Message from Kathy

Do you remember last June’s groundbreaking for the Science and Engineering Building construction? If you haven’t seen the progress, it’s worth a walk over there. The crews are about to add the last concrete floor.

It is going to be a great building, adding much needed space so we can continue to keep pace in serving our growing student body and the discovery enterprise.

As is typical of most Augests, our Facilities Engineering & Project Management group is monitoring and managing more than 100 projects so the campus is ready for the beginning of the semester. This includes adding hundreds of parking spaces in the East Lot. They also recently completed the AstroTurf project on our recreation and football practice fields, which our teams are already enjoying. The Business Building now boasts a renovated Center for Professional Excellence, thanks to our Facilities staff. Fire alarms and sprinkler systems have been updated in several buildings, improving the safety of our campus constituents. And of course so many of us are excited about the renovations to the JPL and SU food courts, which will improve the flow of traffic while adding some interesting new dining options.

On weekends, I have also been spending time getting some home projects planned out. I’m also consulting my retirement bucket list and mapping out some great adventures. Near the top of the list: a balloon festival. I had thought I would travel to Albuquerque in October for the International Balloon Fiesta to see one close up. As good luck has it, there is one on August 31, near my daughter’s backyard in Kyle, Texas. It’s called Pie in the Sky Hot Air Balloon Festival. This is great because, even as a CPA, I cannot count the number of times this past month—when I mention a trip I want to take in the next year or two—that my husband has said “it costs too much.” He tells me “we need to adjust our budget to our new retirement reality.”

He often reminds me that we must adopt a new approach to life: more time but a leaner budget. I’m an optimist, so I’ll keep on the lookout for—and am sure I’ll find—good deals that allow me to keep enjoying the things on that bucket list.

I’m looking forward to the start of our new academic year as well as rolling out the Finance and Budget Modeling Task Force’s recommendations for the new budget model. In a couple of weeks, I’ll begin the final month’s countdown to my retirement. Plenty to do in the days ahead!

Budget Modeling Task Force Update

The task force held a meeting in late July to discuss budget model recommendations. A final recommendation on the budget model is being sent to the president later this month. A website for the new model is slated to launch later this month. More town halls are planned for the fall.

VPBA Search Update

The search for a new VP is progressing, with plans for a group of candidates to be brought to campus in late September. More information to come in next newsletter.
Jenny Stokes joined Facilities in June 2018 as an Administrative Services Officer III, reporting to Associate Vice President Dave Riker. She brought with her a treasure trove of experience from working in higher education for 25 years.

Jenny was born in El Paso, Texas and raised in Las Cruces, New Mexico, which she considers home. Jenny and Doug, her husband of 24 years, moved to San Antonio in 2003. Although Jenny enjoys living in San Antonio, she still misses the Organ Mountains and Las Cruces sunsets.

Jenny joined UTSA in February of 2004 and started working with the College of Education and Human Development’s Department of Interdisciplinary Learning and Teaching. Jenny moved on to work with the College of Sciences’ Department of Biology in 2015. In 2007, Jenny received the University Excellence Award for Leadership. In 2015 she earned the UTSA Staff Appreciation Award and served on the UTSA Staff Council for two years.

Jenny’s love for UTSA has rubbed off onto her two children Leslie and Anthony. Leslie graduated last fall with her BA in Interdisciplinary Studies. Anthony graduated from Northwest Vista College last spring with an AA in Digital Video and Cinematography. He will continue at UTSA this fall as a Digital Communication major with a minor in Film Study.

Jenny and her family are huge Chicago Cubs fans. Jenny was a fan long before it was “cool” to be a Cubs fan. Jenny loves to cook—especially New Mexican Mexican food. She has found that many people in San Antonio don’t know the difference between Mexican and New Mexican Mexican food. She enjoys introducing people to the New Mexico versions of red and green chile. Her personal favorite New Mexican dish is Carne Adovada, served with a warm homemade tortilla.

Jenny is located in the BSA building on west campus. Stop by and say hello!

