Here we are again at the end of the summer, looking forward to the start of a new school term. August is a month that brings the extremes: Texas heat waves, fire threat, the occasional flash flood, the Astros’ lead in the AL West, preseason NFL, and of course the excitement level for our Roadrunners taking the field in the Alamodome. In Business Affairs we’re making the final push to finish up projects and make sure we’re ready for the new academic year. We’re tackling renovations to classrooms and Fiscal Services’ JPL service area, adding new parking spaces, building new structures, and upgrading furniture inside and outside.

Rolling out the welcome mat

This August we have some beginnings to celebrate, like the innovative Large-Scale Structural Testing Facility for Engineering, whose groundbreaking we will celebrate on August 30. We will have first-year students to greet and feed come August 21 as well as several new and many returning faculty arriving on August 14. We also will be welcoming our new president, Dr. Taylor Eighmy, and his family on September 1.

Our student housing is filling up with more students than last year, and that seems to be the same pattern for our enrollment as well. So expect more Roadrunners here this fall compared to last fall, many donned in 2021 orange and blue.

We continue our rollout of Rowdy Exchange, as another in the long list of improvements helping our campus community be more productive. This successful implementation has been an exceptional team effort, and we are hearing good things from the campus about the platform and the launch. You can read several of those comments in this edition.

Soon we will formally introduce another change as our PSSC team will be transformed to Business Information Services. I will communicate a recap of all the progress that has happened in our system and the vast leadership reach our team has had on the overall success of UT Shared Information Services.

I hope you’re as ready as I am to kick off a new academic year (and football season). Go Runners!
Ron Woltersdorf is a native San Antonian, born here and raised less than five miles from UTSA’s Main Campus. He attended John Marshall High School, where he was heavily involved in athletics, playing baseball and football.

Ron graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. He then returned to San Antonio, where he began his career working with his father’s business of fabricating executive aircraft interior components. He spent the next 30 years in manufacturing. He served as production manager at Pearl Brewery, manufacturing beverage containers. He was the plant manager at KLN Steel Products, building institutional furniture. As director of mechanical services at Miller Curtain, Ron fabricated and maintained automated production equipment, producing window treatments locally and in their Guadalajara Mexico and Qingdao China factories.

Ron joined the UTSA Facilities Office in 2010, beginning as facilities manager at the Institute of Texan Cultures and soon became director of facilities for both the Downtown Campus and the Institute. Ron describes working at UTSA as dynamic and exciting. “You’ll never be bored working in Facilities at UTSA,” he said. “I get to interact with faculty, staff, students, visitors, politicians, city officials and contractors on a daily basis. It’s been a pleasure and honor to work for UTSA.”

Other “more important” aspects of his life include his wife Kay of 35 years and two wonderful daughters, Jordyn and Paytyn, both graduates of Texas A & M, College Station. Jordyn is a practicing family nurse practitioner and Paytyn works in Austin in the State Capitol as an advisor to State Senator Kelly Hancock.

Almost every weekend, Ron spends time fishing in Port Aransas as a United States Coast Guard Licensed Captain. Other hobbies include hunting, water skiing and tinkering with old Jeeps.

*Ronald will receive a Roadrunner meal card for the Roadrunner Café. Thanks to UTSA Dining for its support.*

**UTSA earns national award for effective and innovative practices**

The Office of Facilities received the 2017 APPA Effective & Innovative Practices Award for its Development and Use of Portable Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) project. Master electricians Matt May and Brent Tyroff began constructing portable VFDs in 2011 and have refined their designs over the years. Their persistent efforts to develop and improve the portable VFDs allow for near-continual operation of electric motors while replacement equipment is purchased.

Electric motors—including those powering large HVAC machinery—are essential at UTSA and other higher education institutions. VFDs adjust the speed of HVAC motors by varying the frequency of the AC current applied to the motor. VFDs sometimes fail, causing key HVAC system components to shut down, which impacts classrooms, laboratories, and other facilities.

