2014 Family Orientation Participant Schedule

**Day One**

12:00PM-2:30PM  
**Family Orientation Check-In**  
Location: Laurel Village Conference Room

1:30PM-2:30PM  
**Meet UTSA’s Student Ombudspersons**  
Location: Denman Ballroom, University Center North  
*Learn about the roles of the Academic Affairs Ombudsperson and the Student Ombudsperson. The importance of student engagement and involvement outside the classroom will also be discussed.*

2:45PM-3:00PM  
**Welcome Part I to Family Orientation**  
Location: Denman Ballroom, University Center North

3:00PM-3:40PM  
**SocioDrama and Q&A Panel of UTSA Staff**  
Location: Denman Ballroom, University Center North  
*Orientation Leaders will perform a dramatic presentation depicting various college situations a student may encounter. Discussion and Q&A led by various university representatives from Student Code of Conduct and Community Standards, Counseling Services, Housing and Residence Life, Campus Living Villages, Equal Opportunity Services, and Student Health Services will follow.*

3:40PM-4:00PM  
**Welcome Part II to Family Orientation**  
Location: Denman Ballroom, University Center North

4:00PM-4:30PM  
**Meet the Dean of Students**  
Location: Denman Ballroom, University Center North  
*Kevin Price, Dean of Students, shares his insights on today’s college students’ transition challenges.*

4:30PM-5:00PM  
**Empowering Parents of Today’s College Students**  
Location: Denman Ballroom, University Center North  
*The first year of college can be nerve racking and exciting for you and your student. This session will provide insight and tips on the most common transitional challenges students and families encounter their first year.*

5:00PM-5:45PM  
**Information Fair**  
Location: University Center Galleria, University Center North  
*Spend time at the Information Fair learning about various UTSA services and departments!*  

5:45PM-7:00PM  
**Join us for Dinner at Roadrunner Café**  
Location: Roadrunner Café  
*Join us for an optional dinner at the Roadrunner Café! Come by the Café for an all-you-care-to-eat residential restaurant and enjoy a variety of foods. Use your meal card to pay for your meal or take advantage of the $5 buffet price!*  

7:00PM-9:00PM  
**Hospitality Parent Lounge**  
Location: Laurel Village Lobby  
*Wind down your evening at the Hospitality Parent Lounge sponsored by UTSA Housing and Residence Life.*
Day Two

7:30AM-8:00AM  Taste of UTSA!
Location: Retama Galleria, University Center North
Good Morning! Start the day off right with a complimentary continental breakfast provided by UTSA Dining.

8:00AM-8:20AM  UTSA Dining
Location: Retama Galleria, University Center North
Learn more about the UTSA Dining experience, including available meal options for your student!

8:20AM-9:05AM  Maximizing Your University College First-Year Experience at UTSA
Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North
The University College and First-Year Experience Program are designed to help students successfully transition to college by engaging students academically and socially. Presentation will include information about the Academic Inquiry and Scholarship (AIS) course and the University Peer Mentorship.

9:05AM-9:20AM  UTSA Bookstore
Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North
The UTSA Bookstore will share information on buying, renting, and ordering books as well as other services they can provide to your Roadrunner.

9:20AM-9:35AM  University Center: What’s in it for Your Student
Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North
Learn about the services that the University Center has to offer your student!

9:35AM-9:45PM  Break Time
Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North
Take a moment for a bathroom break, water break or, simply stretch your legs!

9:45AM-10:10AM  We Are UTSA: A Top Tier Campaign
Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North
To inspire success in UTSA students and achievement in the community, UTSA has launched WE ARE UTSA- A TOP TIER CAMPAIGN, the first capital campaign in university history. The goal is to raise $175 million to fund student scholarships, faculty excellence, innovative research, service to the community and experiences that enrich lives; because of this, supporters have an important role in moving UTSA forward. Learn more about giving to UTSA.

10:10AM-10:40AM  Academic Preview-UTSA Faculty Lecture
Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North
Undergraduate faculty will discuss university and classroom expectations, giving family members an opportunity to dialog with these student-oriented professors.

10:40AM-11:10AM  Developing an Academic Game Plan-TRC Presentation of Services
Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North
During this session, families will receive an overview of student support services offered to all UTSA students through the Tomas Rivera Center. Descriptions of programs will include information about Supplemental Instruction, Tutoring, and Learning Assistance.
The Academic Advising-The Parent Preview* session and the Dessert Reception/Lunch* will be offered at two separate times for our Family Orientation participants in order to accommodate all of our UTSA participants.

*Academic Advising- The Parent Preview
Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North
A representative from Academic Advising Center will walk through the course advising and selection process, including core curriculum and degree requirements for your student.

*Dessert Reception/Lunch
Location: Dessert Reception; Retama Galleria, University Center North
Location: Lunch, Various UTSA Dining Venues
Stop by the dessert reception in the Retama Galleria to enjoy some of UTSA’s finest sweets and to visit with various on campus vendors such as the UPS Store, Princeton Review, Roadrunner Express, the Rios Hair Salon, and many more!