UTSA Police to Launch LiveSafe@UTSA App Soon

UTSA will be the first UT System school to introduce the LiveSafe app, now available at 150 universities around the country. The LiveSafe Solution is a mobile two-way safety communications platform and risk-mitigation tool used by businesses and universities. It is designed specifically to improve the safety of the campus community and to prevent harmful incidents. LiveSafe@UTSA will give UTSA an immediate path to communicating safety information to UTSA Police Communications and to our constituents. It also delivers peer-to-peer and self-service tools to help students, staff and faculty stay safe, in everyday and high-risk scenarios.

Want to be among the first to try out the app? Download it here to learn how it works. Look for more information in the months ahead. Be Rowdy Ready, UTSA! Read more.

SECC Campaign: Showing We Care

This SECC President’s Advisory Committee is preparing for the campaign’s start. Business Affairs is leading the charge, after being handed the baton for this year’s campaign. Kathy Funk-Baxter and the SECC PAC volunteers have been working hard for months to raise awareness…and ultimately $175,000. That amount is nearly $40K more than in 2017, so we all need to do more in 2018.

The campaign will run from Oct. 1 to Nov. 2. This year’s SECC silent auction will feature a new twist. You can join your staff and faculty colleagues who have offered up their services or gift items to be auctioned off. Items include UTSA fall concert tickets, roping lessons, music lessons, a UTSA solar panel tour, sports items, and much more. Your department or individual donations are welcome. Auction items will be displayed on the utsa.edu/SECC website.

Bidding for the auction runs Oct.1 to Oct. 31. For more information, contact Elizabeth Ortiz, x4280. See who in Business Affairs is leading the campaign this year and what other SECC dates to add to your calendar. Learn more.
Budget Director Mary Simon Remembered

After her nearly two-year struggle with cancer, Mary Simon passed away on Sunday, July 8, 2018. She was 55. Mary retired from UTSA in August 2016 after 14 years of service, most recently as senior director of Budget Planning & Development. She had the distinction of being the very first person hired as Budget Director. She chose to retire to take care of her mother, who suffers from Alzheimer’s disease.

Mary (pictured in center with her Budget team) was a loyal team member with a strong work ethic and was very supportive of her team. That, along with her loyalty and dedication to UTSA, made her a strong mentor, leader and overall wonderful boss for the Budget Team. Mary always encouraged us to do our best, and she really listened when staff had ideas and concerns. She empowered her staff to always look for ways to do better and more.

Mary was a kind, caring, and vivacious person who selflessly gave so much time and effort to the UTSA Community. Her passing brings such a sense of loss.

On a personal level, every one of us who knew Mary and worked alongside her, whether things were going well or badly, will remember her with great affection and a smile. She laughed often and had such a canny ability to relieve tension. When all is said and done, however much you enjoy your work, it’s the people you meet there who really matter. Colleagues like Mary are very special. You don’t come across many of them, and when you do, they leave a lasting impression.

-Brenda Clarke, Beatrice Blomquist, Tammy Anthony, Elizabeth Bay

The eForms Change Package will be rolled out to the UTSA community next. Training is available this month. It will include:

- Job changes (includes pay rate changes)
- Position changes
- Funding changes
- Transfer form

Implementation of the Additional Pay form is tentatively scheduled for October 2018.

Register for the upcoming training classes to help you learn and better use the tools and resources.

PS0317 – Introduction to Change Package (HR Budget & Payroll)

August 17, 2018 – 8:30-12:00 (MB 0.106)
August 22, 2018 – 1:00 -4:00 (NPB 1.412)
August 23, 2018 – 8:30-12:00 (NPB 1.412)
August 27, 2018 – 8:30-12:00 (MH 2.01.06)

Visit MyTraining Classroom Read the August Spotlight

New Dining Options Coming to Main Campus

Students, staff and faculty will start the academic year with fresh and exciting dining locations that enhance the campus experience and make eating on campus easy. UTSA Dining will implement changes for the 2018-19 academic year that advance several student-centered goals.

Look for a diversity of food options, including locations that feature menus that change based on student feedback. Improvements include new daily vegetarian and healthy options and an increase in the number of affordable meal options available in the JPL and Student Union food courts. Renovations, coordinated by Facilities, will provide more open space in the JPL food court, enhancing the dining experience in UTSA’s busiest food court. Read more.
UTSA Police Conduct Emergency Training Exercise

The UTSA Department of Public Safety and Office of Emergency Management conducted an emergency training exercise from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 7 in the Graduate School & Research Building (GSR) on the UTSA Main Campus. Several areas in the vicinity of the exercise were blocked off, and notifications were sent and signs placed to ensure community members were informed.