Recognizing the need to restore critical HVAC systems immediately and knowing the high cost of maintaining back-up units, Matt and Brent developed temporary variable-speed motor control units for use during VFD failures. Their latest VFD design resulted in a portable VFD built onto a four-wheel platform truck. This allows major HVAC motors to be restored to service within a few hours, saving UTSA thousands of dollars per VFD failure.

Matt and other members of the Facilities team accepted the award on July 21 at the 2017 APPA National Conference Awards Banquet in San Francisco.
With the fall semester almost here, be prepared for some exciting changes to Main Campus parking.

The new Resident Lot 4 will be open for the first day of classes, providing a convenient option on Tobin Avenue for resident students. Existing parking in Barshop Lot 1 and Barshop Lot 2 will be reallocated to create additional parking options for commuter students.

Following construction delays, the Devine Lot may open in the first few weeks of the semester. This location will offer Reserved, Employee A, and ADA spaces. With the opening of the Devine Lot, parking in Bauerle Road Lot 3 will be reallocated to bring much-needed Employee B parking to the north side of campus.

These adjustments are designed to help alleviate some of the congestion building over the last academic year, as well as provide more parking options for students and employees. Check out the new parking map to see the changes.

UTSA Dining Fall Hours of Operation & Employee Dining Plans

Dining locations will switch to fall hours of operation beginning on Aug 21. To view hours, click here and select Hours of Operation.

To get the most bang for your buck at dining locations, consider an employee dining plan to make eating on campus easy. Learn more about employee dining plans by visiting the UTSA Dining website.

Parking Updates

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Ximenes Avenue Garage Signs

Campus Services recently installed new signs and large-scale wall graphics in the Ximenes Avenue Garage. Signs and graphics are designed to help guide drivers through the garage, provide valuable information, and display UTSA spirit.

Next time you’re in the Ximenes Avenue Garage, be sure to check out the new displays, including the redesigned cashier station. Check out the photo on page 12. Go ‘Runners!

Parking FastPass

Rainy days, running late, hurrying back from lunch—everyone has days when they could use a close parking spot to stay out of inclement weather or get back to the office faster. The FastPass is a great option to access the Main Campus garages without pulling a ticket or visiting a cashier.

Similar to a pre-loaded debit card, the FastPass gives you the option to easily swipe in and out of a garage: hourly payment is deducted automatically when you swipe your card at the gate. Learn more about the FastPass, including the FastPass to Permit option. Visit a cashier in the Bauerle Road or Ximenes Avenue Garage to purchase your FastPass today.
Financial Affairs

REMINDER: Get Ready for Year-End Purchasing Deadlines

As we move toward the close of FY17, here are actions and dates to keep in mind.

Please submit your request for PO closures to the Purchasing mail box. Send your information, including the PO number, accounting date and any remaining encumbrance amount, to Purchasing@utsa.edu.

Please make sure your requests are submitted by the deadline dates listed below.

- **August 18** was the last day departments could submit request for closure of PO(s) to release encumbrances.
- **August 25** is the last day departments can create or approve a purchase request below $15,000. All workflow approvals (budget, commodity and foreign vendor) must be completed by close of business on August 25.

Fiscal Services Offices Rehab On Schedule

For the past year, Fiscal Services and Facilities have been engaged in a project to remodel and rejuvenate the Main Campus Fiscal Services Office. The goal is to have the student-facing portion of the office completed prior to the fall 2017 semester. With excellent coordination by Devin Fitzpatrick in Facilities, we have kept to that schedule, despite unexpected changes to the plans that occurred during construction.

The area was last updated in 1997 and had not seen any renovations during that time. The current updates were necessary to address a poor location for student queueing, low light levels and an unappealing atmosphere. Changes include moving the student queueing area away from the JPL loading dock, which led directly to the hallway where students waited for service. The queueing area was moved to the other side of the office to give our students a more private and engaging area to wait. We also updated all lighting, carpeting and paint in the office to create a more inviting area for transacting university business. This new queueing area allows us to add information monitors for broadcasting important messages to students and staff waiting for service. Student counters also were updated and include a new speaker system to enhance communications between staff and students.

