Message from Kathy

The second month of the year is here, and we are surrounded by red and pink. Hearts cover the walls and cubes of the university. February features a wide range of heart-warming activities on campus including last Friday’s Heart Walk. Enjoy the pictures of many of you participating in that with your campus colleagues. It also marks the end of the Health for the Holidays challenge in which many of our BAers participated. Thanks to our EHSRM and RowdyNewU staff for bringing us these programs and reminding us to keep moving over the winter months. I hope we’ll also see many of you at Feb 24’s Diploma Dash. You can still register at a discount until Feb 19. A number of our BAers had their entries paid due to their excellent performance in the winter health challenge. Please consider donating that money to the SECC!

Also this February we had the honor of opening our Roadrunner Memorial Garden as a place to honor and share remembrances of those who have left their marks on our hearts. I hope you enjoy the story on this project. I have seen the heart and soul poured into this project by our Facilities teams to make sure it was done on time and within budget. They are creating an atmosphere where students feel welcome, supported and engaged.

This month our students get a chance to evaluate new furniture that may be placed in the new Science and Engineering Building. We hope they fall in love with what they see.

We also will begin providing UTSA Budget 101 training to campus leaders as part of our efforts to educate our campus on current budget practices and terminology. This is part of a larger effort to create a new budget model for the university, to ensure fiscal management and incentivize growing revenues. We aim to provide more resources for delivering exceptional instruction and research and for supporting students in achieving success. Our budget team will be diligent at assisting departments with their 2019 budget development. We realize budgeting is not most employees' first love, but I have a feeling everyone will love having more knowledge on how the university's budget is created. Be on the lookout for dates in March to attend campus open forums where we will share information about how things are progressing on new budget models.

We also will be working this month to select a firm to perform and work with us on launching a new master plan for our Main Campus, athletic master plan, and our Downtown Campus plans. More information to come on this in the months ahead.

On the heart front, this month is truly special. I am celebrating my love for my exceptional spouse, as we celebrate our 25th anniversary. He makes all my days special and brings joy to me always with his encouragement and warm spirit. I pass along my gratitude for your efforts to live the Business Affairs Guiding Principles.
Mike Merada grew up in St. Petersburg, Fla where he attended grade school, played youth football, and hung out on St. Pete Beach listening to Jimmy Buffett music before there were “Parrotheads.” In high school, he was on the varsity wrestling team and participated in student government. “We’re currently planning our 40th class reunion, and I had to laugh when a classmate joked that I didn’t realize being the senior class president was a lifetime commitment.”

To earn spending money during high school and college, Mike worked part-time as a residential A/C technician, which proved beneficial in shaping his career. He attended the University of Florida on a Navy ROTC scholarship, graduated with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, and was commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy.

Mike served four years in the U.S. Navy onboard the USS Meyerkord (FF-1058), assigned first as the Main Propulsion Assistant and later as the Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer. After completing his scholarship commitment, he accepted a position as the Central Plant Mechanical Engineer with Compaq Computers (later acquired by HP) at the company’s Houston campus. During his 24-year career with HP, he held a variety of Facilities positions including Chemical/Waste Services Manager, Facilities Manufacturing Manager, and Houston Area Facilities Manager.

After leaving Houston in 2012 to live full time in Canyon Lake, Mike joined UTSA as the Facilities Plant Engineer. “I knew I had come to the right place when I learned the Roadrunners’ school colors were the same as my Florida Gators’: Orange and Blue.” As a licensed Professional Engineer, he currently manages a Facilities staff in providing a comprehensive preventive maintenance program and contributes to the design, construction, and commissioning of new or renovated facilities at the University. “I’m thrilled to be a part of a great Facilities organization within Business Affairs and contributing to the growth of UTSA.”

