We believe that the people of Texas deserve access to the exceptional opportunities that will come as UTSA develops into an even stronger, world-class research university.
We Are UTSA—A Top-Tier Campaign is about people and ensuring strong futures for them. The campaign is providing a foundation of support that will continue the university’s dynamic progress and ensure that excellence and innovation thrives at UTSA.

Official designation as Tier One may be several years away, but there is much that we are already doing that is top tier. You’re going to meet some of the people who represent the excellence at UTSA in the pages that follow. You will see in their stories that it is the support of donors like you that impacts and empowers our people to do even more.

Many elements of life in Texas are shaped by what happens at universities like UTSA. No other university in our region educates, influences and impacts more people than UTSA. Essentially, we are—all of us—better because of UTSA.

We have an extraordinary opportunity today to forever change the university and our region—to be the best of Texas and offer exceptional opportunities that will solidly San Antonio as a powerful, diverse city to lead our nation. When you invest in a program, a student or research at UTSA through this campaign, you truly are making an investment in Texas.

Join with us! We Are UTSA.

President Ricardo Romo
Through philanthropy, I aspire to ensure a strong future for our community and to give people opportunities to fulfill their potential—much like what UTSA has done for me. I believe that whatever your passion, you can find a way to support it through giving to UTSA.

I am honored to serve as chairman of the leadership committee for the We Are UTSA capital campaign, a first-for-UTSA effort to raise more than $120 million that will directly advance learning and innovation. Through this campaign, we will close educational attainment gaps and ensure that San Antonio has a university that drives industry in our 21st century, knowledge-based economy and enriches our way of life.

In Texas, we are always striving to make things “bigger” and “best.” Some argue that a state is only as strong as its public universities. I am proud to be a Roadrunner because UTSA is focused on offering the high quality opportunities that are found in our nation’s other top cities. Supporting UTSA is one of the best ways you can make such exceptional experiences available right here.

Now is an extraordinary time for UTSA. We have amazing potential to be the premier model of a diversity-centric research university for our nation. UTSA students represent the face of our country tomorrow, and it is through UTSA that they gain the knowledge and experience to lead.

UTSA is asking for your support to continue the momentum. Join us—become part of the “We” that makes excellence and opportunity here possible by making an investment today.

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What impact could your giving have that would be most meaningful to you? This is a question I have considered often, and my answer is shaped by my belief that no one achieves success alone.

Campaign Chair Jim Bodenstedt ('96)
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JULIAN CASTRO
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Every business community thrives on the successes of their public institutions of higher education. UTSA generates an economic impact of $1.2 billion and supports 15,000 jobs for the San Antonio area. For the future and the economic health of San Antonio, I ask you to get behind President Romo and invest in UTSA to help create a Tier One university for a Tier One City.

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Jessica Felhofer is helping build a chemical analysis “lab” the size of a microchip that will be accessible anywhere. The potential uses for the chip are limitless; instead of collecting samples and sending them out to be analyzed, results will be available immediately. Imagine the impact for a military medic on the front lines monitoring patient health or for scientists trying to understand the effect of an emerging environmental crisis.

Scholarships have made it possible for Jessica to pursue her education at UTSA. A graduate of O’Connor High School in San Antonio, she came to the university as an undergraduate student and is now working on her Ph.D. in chemistry with support from the Presidential Scholarship fund. She says, “At one point I held three jobs while working my way through school. Scholarship assistance has made so many opportunities available to me, and I am grateful.”
Libraries are the academic hubs of our campuses. State-of-the-art facilities ensure access to exceptional learning opportunities.

**INNOVATION**

With investments from donors, UTSA scholars push the boundaries of innovation and discovery. We should all want to help capitalize on the intellectual power at UTSA to strengthen our workforce and attract new companies. This is what San Antonio deserves, and we get there when you give to UTSA.

**SAM DAWSON**

CEO
Pape-Dawson Engineers
Doug Frantz is working to grow new heart muscle cells and turn cancerous cells benign. His lab is developing drug-like molecules that target stem cells to treat cardiovascular disease and cancer. Support from the Max and Minnie Tomerlin Voelcker Fund is helping Frantz treat these diseases and is bringing other top researchers to UTSA.

“The research we are conducting in the laboratory is aligned with the broader issues of treating cardiovascular disease and cancer by combining stem cells and medicinal chemistry,” said Frantz. “In addition to advancing our research, gifts from donors and organizations provide undergraduates and graduate students with opportunities to gain valuable laboratory experience at the interface of chemistry and biology and contribute to the development of therapeutic solutions for a variety of diseases.”