These changes combine to enrich the student experience and streamline their interactions with Fiscal Services. Phase two of the renovation begins immediately after staff move to the new location. It will include updates to the remaining back office areas of Fiscal Services. Construction of this phase two is scheduled to be completed by October 2017.

Becky Sanchez Promoted to Sr. Associate Director of Accounting Services

Congratulations to Becky Sanchez, who was promoted to Senior Associate Director of Accounting Services. Becky was the Capital and Special Project Accountant for three years. In that position, she was responsible for all accounting, set up and financial reporting for capital building projects, as well as other special project responsibilities. During the go-live stage of PeopleSoft, she stepped in to establish new month-end processes for reporting and accounting of real property and construction in progress. In her new position, Becky will assist with month-end and year-end closeout, supervise staff, and assist with the integrity of the accounting system and with preparing the Annual Financial Report.

Becky has been at UTSA for nearly nine years and has more than 16 years of accounting and financial administration experience. In her time at UTSA, she has built strong relationships in a variety of areas across campus. She is a UTSA alumna and received a bachelor’s in Accounting and a master’s in Business Administration. Her favorite things to do when not working include spending time with her husband and three daughters. She also has an on-and-off relationship with running.

Latasha Nelson Joins Payroll Management Services

Welcome to Latasha Nelson, who joined Financial Affairs in the spring and comes to us from South Carolina. Latasha joins Payroll Management Services as Assistant Director. She supports PeopleSoft payroll applications and time and labor modules. She works with PeopleSoft teams to analyze and resolve processing issues. She oversees and ensures the accuracy of calculations and recording of payroll processes, as well as compiling and accurately reporting taxation resources. She is currently working with the UT System to test the new TRS system.

Previously, Latasha worked at the Fairfield County School District in Winnsboro, S.C., as the payroll supervisor. There she managed all aspects of payroll procedures and practices for the district. She graduated from Southern Wesleyan University in Central, S.C., with a degree in business. In her free time, she enjoys shopping and spending time with her family.
Kudos

Kudos to Angel Garza and Fred Wiedner

I wanted to let you know about the proactive excellent customer service I received from Angel Garza. Angel contacted me this week about an opportunity to get better quality furniture for our breakroom at the FSB building. He informed me about the surplus furniture from the Roadrunner Café and showed me that it was in better quality condition than our break room furniture.

I agreed and he worked with our movers (through Fred Wiedner) to affect the surplus of our existing break room furniture and the coordination with our movers to put in the furniture replacement from the Roadrunner Café surplus.

The furniture is a marked improvement from our old furniture, and I am thankful for Angel and his efforts in this regard. I also appreciate the efforts of Fred Wiedner and his team in helping make this all get done.

Enos Jones, MSCS PE
Director, Operations and Maintenance, Facilities

Kudos to Julie Gohlke, CTPM
Senior Procurement Specialist

Kudos to Rene Paniagua and Rowdy Exchange Implementers

Just wanted to say thank you and the team for all the work on Rowdy Exchange. We submitted a couple of items yesterday and the staff LOVE Rowdy Exchange. There was a small issue with one requisition getting moved forward in workflow but that was resolved quickly and the requisition was approved and PO generated. As the approver and reconciler for the Dean’s office, the information provided in the request to approve a requisition could not be any better. It has all the needed information to complete the action.

Kirstin Wilsey
Assistant Dean of Finance, College of Engineering

More Affection for Rowdy Exchange

I LOVE this new system! It’s a breeze!

Leticia De Lafuente
Administrative Associate I
COE College of Engineering

Kudos to the Day One Team

Day One made my first day as a new UTSA employee fabulous. It was streamlined and organized. The Day One team provided a comfortable and inviting environment. They were very helpful.

It was a great feeling at the end of the day to know I have a parking spot, an ID card, benefits and a map!

Excellent job to UTSA, Business Affairs and Human Resources for developing Day One for new employees.

Joy Fite
Senior Budget Analyst, Budget Planning and Development

Kudos to Elizabeth Raymond & Rowdy Exchange

Hip hip hooray!!!