Mike lives in Canyon Lake with his wife Carol and their two adopted greyhounds, Riley and Jasper. “We volunteer with the Houston chapter of Greyhound Pets of America to promote the adoption of these retired racers after their careers are over,” he explained. “The biggest misconception is that they are high energy. In reality, greyhounds are very mellow, quiet and loving dogs.” Mike enjoys sailing, listening to music, doing home projects, and making wine under the label “Needlenose,” which is a nickname for greyhounds.

**What’s in a Name?**

**University Center becoming UTSA Student Union**

Beginning in January 2018, the University Center began the process of becoming the UTSA Student Union. This name change was proposed by the University Center Advisory Council in fall 2017, voted on by the UTSA Student Government, and approved by President Eighmy.

To date, the UC website and social media handles have been updated. Communication regarding the name change has been distributed to students and the campus through emails, Rowdy Link notifications, UTSA Today, and print media.

The full name change will take many months to implement. For safety purposes, we’ll continue using building code UC until the official change, expected in May/June 2018. Campus maps and signage will likely take longer. Expect to see both “UTSA Student Union (University Center)” to reduce confusion during the transition.

**UTSA Diploma Dash City Championship 5k**

**Saturday, February 24**

7 a.m. Registration
8 a.m. Race Start (rain/shine)
UTSA Main Campus, BK 1 in front of Convocation Center

For an employee discount, **register here** by Feb 19

Support the UTSA Alumni Association Scholarship Fund!
Campus Services

#UDesign2018: Parking Permit Design Contest

The #UDesign2018 Parking Permit Design Contest is under way!

Campus Services encourages students to CREATE and submit designs for the 2018-19 parking permits.

The first prize winner receives a student garage parking permit of their choice for the 2018-19 academic year. The winning art will be displayed on all parking permits.

Submissions must be received by March 9, 2018.

For more information, please visit http://www.utsa.edu/campusservices/UDesign.html

#UDesign2018 is a great opportunity for Campus Services to PARTNER with UTSA’s creative student community.

Distribution Services Moves to Campus Services

Effective February 1, Distribution Services has joined the Campus Services team. This includes Central Receiving, Mail Services, General Stores, and Records Storage.

For more information on the new structure, view the Campus Services organizational chart. Campus Services looks forward to enhancing your campus experience through these new additions to our services.

Moving forward, information on Distribution Services will be available at http://www.utsa.edu/campusservices/ds.html

Orienting Excellence

For the second year in a row, the UTSACard office received the highest customer satisfaction levels from students attending graduate orientation.

Kudos to our Campus Services staff!

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Carpooling Made Easy

Campus Services partners with AACOG to make finding a carpool even easier. With a carpool, you’ll spend less on gas, reduce wear and tear on your car, and help reduce the number of vehicles on campus. Visit AACOG to learn more about their ride sharing program.

Register your carpool with Campus Services and start sharing your rides today.

Kudos and GPCC to Javier Munoz from a UTSA Student

The purpose of this email is to bring to your attention the excellent employee and associate you have in Javier Munoz. This gentleman was able to recognize my unique situation as being disabled and needing accommodation so he went above and beyond to help me out and provide me with these.

Temporary Downtown Shuttle Service Ends

Construction affecting VIA bus service near the UTSA Downtown Campus is nearly complete. Campus Services’ temporary shuttle service between the Downtown Campus and nearby alternate VIA bus stops is slated to end on February 26 at noon.

At that time, normal VIA bus service will resume.
VOZ Selections from the UTSA Art Collection

The opening reception of this innovative exhibit of Latinx art was held Feb 8. The exhibit was curated by BA’s Arturo Infante Almeida, Art Specialist and Curator for the UTSA Art Collection. A piece by Senior Administrative Associate Giselle Diaz was among the highlights, as were pieces from faculty and former students.

The free exhibit continues Tuesdays through Sundays until June 10, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Centro de Artes Gallery, 102 S. Santa Rosa, San Antonio. Read more

Roadrunner Memorial Garden Unveiled in Public Ceremony

The dedication event for the Roadrunner Memorial Garden was held February 9. The space, located near the Oval bus stop, serves as a tribute to Roadrunners who passed and whose spirit will live on forever within the hearts of the campus community. A plaque recognizing its purpose was unveiled during the ceremony.