"The safety of the UTSA community and our campus visitors is always our utmost concern," said Dr. Lorenzo Sanchez, UTSA director of business continuity and emergency management. "We appreciate everyone’s patience while we conducted the exercise, and we apologize for any temporary inconveniences it may have caused."

As part of the exercise, there were police, firefighters and other first responders on the Main Campus. Fox News was on campus to report on the emergency exercise. For questions or concerns, please contact the UTSA Office of Emergency Management at (210) 458-6851 or via email at BePrepared@utsa.edu

UTSAPD and SAPD Partner for Town Hall Meetings

The San Antonio Police Department teamed up with UTSAPD to host two public safety Town Hall meetings on Saturday, July 21 and 28, 2018 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The first meeting took place in the Richard Liu Auditorium in the Business Building on Main Campus. The second was at the Buena Vista Building on the Downtown campus.

Chief Gerald Lewis offered opening remarks and a short briefing about the UTSAPD. He introduced SAPD Chief William McManus, who discussed citywide public safety. He offered information on the status of the police department and its special units. He also provided an overview on crime issues within the city. Citizens voiced their safety concerns and compliments in a question-and-answer session.

More than 10 tables were set up in the lobby prior to and after the presentations. They were staffed by the SAFFE officers assigned to each of the SAPD Districts. SAFFE, which stands for San Antonio Fear Free Environment, is a police unit that uses community policing as well as traditional policing to assist citizens. The officers provided free handouts and crime-prevention giveaways and addressed community members' concerns.

Chief McManus told the audience that the department will add 19 detectives for family violence cases, which are among its primary concerns.

"We have a strong synergy and an outstanding working relationship with SAPD," said UTSAPD Assistant Chief Dan Kiley. "While much of that has to do with the leadership from both departments, we are aligned down to the officer level."

Summer Is Here!

UTSA’s Office of Emergency Management reminds us all to:

- Drink two to four cups of water every hour while working.
- Avoid alcohol or liquids containing large amounts of sugar or caffeine.
- Schedule tasks for earlier in the day to avoid afternoon heat.
- Wear and reapply sunscreen every three hours or as indicated on the package.
Public Safety Kudos

Kudos to Emergency Management’s John Yanez

I wanted to let you know something great that your employee did today. There are campus signs alongside the sidewalks, and some had been displaced and were just lying in the grasses by the Bosque building. I had noticed the litter in the grass, but I’m sad to admit that I did not think to go take care of it. While many public safety employees walked that sidewalk today, John Yanez, student assistant for Emergency Management, noticed the signs and took the time to try to find where they should go. Then he walked a sign back to what I assume was the Student Union. His actions did not go unrecognized and are appreciated. He took the time to care for the campus today, for the students, employees, and prospective guests of UTSA.

Respectfully, Krysten Pray, Administrative Associate II

Kudos to Sergeant Robert Major, Police Officer I Matthew Steinort and Public Safety Officer Noe Valdovinos.

On July 13, a member of the campus community had to leave his vehicle parked in an ROTC spot. Upon his return, he could not locate his keys, and he did not have money for food. Officers helped him set up a tent for shade, since he had nowhere to go without his vehicle keys. Officer Major gave him money for food. The keys were found Monday morning in lost and found.

The man was very grateful for the officers’ help and wrote them notes of appreciation, in which he stated, “It is the best encounter I’ve had with police ever.”

Our officers often go above and beyond. It was really nice they received these letter of acknowledgment!

“Thanks to all involved!” Sgt. Veronica Rangel

Kudos to Police Officer II Rochelle Evans, Police Officer in Training Nicholas Carrillo, Corporal Edward Gonzales, and Public Safety Officer Clint Villarreal

UTSA PD officers were dispatched to GSR for an individual experiencing “diabetic difficulties,” and EMS was requested. Upon the officers’ arrival, they discovered that the ill woman was unconscious and non-responsive. Several attempts to revive her were made by EMS, but were unsuccessful. She was then transported and admitted to North Central Baptist Hospital, where she was treated for hypoglycemia.