Just wanted to give some kudos to Rowdy Exchange. I had an issue where I inadvertently combined two requisitions. Per your tutelage, I was able to separate them with no headaches. It was a piece of cake.

Had I been in PeopleSoft it would have taken an act of Congress. Yippee!!!!

Anna Paccione
Fiscal Specialist, Campus Recreation
**It's Ground Breaking!!** The UTSA College of Engineering and UTSA’s Office of Facilities will break ground on a **Large-Scale Structural Testing Facility** at 10 to 11 a.m. on Wed, August 30, at the building site on West Campus, on the far-north portion of Barshop Blvd., adjacent to Residential Lot 4. It will be held outside on the grounds where the building will be constructed. At 15,000 square feet, the facility is the largest institutional project, fully managed in house, in UTSA history.

Significant in many ways, the building will be a game changer for the university’s Civil and Structural Engineering research and will have implications locally, regionally, and internationally. Tyler Boehme serves as project manager, working with Kathryn Pearson, director of institutional projects, and Paul Goodman, assistant vice president of Facilities.

**Groundbreaking Event:**
- Wednesday, August 30
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- Parking will be at a premium; please carpool or walk.

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**Facilities Announces FY18 Shop Rates**

The UTSA Facilities reimbursable shop rates for fiscal year 2018 will be effective September 1, 2017. The new rates reimburse Facilities for the cost of providing departmental services. Departmental services are those for which Facilities does not receive a budget allocation and therefore must be funded by the requesting department.

Shop rates are based on the actual average pay and benefits of the Facilities employees performing the work. Work performed during non-regular hours is billed at one and a half times the regular shop rate. Rates include the cost of labor, fringe benefits, and a $2.00 per hour incidental charge for consumable supplies such as nails, bolts, and hand tools that cannot be easily charged to individual work orders.

For more information, contact Belinda Dovalina at 458-6317.

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**New Furniture Offers Campus Community Places to Eat, Study and Socialize in Style**

In the days ahead look for a fresh new look outside of JPL. Soon Facilities will replace the Sombrilla furniture with contemporary weather-resistant aluminum furniture with wood-looking slats.

Working with the Purchasing Office, Facilities selected the “Sid Collection” by Denver-based Emuamericas, llc., as it complements the visual quality of the area. People are already enjoying the new Parc Vue benches in the JPL Pavilion. Learn about a number of furniture upgrades that are providing UTSA students, faculty and staff with a comfortable, aesthetically pleasing environment reflective of a top-tier university. [Read Furniture article.]

All existing furniture that can be reclaimed will be refurbished and redistributed across campus by the Surplus Property Dept. More photos on p12.

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**Science & Engineering Construction Updates**

SEB construction continues through the start of the fall semester. The greenbelt east of the BSE and adjacent to the ART, service drive entrance at the ART and portions of Bauerle Road Lot 1, Ford Avenue Lot and Ximenes Avenue Lot remain closed. Beginning Aug 21, access to Paseo del Sur via south of campus, 19 additional parking spaces in the Bauerle Road Lot 1 and 12 additional parking spaces in the Ford Avenue Lot will be available. Pedestrian signage including directional, detour and alternate ADA route, to and from the plaza level via the ART elevators, have been installed throughout the construction site. Temporary sidewalks have also been installed along Bauerle Road between the ART and Paseo del Sur to assist with pedestrian detours. All closures will remain cordoned off with construction fencing.

For more info, contact the Facilities Service Center at 458-4262. And bookmark Facilities’ Announcements to stay in the know.

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**Equinox Festival Sept 22**

Business Affairs, TSERI and colleagues from throughout UTSA are teaming up to present the Equinox Festival, Sept 22, on Main Campus.