Facilities’ Engineering & Project Management team oversaw construction over the past four months. Interim Senior Associate VP for Facilities & Campus Services David Riker (top right) spoke at the event, along with VP for External Affairs Marjie French and Student Government Association President Marcus Thomas, who read the poem “Reach for Me” with the past two SGA presidents.

The Memorial Garden includes a semicircular paved plaza with a limestone-faced, three-tiered retaining wall defining to its edge. Three flagpoles with concrete foundations proudly stand north of the stone-faced retaining wall. Facilities installed LED up-lighting to illuminate each flagpole at night. The project developed over a three-year span and was supported by Development, SGA, Student Affairs, UTSA Alumni Association and student donors.

VPBA Kathryn Funk-Baxter speaks with Luis Castillo, father of student Dominiq Castillo Porterfield, whose passage in 2016 inspired many to support this space.

Energy Consumption at UTSA Steady Ten Years Later

UTSA used about the same amount of energy in 2017 as we did in 2008. Thanks to multiple energy conservation efforts implemented by Facilities starting almost two decades ago, UTSA’s energy consumption has remained relatively steady for the past ten years, despite the addition of new buildings. Some of the conservation projects included investing in new energy-efficient equipment, lighting retrofits, air conditioning setbacks and the use of renewable energy with particular attention to research facilities and the Thermal Energy Plants. These facilities are among the largest energy consumers at UTSA. Conservation awareness also contributes to keeping energy consumption (and costs) down. So please continue to be mindful of consumption, support a culture of conservation and sustainability, and use energy wisely. Studies show that every little bit makes a difference. Report energy and/or water waste to the Facilities Service Center via email at facilititiesservicecenter@utsa.edu.
BSB/FLN Exterior Stairs Repaired

Repairs to the exterior stairs located near the BSB and FLN were completed on January 12. The concrete steps had lapsed into a state of disrepair as a result of having large objects dropped on them. In November 2017 Dean Perry notified Facilities about the condition of the stairs. Facilities Research Zone (manager Justin Lowe and carpenters Stephen Davis and James Robisheaux) immediately began work to redesign and repair the stairs. New concrete steps were poured and capped with a ¼ inch aluminum, anti-slip material to reduce the potential for breakage. The before and after photos show the original condition of the stairs, design improvements and completed repairs. Great job, Research Zone!

Kudos to Devin Fitzpatrick

It has been awesome working with Devin so far on this project. He is very helpful and quick to respond when we have questions or concerns. He has also been great in keeping us informed on what is happening with the project.

Laura Monroe, Director, Campus Rec

BSE Roof Well Repairs

The BSE north mechanical roof well project, managed by Robert Peek, Facilities E&PM Project Coordinator, is expected to be completed this month. Work includes demolishing the existing flat roof down to the concrete deck and installing a new roofing system. The new roof will consist of a fluid poly-methyl methacrylate (PMMA) membrane resin that is applied over new lapped insulation and roof membrane plies. Open conduits, equipment supports, roof drains and other areas of the roof’s surface are also being reworked to eliminate paths of water intrusion in the building’s public corridors.

FLN Air Handler Project Completed Jan 5

The Facilities E&PM department recently completed a project to replace the copper cooling coils for air handler unit #10 at the Peter T. Flawn (FLN) building. These coils, critical to the cooling performance of the air handler, reduce energy costs by increasing efficiency, and are expected to last several decades. The coils are similar to those in a car radiator but are themselves the size of a small vehicle – there are eight of them in this particular project. They date back to when the university was first built (circa 1973).