The woman later called the shift supervisor to inform him she was being discharged from the hospital and was grateful to the officers “for helping to save my life.”

I want to congratulate and commend the officers and PSOs who responded to this incident. This was another great job by our personnel. Thanks to each of you. Thanks to officers Evans, Carrillo, Rubio, Gonzales, and PSO Villarreal for your assistance and Corporal Gonzales for your leadership of the shift.

Sincerely, UTSA PD Chief Gerald Lewis

Stamping out Tobacco Use at UTSA

UTSA Police urges all of us to remind students and employees that UTSA is a tobacco-free campus, including smoked, chewed, and vaped products. Tobacco use is a violation of the codes of conduct for all campus community members. We can all play a role in informing visitors and reminding others to put away their tobacco products while on our campuses.

Employees seen using tobacco will be reported to the Office of Institutional Compliance. Students will be reported to The Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards.

Read HOP 9.36 Tobacco Free and Smoke Free Campus
COA–Monterey Café Expansion Project Complete

A unique collaboration among Facilities, contactors, and College of Architecture (COA) students to expand the Monterey (MNT) building’s café is complete. COA students competed for the winning predesign as part of their class final. Their participation continued into the final design phase.

According to Elyse Danielle, Facilities Project Coordinator, the project “turned out great and was a really cool experience for the COA students to actually make an impact on their actual learning space in their building.” Construction included the addition of approximately 800 square feet of air conditioned space and new flooring, lighting, furniture and landscaping.

With the project complete, the COA now has more space for students to study, relax and display architectural models.

Dave Riker Receives Reaccreditation Recognition

UTSA is committed to providing the best for our students. The university has demonstrated this dedication with the “Racing to Accreditation” initiative.

This program began in July 2017 with the goal to reaffirm our accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges by 2020. Of course a dedicated university needs dedicated employees in the driver’s seat. Business Affairs aims to take and keep the pole position.

Our very own Dave Riker, AVP for Facilities, has his right foot firmly on the accelerator. Recently recognized for his efficiency and enthusiasm, Dave was the first to complete his accreditation section or Rough Draft. He brought UTSA’s commitment all the way to the Pacific Ocean. He was spotted on vacation in Hawaii wearing his Racing to Reaccreditation shirt.

On July 17, Kasey Neece-Fielder (left), Associate Vice Provost for Assessment, rewarded Riker’s dedication with a tin of chocolate.

Facilities O&M Research Team - Kudos

In July, Rafael E. Fourquet (Animal Resources Supervisor II) made an urgent request because the humidity in the cooler where the research animal feed is kept was reading 92% when it should be 45-50%. If this high humidity continued, the feed could be ruined by mold growth.

O&M technical staff in the Research Zone, Edward Celaya (Maintenance Leader) and Eugene Alexander (Mechanical Maintenance Tech III), were dispatched to handle the issue and return conditions to normal. They found a dehumidifier at the lab had a frozen evaporator coil and was non-functional. A portable dehumidifier was quickly put in place, while the defective equipment was brought back to the Facilities Research Zone shop.

After focused diagnostic and research, the problem was found to be a defective defrost timer. The team acquired then installed the part, and the original dehumidifier was returned to service, allowing the lab’s work to continue.

Facilities Construction Team Completes Vice President’s Office Suites

The Facilities Construction Team of Roy Garza, Brian Flores, Ed Riojas, Joe Uranga, Tony Gomez and Matt Frazier completed a makeover of the new Vice President for Student Success’s office suite, located on the second floor of the Main Building. The renovations, completed in time for the fall semester, include new carpet, paint with accent walls, LED lighting and monitors. New furniture is expected to arrive in mid-August.
GPCCs to Blanch Torres and Cece Ortegon

Blanch Torres and Cece Ortegon received GPCCs based on nominations by Paul Goodman, AVP for Facilities, Engineering and Project Management:

Blanch and Cece are two of the most dependable people in Facilities. For many months, they have filled in for three administrative assistants who left UTSA. Blanch and Cece have taken responsibility for timesheets and travel, two of the most time-consuming and complex administrative functions. They greet and manage visitors in a very friendly and respectful manner. They perform many tasks that keep the office running smoothly...many going on behind the scene. They always have a smile and maintain their composure in the most hectic situations. The entire Facilities staff sincerely appreciate their dedication and support to the largest department in Business Affairs.