Mark the date on your calendar and sign up to exhibit or present at the festival on ways your department is working to improve UTSA’s sustainability and the South Texas environment.
Campus Fire & Evacuation Drills

The UTSA Office of Environmental Health, Safety, and Risk Management (EHSRM), in conjunction with the UTSA Offices of Emergency Management (OEM), Facilities, and University Police, perform fire evacuation exercises (fire drills) in each major campus building at least once per year. These pre-planned drills provide an opportunity to test the fire alarm system and building occupant knowledge about evacuation procedures and routes, and they allow campus emergency responders to observe evacuation behavior and improve future response. Your active participation and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

Questions? Email utsapublicsafetyadmin@utsa.edu

Business Affairs Helps Orient New Students

Lorenzo Sanchez, Director of Emergency Management, and Andrea Fechner of Student Conduct have been facilitating a session at new student orientation this summer. The presenters are part of a collaboration of offices that discuss support services available to the UTSA community, such as counseling, PD, emergency management, student health, and student conduct. They explore the topics discussed in the college life skit produced by the orientation leaders.

Accreditation Visit Thanks

Thanks to everyone who wrote letters, made phone calls and spoke on behalf of UTSA PD at the recent CALEA Accreditation visit. We are evaluated every four years to ensure that we continue to meet the Commission’s highest standards of professional excellence. Sixteen people, representing internal constituents and representatives of public and private sector organizations, spoke on behalf of the agency.

Beat the Heat!

Summer + Texas = Extreme HEAT! So let’s understand what can happen to you. During periods of high heat and humidity, evaporation is slowed, and the body must work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature. Most heat disorders occur because a person has been overexposed to heat or has over-exerted themselves in these conditions. Older adults, children, and those who may be ill or are sensitive to environmental conditions may succumb to extreme heat.

Additionally, conditions that can induce heat-related illnesses include stagnant atmospheric conditions and poor air quality. Consequently, people living in urban areas, like San Antonio, may be at greater risk from the effects of a prolonged heat wave than those living in rural areas. Asphalt and concrete store heat longer and gradually release heat at night, which can produce higher night-time temperatures known as the “urban heat island effect.”

To prepare for extreme heat, you should stay aware of upcoming temperature changes, identify persons around you who may be vulnerable to excessive heat and check on them often, and most importantly stay hydrated. Never leave children or pets alone in closed vehicles and stay indoors as much as possible. Limit exposure to the sun, eat a well-balanced diet, drink plenty of water even if you do not feel thirsty (avoid caffeine/alcohol), dress in loose-fitting and lightweight clothing, apply sunscreen, and do not overexert yourself.

With a little planning, you can beat the heat and have a safe and fun summer!

For more information, contact the UTSA Office of Emergency Management at BePrepared@utsa.edu or visit the UTSA Campus Alerts website at www.alerts.utsa.edu.
Kudos for the PSSC-developed Effort Card Routing and Approval

Dear Carlos [Gonzales/PSSC],

As administrators, we sometimes take those moments of “success” for granted and do not pause and recognize those who make it happen due to other “fires” that need to be put out.

We had a software platform as you may know ECRT for effort certification. PeopleSoft feeds data to ECRT and faculty certify effort. This process has never been smooth. Too many manual data corrections, too complicated data fields on user interface, and we have paid for this “service” for years. Long story short, we did an in-house project. Research IT director Ali and [PSSC’s] Ruben Ortiz took the lead and developed a great system (Psoft/UTShare/pdf files): With 5 (mouse) clicks, faculty can now access their effort card and approve (or deny) effort: flexible, simple, data time-stamped, and free of charge.

Ruben has been such a great team player, not only due to his “can do” attitude and his proactive approach, but also his technical skills to solve a business process in a timely manner by providing effective IT solutions.

Thank you, too, for having such a great team.

Can (John) Saygin, Ph.D.
Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering

Kudos to Cynthia Orth and Araceli Pacheco, PeopleSoft

Cindy Araceli
Thank you both for ALL you do!

Michelle Rocha,
Administrative Associate II
SBDC National Information Clearinghouse | South-West Texas Border SBDC Network

Kudos for Financial Services’ Gary Lott

Thank you so much for all the help that you gave me during the Fiscal Notes process. I know that I sent you some Fiscal Notes Review emails that were not yours, but you always took the time to read it and forward it to whomever was the right person to review and respond to it. You could have simply ignored it, but you didn’t.