Since these are highly customized products, there is a tremendous amount of coordination required with bringing cold water through the coils. This type of project is unique because of the manually intensive process of swapping large copper coils out by hand. In Texas this is a project best performed during the winter. However, Facilities did have to contend with one of the most severe cold snaps in recent memory when temperatures dipped below freezing for over 72 hours. This made working conditions at the project, and in the building above, a challenge for all those working during the winter break. With only 18 total work days, and despite some harsh weather conditions, the project was completed on January 5, thanks to Devin Fitzpatrick, Project Coordinator.

Still time to volunteer to pick up trash along Maverick Creek at the annual Basura Bash, Saturday, February 17.

Learn more. Sign up now!
 UTSA Marketplace Designed With Departments in Mind

Following the 2017 successful launch of RowdyPay, UTSA’s payment portal for student tuition and fee payments, Fiscal Services will implement UTSA Marketplace in late February 2018.

Marketplace allows UTSA to eventually bring all transactions under one roof and to grow customer service options. It is an outward-facing storefront application that allows UTSA departments and organizations to sell goods, services and events (including registration) in an online mall setting. It allows UTSA to discontinue the use of Higher One and PayPal for existing e-commerce sales and helps with the daily reconciliation of online transactions.

Departments using UTSA Marketplace can set up “store fronts” for online sales of event registrations, continuing education, memberships, merchandise and much more. Departments are able to customize store fronts, and have access to branded style sheets, messaging/wording, images, layouts, pricing, promotions, etc.

UTSA Marketplace allows for campus-wide payments to be moved into a centralized payment system. It uses the current payment gateway established with Rowdy Pay. Transactions feed directly to Banner indices and assign codes to individual stores, products or sites. There is no need to fill out Deposit Transmittal forms and carry them to the Fiscal Services Office.

The “Amazon-like” shopping experience also features a single checkout for purchases from multiple stores in the “mall.” Departments interested in creating a store front can fill out the request form and submit it to Fiscal Services.

Financial Affairs Launches New Training Website

With a goal to create an intuitive site with minimal navigation, Financial Affairs launched a new Training website that serves as a centralized, user-friendly repository for materials from our business processes classes. With seven departments offering courses, Financial Affairs aims to build awareness of Job Aids (training materials).

The Web Team sought feedback from the Financial Affairs’ User Group, which included 16 volunteers from across the university. The team presented several design options and recorded the comments. They implemented focus group suggestions in a coherent approach that includes a consistent organization of resources and classes, as well as an easier path to finding classes.

The new site offers a new user interface and experience for end users. Four new features include a carousel that highlights upcoming classes and important tips/tricks and quick access to Queries. Check out the “Which Training Is for Me?” page, which lists potential classes by roles, and the registration button that takes end users to UTSA’s Classroom or Online Training pages.

Visit the new Financial Affairs Training website and find your next class!

Financial Affairs’ GPCC Recipients

Priscilla Ybarra (right) worked with UT System on a new way to process items in the Treasury for a bank account. In the process she discovered that we had an easier way to reconcile student refunds in the treasury, eliminating some manual steps.

Julie Alley (left) was nominated for her quick action to update a student’s waiver residency and for assisting with lunch and phone coverage. Both were done during the peak time of the semester, and Julie never hesitated to step in to help, even though she was busy with her own activities.

Becky Sanchez (right) found a mistake in AFR review, well after capitalization was finished. The item should have been capitalized and wasn’t. She didn’t wait and told her team immediately so it could be fixed.

The Downtown Fiscal Services team assisted the VA Office with payment entries that were behind for spring 2018. With the payment deadline approaching, their efforts helped UTSA avoid embarrassing delays and manual hold processes.
The 2018 Spring Break Safety Awareness event will provide information for students on DUI/DWI, alcohol and drug awareness, sexual assault prevention, and other health and safety tips. This safety fair will promote educational and ethical options so students can make risk-free decisions and enjoy Spring Break (March 12-March 18) safely.