GPCC’s to Fred, Joe, Eddy, Juan and Eric

I write on behalf of myself and involved faculty (Dr. Pranav Bhounsule, Dr. Amir Jafari) to express our sincere appreciation for your special consideration and approval of our recent work order that involved UTSA moving team in transporting heavy instruments valued at $70K and two industrial robots valued at $62K back to San Antonio.

Our facility and moving teams have been truly exceptional. I have benefited from their support over my last ten years here countless times. When we were facing facility and moving issues, with urgency and budget restraints, it made us feel great to know that we are backed up by UTSA’s supporting team! You listened and made the best solution for us possible. Thank you for your support of faculty research!

The work order was completed successfully last week. Mr. Fred Wiedner (supervisor) and Mr. Joe Alderete (team leader) went out of their way assisting us in the instrument transportation. Their skills, preparedness, professionalism and care for the details were amazing. Kindly convey our compliments and appreciation to them!

-Ruyan Guo, Ph.D., Robert E. Clarke Endowed Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dear Ruyan, Thank you so much for your kind words, and for recognizing the great work that Fred and Joe, and others in Facilities have done to support you! That is why we are here, and it gives us special joy to know we can contribute in some way to the success of research at UTSA.

Thank you for your patience and kindness toward these two fine gentlemen, and best wishes to you and your colleagues for continued success in your research.

-Dave Riker, AVP, Facilities

GPCC to Mike Fernandez

I want to pass on my thanks and appreciation for the work Mike did in one of our offices in the Bosque Building, BOS 1.322, a couple of weeks ago. I had put in a paint estimate request for the new Lieutenant who moved to his new office. Lt. Vega was going to be on vacation in early June and Mike was very accommodating in scheduling the work during the time the Lt. would be off. He patched and painted in a very efficient manner with no disturbance to the operations of the department.

Mike has always been very cordial and professional in his interactions with those of us here in the Police Department and his work is impeccable. I especially appreciate that he leaves his work area clean during and after the job. He is an asset to your department and to the University. Lt. Vega was pleased to come back to a freshly painted office and is finally ready to decorate.

Belinda Hernandez, Sr. Administrative Associate, Public Safety
**Human Resources Says Goodbye to Two Beloved Staff Members**

Anne Jett and Michael Barnett will be leaving UTSA this month after serving the university for a collective 40 years. We applaud their efforts to help hundreds of thousands of students lay the path for a bright future. We wish them all the best in their retirements.

### Kudos and GPCC to Sal Hernandez

Sal Hernandez is one of HR’s unsung heroes. His contributions in supporting the Training and Development systems are especially noteworthy. He is “super” proactive, constantly looking for ways to improve and or add new features and functions to those systems. His list of accomplishments in this area is awesome. He provides “Knock Your Socks Off Customer Service” every day!! In addition to attending to the duties and responsibilities of his job, he takes on added responsibilities with a passion.

One example is his role as a key player job in CREATing this year’s BA Celebration. He hustled for more than two months, PARTNERing with the rest of the committee. He spent many hours off the clock choosing just the right sounds and songs to support the event. In fact, many of the laughs during the Celebration came from Sal’s efforts. He was a core part of this successful staff-recognition event.

Sal earned 4 GPCCs, especially for his contributions leading up to and during the BA Celebration: We Create Positive Change, We Do the Right Thing, We Respect and Care for Each Other and We Partner to Deliver Excellent Service.

### Kudos to Catina Rover

Catina received positive feedback for her collaboration and excellent recommendations pertaining to ongoing work with one of the college deans.