Being new to UTSA, it was a little challenging at times knowing who to send the reviews to. To me, this says a lot about you, and I just wanted you to know how much I appreciated your help. You went above and beyond.

Beatrice Blomquist
Budget Planning & Development

Kudos to Evage McGee, Parking

On July 18 I had to park my car in the Bauerle Rd Garage for a very quick 8:30 a.m. meeting at NPB. Fortunately for me upon my return I found the ticket machine was out of order, forcing me to talk to a real live person. Evage McGee was the fine gentlemen at the window who served me, showing great kindness and courtesy. Please pass my thanks and appreciation on to your entire staff.

John J. Clifford, Jr., PhD, CTPM
Director of Purchasing

Kudos to Access Services for repairing malfunctioning lock

Huge thanks to Tommy Fuentes at Access Services, Herb and Clemente, UC for their quick response to ensure our safety. We appreciate it!

Norma Scalf
Administrative Associate II
Office of Student Life

T&E Workflow Process

Just wanted to say that I have NEVER seen a T&E payment made as fast as it was this week. I just turned in my receipts for the CBMI trip on Monday (July 31) and this morning (August 3) I was notified by my bank of the deposit. I hadn’t even completely unpacked my luggage from the trip!

If that does not show process efficiency/improvement, nothing does. Impressive!

Thanks to all involved (Marta, Christine, Heather, DTS team)!

Carlos Gonzales
Director, PeopleSoft Support & Sustainment Center

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Office of Student Life

Business Affairs Promise: We are committed to helping you achieve your goals through excellence in service—every person, every day, every job.

UTSA Business Affairs
Guiding Principles: Create, Partner, Respect, Value, Do the right thing!
BUSINESS HORIZONS

Busy Summer = Many Kudos

FACILITIES

Signage for MS 1.03.06B, Visualization Lab by Roland Zavala
Roland Zavala is truly an asset for UTSA! He was very quick to respond to this request, communicated with us very well, great follow up and did OUTSTANDING work! I am very, very pleased with the end result!

Thanks so much! Sonia Hernandez

Corrective Maintenance at Central Receiving Warehouse CRW 1.01.02

I would like to commend the technician Joe Zuniga for the level of service that he provided; he was very knowledgeable and dealt with the situation in a very professional and timely manner. Mr. Zuniga took the time to stop by the next day to make sure everything was still working well. Outstanding customer service.

Thank you!! Frank Salinas

Electrical work at NPB 1.010

John Bray, Brent Tyrroff, Carlos Sandate

John, Brent and Carlos completed the work the same day. Their quick response helped us avoid getting a red tag on the NPB fire panel. It’s another good example of teamwork and partnering to accomplish our Facilities mission.

Corrective Maintenance JPL Floor 3

Michael Fernandez, Freddie Robinson, Armando Ortiz

The very quick response to this request was greatly appreciated. A student brought to our attention the fact that some study tables in the JPL had phone numbers inscribed on the under side of the tables. Staff quickly looked under the tables and found this and offensive graffiti to be a major issue for a number of tables. Matt May immediately assigned a staff member to address this issue by painting the tables. Freddie Robinson worked closely with library staff as we had to shut the rooms down for painting, and then reopen them as soon as possible.

Thanks to everyone for your assistance addressing this concern in a timely manner. Candy Bass

Corrective Maintenance at JPL 2.01.12D

Henrietta Vasquez, Julio Guzman

Many thanks to Julio and Henrietta for their efforts cleaning off the window paint from the windows in the Writing Center. This needed to be done so that new vinyl window clings could be installed. The paint was baked on to the windows and took significant effort to remove! And, since it was on the outside, Julio and Henrietta had to work in the heat to complete the work. Many thanks from an appreciative staff!

Electrical Work at JPL 4.04.22

Brent Tyrroff

These custom power cables have been a big hit and are extremely useful! Many thanks to Brent Tyrroff for his efforts on our behalf. We have already submitted another work request to have him craft two more for use in the Faculty Center.