Kudos to Officers Mari Spencer and Christopher Villarreal from Edda Petiton, Office of the President

I wanted to share what two of our finest did for Connor, who is 14 and has severe autism. He is like a nephew to me! This is the text they sent me:

UTSA Police at their finest! We were at Schlotzsky’s and Connor, being Connor, went to talk to them. When they finished eating, the female, I think her name is Spencer, came up to us and asked if it was ok to take Connor to show him the inside of her police car. He went with her, and they even let him turn on the lights and siren! Connor was beside himself! Edda, both officers were so sweet! I thought you should know.

I could not let this beautiful gesture go without sharing. They did something so small, that meant SO much to a young man who will never forget and will love UTSA even more than he already does! A huge, heartfelt thank you to both officers for their kindness and for making Connor’s day end in such a special way! #lovemyutsapd. More photos on p13

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

March is severe weather awareness month, and with the changing of the seasons comes the threat of severe weather and flooding. Take time on a sunny day to be prepared for stormy days. So, what does severe weather mean? Severe weather includes thunderstorms, downbursts/damaging winds, lightning, tornadoes, hail storms, waterspouts, tropical cyclones (hurricanes), and dust storms.

With the increased risk of severe weather in our area during the spring time, it’s important to recognize what our number one threat is—flooding. A flood or flash flood WATCH means a flood is possible in your area. A flood or flash flood WARNING means flooding is already occurring or will occur soon in your area. A severe thunderstorm WATCH means conditions are favorable for thunderstorms. WARNING indicates severe thunderstorms are occurring and/or capable of producing large hail or high winds causing significant damage. Late season cold fronts, mixing with lots of gulf moisture, can spark intense thunderstorms across San Antonio, so always be prepared to act quickly.

The best defense for severe weather is awareness and preparedness. When a thunderstorm is approaching, keep an eye on the sky. Look for darkening skies, lightning, or increasing wind. When thunder roars, go indoors! If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning. Go to safe shelter immediately and wait out the storm.

Severe thunderstorms can produce flash flooding in the San Antonio metro. Did you know moving water only six inches deep can sweep you off your feet? Twelve inches can sweep a car off the road. It’s best to turn around, don’t drown. Standing flood water may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines. Crossing or disregarding a barricade in San Antonio is a Class B misdemeanor that includes a fine of up to $2,000 and up to 180 days in jail. Moving a barricade posted at a low water crossing also is a Class B misdemeanor that may result in a fine of up to $1,000 and up to two years in jail. You can be arrested for either offense. Additionally, the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) charges a fee of $400 for each person rescued from a designated low water crossing.

Remember the best decision you can make during severe weather and/or a flood is to shelter-in-place and ride out the storm. For more information on flooding in our area, please visit the www.floodsmart.gov or the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov/austin. During a storm, listen to local radio or TV stations for flood information, and monitor the UTSA Campus Alerts webpage at www.alerts.utsa.edu.

Sources: American Red Cross, City of San Antonio, National Flood Insurance Program
Collaborations

Pulling Out All the Stops for Our Students

Facilities, Campus Services and SGA recently completed a collaborative project that has been in the works since before the holidays. The bus stop, which is used by Via to drop off and pick up disabled UTSA students to/from campus, was a dilapidated eye sore. SGA Business Affairs Chair Kate Falconer approached Facilities Operations, who were already in discussions with Campus Services on a plan to renovate the bus stop. Campus Services agreed to provide the materials, and Facilities provided the labor to renovate the bus stop. This was a true partnership effort, aligned with several of BA’s Guiding Principles, and aimed at improving the student experience at UTSA.

THEME 4: UTSA will Foster Exceptional Student Experiences

Kudos to Gilberto Perez – Downtown Campus

The entire area on ITC is very well illuminated. This eliminates potential hazardous situations during events and criminal activities. My hats off to Gilbert and all those involved in solving this problem.

Kudos to Captain Doug Sonego, who developed this security plan, and to all of our personnel who performed admirably during this detail.