### Kudos to Patty Martinez

“We Create Positive Change”  
Patty has made significant improvements to the Student Pay Plan on the HR website and is partnering with HRIT to publish the changes in the near future.
UTSA Marketplace Launches New Storefronts

UTSA Marketplace launched earlier this year, and departments are starting to see how it can be beneficial to have a storefront for ongoing functions. This e-commerce solution allows departments to set up a storefront for financial transactions (think T-shirts, event tickets, camp registrations, etc.). They control the inventory, order fulfillment and reporting. **UTSA Marketplace** provides an “Amazon-like” shopping experience branded specifically for your department. It also offers non-technical users an easy way to customize and maintain your store.

One big benefit is that it saves departments a trip to Fiscal Services! Once a storefront is set up, they no longer have to drop off or fill out the Deposit Transmittal forms. This saves time and cuts down on errors.

The College of Business’s **Center for Professional Excellence** reports several benefits of UTSA Marketplace:

**Department benefits:**
- Now able to promote our Executive Education offering online and easily accept payment for workshops and programs online
- The system is flexible so that we can modify or customize our product offering for specific requests
- Can easily pull information on sales and export data to Excel for analysis
- We are collecting some basic client information to help us customize and develop our future course offerings

**Customer benefits:**
- Easy online payment
- Registrants receive immediate confirmation and a receipt through email
- We have set up alerts and notification so we can stay on top of orders and requests through our group email

Departments interested in learning more can [fill out this application](#) and submit it to **Fiscal Services**.

Travel Guidelines Updated

The **Travel Reimbursement Financial Management Operational Guidelines** (FMOG) were updated to include new rules and information regarding business and first-class travel, trips including personal travel, spousal travel and other changes. Any business or first-class travel will require the completion and attachment of the **Airfare Class Approval Form**, which must be approved by a vice president or the president. The **Travel Authorization FMOG** was also updated to reference the new rules on business and first-class travel as well as to add information regarding international travel and travel to Washington DC. Please check out the revised guidelines for more information.

Javier Martinez, Diane Gomez, Bradley Jones and Frances Jenks Receive 3rd Quarter Bravo Award

Congratulations to Financial Affairs’ Third Quarter FY 18 BRAVO recipients! The Financial Affairs Training Website Team were named BRAVO recipients. Pictured left to right are **Diane Gomez**, Communications Manager, **Javier Martinez**, Senior Director of Financial Information Systems, AVPFA Sheri Hardison, **Bradley Jones**, Training Coordinator, and **Frances Jenks**, Web Developer.

The Training Website Team combined their individual skillsets over several months to develop an **improved training website** that produces better information and is more user-friendly. The new site was developed with the customer in mind, making it easier for them to discover our courses and identify what is the best fit for their role. The site also demonstrates creativity with a unique look and feel from any other Financial Affairs websites.

The website project was responsive to several concerns we often heard from our customers, who stated that training information was hard to find on our site because it was located on various departmental web pages. Customers also often questioned which courses they should attend.

The **new website** is now easily accessible from our main web page, and contains all training information in one place. While all training information can be found in one place, the new site also breaks down courses by department for easy access. It also provides a course recommendation for different employee types.

**Paseo del Sur – SEB Bridge Construction/Detour**

Pedestrians on the Paseo del Sur (South Paseo) will need to detour around the construction of a bridge that will connect the new Science & Engineering Building to the west side of the Paseo. The detour will remain in effect for the majority of the fall 2018 semester. This graphic shows the detour route with a dashed blue line. Detour signs will be installed before the first day of classes for direction. The bridge will be a new iconic symbol at UTSA and will serve several practical purposes, including ADA access between the south parking lots and the Sombrilla, better pedestrian access across the Paseo, and utilities to the new Science & Engineering Building. Updates will be provided by Facilities as construction progresses.

**EHSRM Hazardous Waste Managers Deliver Immaculate Inspection Results**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) conducted a short-notice site inspection of UTSA’s hazardous waste program in June 2018. This was the first-ever inspection of this UTSA program, which was designated a “large-quantity waste generator” in April of 2105 due to the growth in research and academics on our Main Campus. The amount of regulated hazardous waste we generate now exceeds their threshold of 2,200 pounds per month, averaging more than 13,000 pounds quarterly.

Kudos to EHSRM’s Richard Garza, Keith Slater and Anthony McMullins, whose excellence in managing this program in strict adherence to federal and state regulations resulted in the inspection’s successful conclusion, with UTSA receiving zero Notices of Violation. Learn more.

