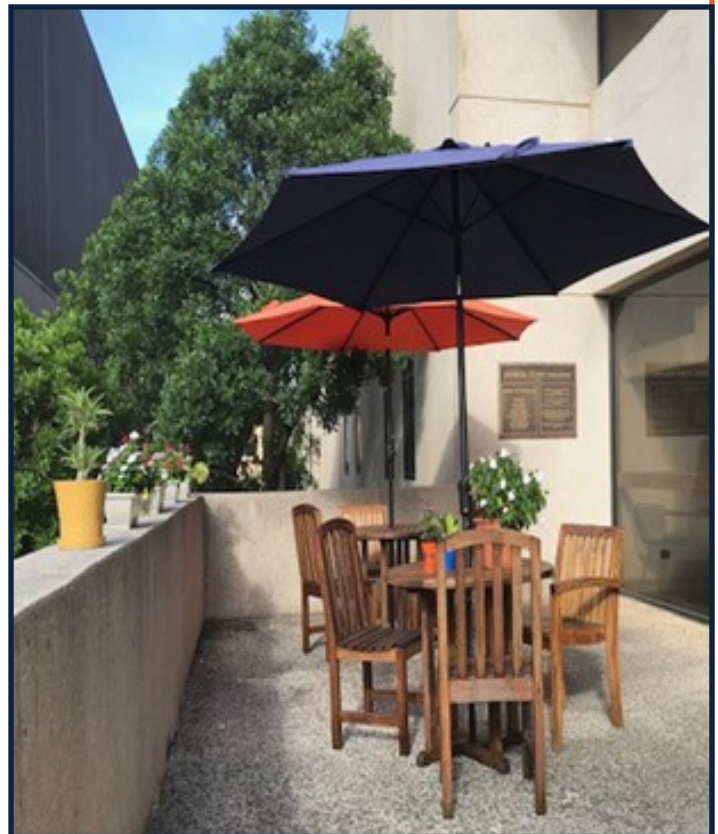
Belinda Hernandez, Senior Administrative Associate, Accreditation, University Police (left) has been

selected the fourth quarter Business Affairs Celebrating Excellence Award winner.

Belinda took the initiative to transform an unused, unattractive space behind the Bosque Building and create a private patio area for use by all the building's staff. She volunteered her skills, creativity, and commitment during off-duty hours to help beautify this corner of UTSA's Main Campus. This shaded area is ideal for catching some fresh air during lunch or to just take a quick relaxing break.

In her efforts to create this peaceful space for Bosque employees, she saved the university more than \$600.

Belinda, who has worked for UTSA since 2015, is being recognized for her dedication, diligence, and the overall positive attitude she brings to UTSA. She has provided an outstanding contribution and proves that she exemplifies the Business Affairs Guiding



Principles.

To achieve her goal, Belinda recruited several members of the Public Safety department as well as Brian Montoya, Fire and Life Safety Tech III of Facilities Utilities Operation. He volunteered his artistry and time to help Belinda and others transform the space into what it is now. He cleaned the patio and some outdoor furniture they found in UTSA's Surplus Inventory Department.

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Belinda recommended that Brian be given the UTSA Police Department Golden Whistle Award for his generous act, which happened in September.



The two stained the furniture to bring it back to like-new condition. Brian drilled a hole in the center of each table, where they dropped in blue and orange umbrellas. Belinda and fellow team members added plants, flower pots and other finishing touches to the space.

“Belinda increased morale and created a positive work environment, which helps improve employee satisfaction,” said Gene Garcia, UTSA PD’s Accreditation Coordinator. “She is the epitome of the true meaning of upholding BA’s Guiding Principles—going above-and-beyond on a project that is sure to create a positive atmosphere for our department and the entire division.”

“Belinda gives credit to those who assisted in



Left to right: Gene Garcia, Belinda Hernandez, Chief Lewis, Annette Parker

this project. While it involved several other employees both within and outside Public Safety, Belinda spearheaded this project. She saw an opportunity to transform a mundane landing into an inviting lunchtime oasis that many enjoy,” said Annette Parker Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives.

Congratulations Belinda!

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- ◆ First Quarter: Ann Roberts  
Financial Services and University Bursar Office, Financial Affairs Office (retired)
- ◆ Second Quarter: Mei Lani Cabico May  
Senior Environmental and Real Estate Planner in Office of Facilities Planning and Development
- ◆ Third Quarter: Lt. Shawn Smith  
UTSA Police Department
- ◆ Fourth Quarter: Belinda Hernandez  
Senior Administrative Associate, Accreditation, University Police