On behalf of the US Marshals Service, Office of Protective Operations, I would like to pass along my sincere thanks and appreciation to you and your team for assisting us with last week’s visit of Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to UTSA. The hard work, dedication, professionalism, and attention to detail demonstrated by you and your officers was outstanding. This led to a very successful visit. I always appreciate working with true professionals as it makes my job so much easier.

I received numerous compliments from Justice Sotomayor and my own team about working with your officers. This speaks highly of your agency. I can only hope that UTSA appreciates the hard work you do that goes on behind the scenes of these visits.

I ask that you pass along my thanks and recognition to all those involved last week. As always, if I can ever be of assistance, do not hesitate to ask. I look forward to working with you all again soon.

Kelly Mutschler
Senior Inspector
US Marshals Service Office of Protective Operations
Dallas Field Office

Kudos to Vincent Genco, Campus Services

Just wanted to send a quick note with a “shout out” to Vince Genco. In the past few months we have had some VIP’s from NCAA Final Four visiting our campus. Once for the Chili Tip Off event and again for an NCAA Dinner and Meet and Greet with several students. I was only able to give a short 2-3 day notice (at best). I appreciate that he understood the importance of these events, without giving me the lecture of needing 2-week notice for special event requests, and helped us accomplish our goal of providing excellent customer service to our guests.

Vince always responded to my emails and always returned my call by the end of each day. Vince is a pleasure to work with. Kudos to him for a job well done.

P.S. In the end, the NCAA Final Four staff were very impressed (with the events, food, transportation, and excitement of our students and staff). These events will play an important role for UTSA and the City of San Antonio in getting another opportunity to host a Final Four in the future.

J Renee Hopkins
Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
Welcome to Business Affairs!

Business Affairs
Robert Ramirez
Phyllis Jean Lapaglia
Accounting Technicians

EHSRM
Shannon Marquess
Wellness Coordinator

Human Resources
Reginald Smith
HR Program Coordinator

Financial Affairs
Ryan Mercado
Inventory Clerk I

Facilities
Jorge L Rizo, Jr.
Utilities Station Operator I

Nominate the Best of UTSA—your BA Colleagues!

There is still time to recognize a Business Affairs colleague with a University Excellence Award. Nominations for the following awards will be accepted through February 16.

- **Rising Star Award** (staff nominations accepted; $1000 prize) recognizing an employee with less than three years at UTSA
- **Leadership Award** ($1000 prize) recognizing a supervisor who promotes UTSA mission and goals through actions and job performance
- **Team Spirit Award** ($1000 prize) recognizing a group of employees who have demonstrated exceptional ability to foster collaboration, communication and cooperation among colleagues internal and/or external to their department
- **Extra Mile Award** ($1000 prize) recognizing an individual who has performed at a level beyond normal job requirements
- **Order of the Roadrunner Award** ($1000 prize), the highest honor a UTSA staff member can receive
- **Richard S. Howe Excellence in Service to Undergraduate Students Award** ($2000 prize) recognizes exemplary commitment towards UTSA undergraduates. Learn more.

UTSA is hosting two Town Hall meetings this month at our Downtown Campus

#MeToo Where do we go from here?
Thursday, February 15, 2018 | 7:00 p.m.
UTSA Downtown Campus
501 Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.
Buena Vista Street Building Theater (BVB 1.326)
This Town Hall will be moderated by Dr. Francine S. Romero, Associate Dean for the College of Public Policy at UTSA. The panel of experts will focus on the social dialogue triggered by the #MeToo movement and the changes it might generate in the workplace and in politics moving forward.

#SA Climate Ready Town Hall
Saturday, February 24, 2018 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
UTSA Downtown Campus
501 Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.
Buena Vista Street Building 1.338

Climate Action and Adaptation Plan is a strategy document that outlines a collection of actions and policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as well as evaluates climate-related impacts and provides strategies to adapt and build resilience. Download the flyer. Read more information about SA Climate Ready.
Winter Health Challenge

Health for the Holidays was a four-week challenge that encouraged participants to track steps/exercise and practice good nutrition habits. Activities through February 11 were logged at www.utlivingwell.com.