Creating New Knowledge

JOHNELLE SPARKS
Applies demography research of health disparities to improve lives in rural communities

MAULI AGRAWAL
Biomedical engineer studies tissue regeneration to improve treatment of wounded warriors

LAURA RENDON
Uses her experiences and expertise to encourage access for first-generation students

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UTSA is a cultural engine. Artists like Maria Gonzalez Franco explore their passions here and our arts programs improve quality of life in our community.

UTSA is a jewel of our community, a place where people from all backgrounds can fulfill their potential. It is inspiring that the university is striving to provide more exceptional opportunities by becoming top tier. We all want that for our community, and we can get it by investing in UTSA.

CATHY OBRIOTTI GREEN
Vice President of Community Relations
Zachry
Les Shephard, a world-renowned expert in energy and water issues, has come to UTSA to help solve the world’s most pressing energy issues. Dr. Shephard is director of the Texas Sustainable Energy Research Institute at UTSA. He inspires and leads research on alternative energy sources, while exploring best practices for the energy industry. Shephard’s work has resulted in a game-changing $50 million partnership between San Antonio’s utility, CPS Energy, and the university.

It is an endowed chair, a gift from USAA, that helped the university recruit such a respected, cutting-edge researcher to San Antonio. As the USAA Robert F. McDermott Distinguished Chair in Engineering, he is leading the charge, pairing his expertise in energy with his passion for the resources of Texas. With Shephard and additional private support, the institute will create new knowledge that ensures San Antonio is a national leader in energy solutions, creating exceptional economic and sustainable energy opportunities for our state that will benefit generations to come.

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MANSOUR EL KIKHIA
Political science and geography professor leads efforts to make history in Libya

MISTY SAILORS
Promotes literacy around the world, creating inspiring books for children in Africa
Study abroad prepares our students, like Billy A estudioso who studied in Peru, for work in an increasingly interconnected world.

we are
ENRICHING EXPERIENCES

My professional life has been greatly enriched by the quality education I received at UTSA and the relationships I built there. Through giving, I am making it possible for others to be enriched and to explore their talents.

NANCY KUDLA ('87)
President
Kudla Foundation
Mauricio Sanchez is a starting safety on the football team. A first-generation college student from San Antonio, he was recruited by other universities in Texas, but he knew that being part of the first UTSA Football team in his hometown could, in his words, “be something special.” His father is a single parent raising Mauricio and three siblings, including a brother who is currently enrolled at Texas A&M. A kinesiology major, Mauricio is mindful of his responsibility to set a good example for other young people in our community. “This community has given me big time support, especially my high school, Warren. The teachers have posted my photo and share news about how I am doing,” he says.

“Scholarships give a person who is hungry for success the opportunity to succeed. Receiving a scholarship allows me to go to a top school without worrying my family with how to help me afford tuition,” says Mauricio. “I get to play a sport I love and focus on getting a good education. It has changed my life and I am blessed to have this support.”

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ANNIE MORAS
The music major from San Antonio is marching into history as one of UTSA’s first drum majors

LARRY COKER
National Championship coach brings leadership and new spirit to San Antonio
UTSA kicked off its first football season on Sept. 3, 2011, with an inaugural game-record attendance of 56,743 and a win.

we are LEADERS

UTSA provided me – a first-generation student who did not have any money – the opportunity to go to school and get a great education. For the university to reach top-tier, it has to be a team effort. The time is right now, and business leaders, corporate officers, alumni and people from all walks of life who have been impacted by the university need to think about that and say, ‘I’m going to make that investment in my community.’

CLAY KILLINGER ’83
Senior Vice President and Controller
Valero Energy
This campaign is about people and ensuring strong futures for them. The people of Texas deserve access to exceptional opportunities. This is our vision that inspires us to want to do even more, and with your support, we will achieve top-tier excellence.

With Investment in UTSA

- **Our Students** will fulfill their potential by learning from the brightest minds
- **Our Businesses** will benefit and grow through a skilled, innovative workforce
- **Our Companies** will have access to experts who will help generate new ideas, attract new partners and solve challenges
- **Our Community** will thrive through premier cultural and athletics events that greatly enhance our quality of life

San Antonio is a world-class city. We, and all Texans, deserve the exceptional opportunities that will come as UTSA continues to achieve and excel.

Your leadership is critical to our success. Your gifts will strengthen our work and allow UTSA to do even more. We have an extraordinary opportunity today to forever change the university and our region—to be the best of Texas. When you invest in a program, a student or research at UTSA, you are making an investment in your neighbors, our community and our common prosperity.

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