**UTSA Art Collection Leads Conversations on Science and Art**

A July 12 reception, held in the lobby of the South Texas Research Facility, kicked off the Conversations on Science and Art exhibit. Hosted by The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) and The UTSA Art Collection, the exhibit will continue through Friday, August 17 at the facility’s 8403 Floyd Curl Drive location.

The collection features paintings and sculptures from the private collection of award-winning local artist, Cody Vance (left). Vance is a retired Air Force Master Sargent. The Department of Defense recognized Vance as Military Graphic Artist of the Year in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Dr. Andrea Giuffrida, Vice President for Research and Professor of Pharmacology at UTHSCSA, welcomed the more than 100 guests in the beautiful atrium of the South Texas Research Facility (Greehey Campus). UTSA Art Curator Arturo Infante Almeida and Vance discussed the nexus of art and science, a topic on which Vance’s military background provided him a unique perspective. Almeida then hosted a Q&A with the inquisitive audience and Vance.

*****Save the date of Thursday, Dec. 6 for the next Conversations on Art and Science artist. Ceramic artist Ovidio Giberga is a first-generation American of Cuban heritage. He is an associate professor of art in the UTSA Department of

**Parking Relief on the Way**

Thanks to a construction collaboration between Facilities and Campus Services, 850 new commuter parking spaces will be available in the East Lot by the start of the school year.
Adobe Creative Cloud for All Computers

OIT will provide Adobe Creative Cloud applications for UTSA faculty and staff computing assets starting this fall. Further, all UTSA OIT student labs and classrooms will have access to the latest Adobe Creative Cloud software tools and applications. Read more.

Users will be able to design, share and publish content with graphic design, photography, web development, and audiovisual editing tools, including Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign. Acrobat Pro is also included in this license, which allows users to create, edit, export, organize and share PDFs easily. Thanks to OIT, everyone will have this access, and those of us paying for Creative Cloud in the past will not need to update our licenses.

Move-In Waste Reduced

EHSRM will partner with Housing and Residence Life during student move-in, August 17 – 20 to set up cardboard-collection stations around all housing units, including Chisolm Hall and University Oaks. Collection and recycling of cardboard will help reduce the volume of trash that is generated during the move-in.

In past years, 4-5 tons of cardboard was generated during move-in. "Recently families have been carting personal belongings in plastic, reusable containers, which they take back home," said Richard Garza, Environmental & Construction Safety Manager. "This year we expect to collect a few tons."

All cardboard is recycled and baled on West Campus, from which EHSRM will transport it to a local recycling plant and sell it at market value.

Cardboard recycling is available year round at housing units. Residents can recycle by placing broken down boxes next to the blue recycling bins outside. Remember to put all your recyclable waste into the blue containers, separate from the trash containers. Learn more at Recycling@UTSA.

UTSA Event Policies Improvements—Getting Help with RowdyLink

Attention event planners, schedulers and partners: be sure to attend the Sept 5 Event Partners Meeting and bring info on your major events for the semester. The group will review the semester’s events to identify any conflicts as well as opportunities to collaborate and communicate together. Wed., Sept. 5 | 9-10 a.m. | Hidalgo Room (HSU 2.214)

This is part of the campus-wide initiative for improving the event process to establish consistent procedures and mitigate risks for the university. This effort includes how we schedule, reserve and book space using the university scheduling software 25Live. It also includes streamlining communication among areas to ensure a consistent review of every event. The event process will use the university platform Rowdylink to secure all event details from requestors and collect all event details in one location. RowdyLink has become a key campus engagement platform for both employees and students; it is a critical component in the improved events management process. All UTSA employees and students can sign in and use it at www.utsa.edu/rowdylink.

ITC Football Game Parking

The Institute of Texan Cultures is offering a limited number of football season parking packages for UTSA Football home games. ITC is a quick walk from the Alamodome. UTSA parking hang tags are not honored at ITC on football game days.

You can get a package with a unique football-game hang tag for all six home games for $120.

For information, call 210-458-2259, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tailgating and open containers are not allowed on the UTSA property. Learn more.