Business Affairs had a number of the top performers, many of whom were among the 50 participants who received a paid registration for the Diploma Dash on February 24. All participants who completed the challenge will receive a prize. You can still register for the Diploma Dash by Feb 19.

Get physical to lower your risk of heart disease

Heart disease is a killer. In fact, it is the number one killer of Americans. And physical inactivity is one of several risk factors leading to heart disease. So let’s get moving. Here are five tips to get you started:

- **Guess what.** You don’t have to spend hours a day at the gym. Target two and a half hours of moderate aerobic activity each week – at least 10 minutes at a time.
- **No excuses.** Get active throughout the day by taking walks at work and just by doing things you like – biking, dancing, gardening or any other activity you enjoy.
- **A complete program.** Include an aerobic activity – walking, jogging or biking – to get your heart rate up; resistance training like pushups to firm, strengthen and tone muscles; and flexibility exercises to stretch and lengthen muscles.
- **It's all about your style.** Choose whatever works for you. Exercise alone or in a group – indoors or out.
- **Get active; stay active.** If you get bored, find something else you like. Set goals and plan ahead by scheduling activities into your day.

Following these tips may reduce your risk of developing heart disease. You’ll also feel energized, reduce stress and build confidence.

More than 150 employees participated in the 10-minute **Heart Walk** on Feb. 9 at Main and Downtown campuses and ITC. EHSRM appreciates the support of Rowdy New U, the American Heart Association, and SECC. Special thanks to Heart Walk leaders Maria Zayas, Carlos Gonzales, Matt May, Lani May, Dave Riker, and Assistant Chief Kiley at Main Campus and to Venetta Williams and Eileen Egan at the Downtown Campus and to Debbie Salas at ITC.

Brian Montoya and Paul Lozano volunteered to take donations for SECC. Check out photos from The 2018 Heart Walk

Shredding Sensitive Documents

As part of **Recyclemania**, the Environmental Health, Safety and Risk Management (EHSRM) Department will provide sensitive-document shredding services for the UTSA community. Bring your documents to the parking lot between the Student Union (HUC) and Ximenes Avenue Garage on Wednesday, February 28 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Slide your documents into the giant dumpster from Republic Services. Shredding will take place at their secured site. You can bring work-related or personal documents from home to shred.

For Downtown Campus and ITC, please box your documents and seal them. EHSRM will make one trip between noon and 1 p.m. to each location to pick them up. You can also take your boxed and sealed documents to the Downtown Mail Room earlier in the day, and they will store them inside their secured fence.

Please contact Anastacio Alvarez at (210) 452-7252 with any questions.

*Employees need to comply with UTSA’s Record Retention schedule, so please only bring documents not covered by this policy.

Kudos to Bob Kirk, Keith Kewley, and Anastacio Alvarez of EHSRM

I just wanted to let everyone know how much we appreciated the help from Bob, Keith and Anastacio (left to right) moving the autoclave from the delivery truck to the BSB for installation. We were initially told that we would need to delay the delivery and call in a special company to do this work at a cost of at least $1000. The guys from EHSRM came over, assessed the situation, determined how to resolve the problem and calmly and professionally took care of the move.

Thanks so much. It's always a pleasure to work with you.

Wendy McCoy, MS, CHMM, CSP
Laboratory Safety Manager

VPR & EHSRM are getting it done by partnering and valuing each other for success!
Nursing Mothers Can Pump in Comfort

Last month we reported on two new lactation rooms in the JPL and Downtown Campus libraries. These new spaces resulted from a collaboration of several BA departments and groups from across the university.

Now, thanks to proactive measures from the Financial Affairs’ Surplus Inventory Department, women using those rooms will have comfortable accommodations. Learn about all the Breastfeeding-Friendly Sites for Mother and Baby.