Corrective Maintenance at JPL 2.01.22

Larry Walker

The JPL Housekeepers always respond to our requests in a timely manner. We certainly appreciate the support they provide!

Corrective Maintenance at JPL 2.01.12D

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Kudos to Santiago Valdovinos

Public Safety Officer Santiago Valdovinos was recognized for his dedication to the UTSA PD mission as the 2nd Shift Phantom Warrior for the second quarter of 2017. He was recognized for his attention to detail, continuous display of enthusiasm, and his everyday championing of our guiding principles. During this quarter, Santiago received three positive performance cards, ranging from providing first aid care to assisting a stranded motorist to assisting dispatch in locating several phones. All three positive performance cards have one theme in common: Santiago’s positive and unselfish attitude in helping out others. Santiago is also commended for his outstanding uniform appearance, which is always inspection ready.

Congratulations to PSO Santiago Valdovinos for being an exemplary employee of the 2nd shift Phantom Warriors and the UTSA PD!

Tree Preservation

To make room for the new entrance from UTSA Blvd to BK5, the City of San Antonio’s Parks and Recreation department relocated two trees, with assistance from Facilities (Planning and Development, Grounds, and Operations and Maintenance’s E&G Zone).
Welcome to UTSA/BA

University Police
Tiffany Marsh
Guard

Financial Affairs
David W. Nixon
Budget Analyst III

Facilities
Daniela Trevino
Facility Planning Analyst

Time Off!

The 2017-2018 UTSA Holiday Schedule is now available. Texas legislators designated 14 holidays for fiscal year 2017-2018. The total number of holidays awarded to state employees fluctuates annually because when typical holidays fall on Saturday or Sunday, they are not observed. This year we will enjoy more days off than is typical, so enjoy!

Assistant Chief Daniel Mark Pena To Retire

Please join us as we recognize AC Pena’s 37 years in service to campus safety. His Retirement Reception will be held:
- Wednesday, August 30
- 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- University Room in the Business Building, 2.06.04

RSVP by August 23 to Taniesa Williams, x4249, or taniesa.williams@utsa.edu.

Assistant Chief Daniel M. Pena

A UT System police veteran of 37 years, Daniel Pena has been serving as the Assistant Chief of Police for UTSA PD. For the past 34 years, he has overseen vital functions of the department, including the patrol, investigations, and support services divisions.

AC Pena previously served at UT Austin from 1978 to 1982 and began service at UTSA in January 1983. Dan has been assigned to various positions and ranks within the department, including patrol officer, sergeant, lieutenant, captain and assistant chief.

He holds certifications for master peace officer, law enforcement instructor, firearms instructor and crime prevention specialist through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. He is a graduate of the UT System Police Academy, the FBI National Academy and the D. Stafford Advanced Clery Academy.

Read more.

Look for big changes coming from PeopleSoft Support & Sustainment Center in September.

Share the ride...and the cost

Share the cost of one permit with up to three friends. Cut down on fuel, maintenance, and repair bills; save money on parking permits and gas; and save time by reducing the number of vehicles on the road and in parking lots. Register to enjoy the benefits of a UTSA Carpool, including free daily permits for each carpool member.

Carpooling in the Alamo City area offers even more incentives. You can also find information about ride share matching services online.

Please take our carpool survey.

Learn about other methods of transportation here.
Bike Repair Workshop/Bike Registration Event

Join the Outdoor Pursuits Program/Campus Recreation and UTSAPD as they teach and assist students, staff, and faculty in basic bike repair.

Date: Thursday, August 31
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: The SOMBRILLA

Bring your bike to the Sombrilla, or just come to watch and learn.

Basic tools and lubricants provided.

Register your bike through Campus Services.
End-of-Summer Photo Roundup

What is FastPass?

FastPass is a pre-loaded card for hourly parking in the Main Campus garages without pulling a ticket or paying at the cashier window.

- Purchase a FastPass at the garage cashier window
- Add funds online through MyParking
- Save time otherwise spent in line

Parking Disruption