1:40PM-3:25PM  Choose Your Breakout Sessions
Location: Various Rooms in the HEB University Center and the University Center North
The same breakout sessions are offered twice for student orientation and family orientation participants. The breakout session times are from 1:40pm-2:25pm and from 2:40pm-3:25pm. Below are the synopses of the different breakout sessions:

Tips on How to Pay for School (Financial Aid)
Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North
Decipher the financial aid award letter and find out how to pay for housing, meal plan, and most importantly—tuition!

Enhancing Your Campus Experience (Business Auxiliary Services)
Location: Grand Ballroom, HEB University Center
Learn how services provided outside the classroom can increase success inside the classroom. This interactive presentation offers information about student & visitor parking requirements, transportation shuttles, on campus dining, the University bookstore, student multi-use ID cards and vending services.

Your Career Starts Now (University Career Center)
Location: Denman Ballroom, University Center North
Your University Career Center (UCC) will provide you with an overview of services for your UTSA student! The UCC discusses support offered in major selection, career exploration (including assessments), and decision-making. Additionally, we will help your Roadrunner begin the job search process - whether looking for on-campus work, internships or off-campus opportunities. We will give basic information about finding these jobs, how to apply, and basic tips for resumes. Their career starts now, and we’ll give you a career action plan to help support your student through all four years!

Testing & Support Programs (Testing Services and TRC Support Services)
Location: Harris Room, HEB University Center
Learn about programs and services offered by Testing and Tutoring Services!

UTSA Roadmap to Health Professions (University Health Professions Office)
Location: Travis Room, HEB University Center
The University Health Professions Office (UPHO) provides advising and support to students interested in pursuing careers in the health professions. This includes academic preparation at the undergraduate level, information about health careers, application procedures, entrance exams, and dual-degree programs for early admission to medicine, dentistry and nursing.

3:35PM-3:50PM  UTSA Spirit and Traditions
Location: Grand Ballroom, HEB University Center
Do you know who Rowdy is? Do you know the words to UTSA’s Fight Song? Well, now you will! Develop your Roadrunner pride as you learn about UTSA’s spirit and traditions in this presentation put on by Orientation Leaders!
4:00PM-4:50PM  Roundup and Pinning Ceremony  
Location: Grand Ballroom, HEB University Center  
Join us for the Orientation Roundup and Pinning Ceremony! We will provide information on your student’s academic advising time, QLAT and Engage testing time. We will also induct you and your student into the Roadrunner Family.

5:00PM-5:20PM  Family Masterpiece Reader’s Theater  
Location: Grand Ballroom, HEB University Center  
Orientation Leaders will present a series of literary pieces depicting the college journey, from the student and parent points of view. Parents often say this is one of their most memorable parts of Orientation.

5:20PM-5:40PM  Family Orientation Final Closing  
Location: Grand Ballroom, HEB University Center  
Thank you for coming! We hope you enjoyed your Family Orientalions experience! Don’t miss the door prize drawing! Closing comments and announcements will be made.

5:45PM-7:00PM  Join us for Dinner at Roadrunner Café or visit the UTSA Bookstore on Your Own  
Location: Roadrunner Café  
Join us for an optional dinner at the Roadrunner Café! Come by the Café for an all-you-care-to-eat residential restaurant and enjoy a variety of foods, including fresh deli sandwiches and brick oven pizzas. Use your meal card to pay for your meal or take advantage of the $5 buffet price! Not hungry? Feel free to stop by the UTSA Bookstore to purchase some UTSA gear, the store will close at 6:00pm.

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**Day Three (Optional Programming)**

10:00AM-12:00PM  Coffee at the John Peace Library  
Location: John Peace Library  
Drop in anytime between 10:00 am – 12:00 noon for complimentary coffee and a welcome to the John Peace Library. Enjoy a self-guided library tour, take the opportunity to ask a question about the UTSA Libraries’ resources and services available to your student, and pick up a brochure filled with helpful information to take home.

8:00AM-4:00PM  Visit the UTSA Bookstore  
Location: UTSA Bookstore, University Center North  
Stop by the UTSA Bookstore to see and purchase UTSA’s newest gear and find out textbook information for your student’s fall 2014 classes. Go Roadrunner Go!

11:00AM-2:00PM  Tour the Roadrunner Café  
Location: Roadrunner Café, Chaparral Village  
Didn’t have a chance to tour the Roadrunner Café? Stop by the Café for lunch (11:00AM-2:00PM) and/or for dinner (5:00PM-7:00PM) to learn more about the café and partake in a $5 buffet!

**Thank you for joining us for UTSA Family Orientation! We are very excited you and your family are now members of the Roadrunner family. If you have any photos that you have taken throughout the program, please share them on Instagram with the hashtag #UTSA18. Now and forever, we are Roadrunners!**