Kudos and GPCCs:

I would like to thank the Surplus Property team – Erasmo Garza, Angel Garza, Pete Vazquez, Alberto Flores, Francisco Cayeros, and Mike Martinez (left to right below) – for the offer of and fast delivery of the lounge chairs for the two Lactation Rooms recently established in the JPL and Frio Buildings. The Eames chairs look great, are very comfortable, and are perfect for these rooms. I know our nursing mothers will be most appreciative of everyone’s efforts to provide a warm, welcoming space for their use.

Thank you,

Candace Bass
 UTSA Libraries

Kudos to Roy Garza & Facility Construction Team on expedited completion of Flawn Bldg. NSA lab renovations

I can’t say enough on how incredible your team is to work with. You always follow though and meet deadlines! Very much appreciated by the VPR! NSA is excited to start working in the space.

-Jaclyn Shaw, Director for Research Support

Recycling is All the Rage

RecycleMania 2018 started February 4. The 8-week nationwide college and university recycling competition brings awareness to recycling and waste reduction. It promotes consistent recycling habits on campus. We are up against some of the largest schools in Texas and the country from now until March 31. We report the amount of recycling and trash collected each week and are ranked in various categories based on who recycles the most on a per capita basis, as well as which schools have the best recycling rate as a percentage of total waste and which schools generate the least amount of combined trash and recycling.

Brush up today on what to toss where. Use your blue bins for recyclable items...and nothing else. EHSRM, the Sustainability Council, SGA and Green Society are supporting the contest. Check out what UTSA Dining is doing year-round on recycling and sustainability.

Take the pledge to Think, Learn, Act, and Share...to clean up our planet.
Delivering Top Service to Campus Constituents

Kudos to Purchasing’s Julie Gohlke
Thanks for your quick reply to this yesterday. I was able to contact Accounting Services and they are making the corrections. Thanks so much for your quick response because it made it possible for us to have the issue addressed in a way that would allow us to make payment on time.

Roselena Balderas, MA
Assistant Director
Student Disability Services

Kudos to Purchasing’s Richard Wollney, Julie Gohlke and Bruce Williams
I wanted to thank each and every one of you so much for putting a rush review on the Fred Clarke contract packet for the upcoming switch gear project. We have a tight window of opportunity to perform this construction, and thanks to your efforts, we should be able to maintain our schedule moving forward. Kudos to the team.

Tyler L.Boehme
Facilities Engineering & Project Management

I’m super ecstatic for the way EPM and Purchasing have come together for success. I believe we can continue this excellent partnership. Kudos, Kudos!!!! Thank you so much Richard, Julie, and Bruce. We truly appreciate you all.

Mary Alice Morizen
Facilities Project Specialist

Kudos for Payroll’s Paty Sauer
Thank you for all your help! We appreciate you!!

Anita Garza
Math Department

Kudos to Purchasing
Thanks to the entire purchasing department for your very important work at the very last minute. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Just so you are aware, the instrumentation you helped UTSA purchase makes the university absolutely unique in the state and one of only a few centers in the country with the combined capabilities to look at genes through both RNA and protein lenses. If too technical – our university rocks and the only way we could be is with the hard work of people such as yourselves! Thank you!

Dr. Brian Hermann
College of Science Dean

Kudos to Liz Raymond and Rowdy Exchange
Thank you so much for your help with the account. I also wanted to let you know that I have had several new PO’s sent to me the over last two months and they are perfect and look great! I think Rowdy Exchange is going to be awesome for everyone. Thank you so much for all the hard work you put into automating that process and for all that you do!

Jordan Tyler Abshier
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Restricted Access to Service Drive Begins March 5
Starting March 5, access to the service drive under the core campus buildings will be limited. A call button is available at the gates, where drivers can request permission from the police to enter. Parking in unmarked zones is allowed up to 30 minutes and will be enforced by UTSA PD. The service drive entrance at the Arts Building (ART) will be closed beginning March 5 until the SEB Building is near completion, likely in 2020. Learn more.