

INITIATIVE BRIEF

HONORS RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE



A new residence hall for the university's top students that brings UTSA's Honors College to new levels of national prominence.

OVERVIEW

The Honors Residential College initiative represents the first step in the effort to align the UTSA Honors College with the top-reviewed honors colleges in the nation. The task force will work with partnering entities to recommend the size and scope of the hall, its amenities and facilities, and the manner in which it “makes place” for the Honors College. In so doing, it will coextensively make recommendations about campus residency requirements, College enrollment goals, and resource needs for delivering the curricular needs predicted by the number of residents.

INITIATIVE LAUNCH	October 2018
LOCATION	Main Campus
ESTIMATED SIZE	To Be Determined
ESTIMATED COST	To Be Determined

FUNDING SOURCES	Future rental revenue and reserves from past revenue
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THE CHALLENGE

Currently, the UTSA Honors College competes with highly selective universities and honors colleges to recruit students in the 1350+ SAT range. The College has no dedicated building, classrooms or event space – in essence, it lacks a physical identity to act as a recruiting and retention hub. Public universities leverage their honors colleges to attract top students and provide an experience that reinforces academic quality and institutional excellence. Physical amenities and the ability to deliver the small, private college experience are key in this recruiting space. An honors residence offers the integration of high quality academics and student experiences, while physically defining the College on campus.

THE IMPACT

The honors residence will be a strong recruiting tool and signal of academic quality. Defining the size of the hall will also allow for an accurate picture of resource needs and projected growth as UTSA strives to compete with top public university honors colleges. Providing a customized campus life experience will enable UTSA to retain and graduate talented students while giving the Honors College a more robust role in strategic enrollment and student success.

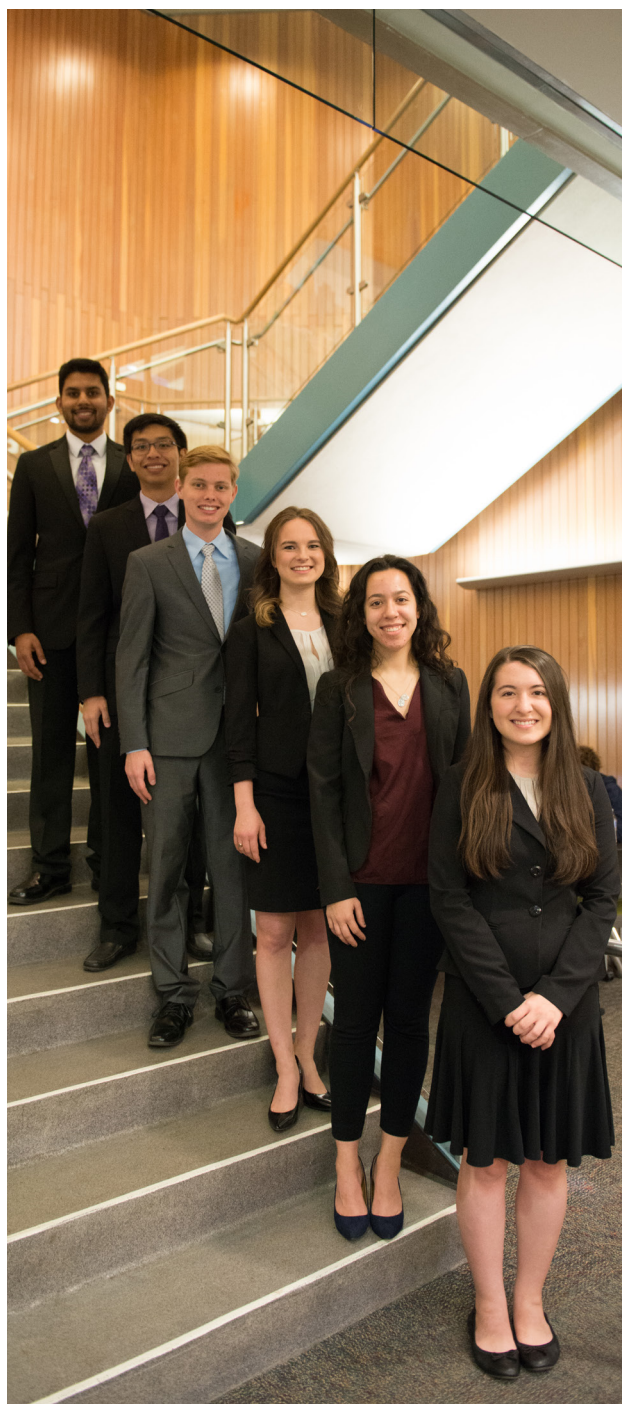
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POTENTIAL COMPONENTS

- » Student residence rooms
- » “Connected” classrooms
- » Event space
- » Dining facilities
- » Fitness facilities
- » Makerspace
- » Study rooms
- » Media & computing space
- » Foyers
- » Outdoor event space
- » Honors offices

OPPORTUNITIES

- » Increases enrollment of top recruits from the city, state and nation
- » Enhances the quality of the honors student experience, including expansion of *Classroom to Career* experiential learning opportunities
- » Facilitates the hosting of signature events that showcase the Honors College and its students
- » Assists in recruiting top talent to San Antonio

PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES

- » Naming opportunities:
 - » Building name
 - » College name
 - » Event centers or classrooms/spaces within building
 - » Top Scholars program
 - » Citymester Program
- » Honors Student Opportunities Fund
- » Honors Student Scholarship Fund
- » Honors faculty fellowships & fellows in residence
- » Endowed honors chairs
- » Endowed Top Scholars
- » Residential scholarships
- » Endowed *Classroom to Career* experiences