UTSA Academic Affairs

Fall 2024 Welcome

FACULTY SENATE

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THANK YOU, FACULTY SENATE!

UTSA®

welcomes

90+

new **FULL-TIME** faculty
in **FALL 2024**

UTSA Academic Affairs
INSIGHTS

Of the 40 new
tenured/tenure-track faculty,

83%

earned their terminal degrees at

R1 INSTITUTIONS

Cluster and Connected Proposal Results

- **Artificial Intelligence**
- **Brain Health**
- **Microbiome and Human Health**
- **Space**
- **STEM Education**
- **Transdisciplinary Materials Research**

- Planned cluster hires of 26 scholars for 2024-2025 recruitment cycle
- Funded in part by Board of Regents' Research Excellence Program

Capacity Building Around Civil Discourse

- **Students:** Offer students courses and co-curricular activities that help them to build skills in engaging with different perspectives.
- **Faculty and Staff:** Provide professional development opportunities for faculty and staff to strengthen classroom and campus dialogue and resolve conflicts
- **Community:** Extending efforts into the wider San Antonio community by developing interuniversity initiatives and community partnerships

New leadership in Academic Affairs

» **Eric Brey**
Klesse College of Engineering & Integrated Design

» **Jianwei Niu**
University College

» **Emilie Amrein**
UTSA Arts

PRIORITIES FOR ’24-’25

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Update on new college

Amplifying UTSA's programs in artificial intelligence, cyber, computing, data science and other related disciplines

» Task force final reports are available on initiative website

» Faculty and AA staff survey: Early September

» College structure and name announced later this semester

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INITIATIVE

Enhancing Wellbeing

» **FOCUS:** The wellbeing of our students is essential to our success as an institution. This year, we will place a stronger emphasis on wellness by expanding resources and programs designed to support a balanced and healthy lifestyle. By prioritizing wellness, we aim to create an environment where every member of our community can thrive both personally and professionally. While efforts will focus on student well-being, we fully expect to identify programs that could be scaled for the benefit of our staff and faculty.

» **LEADS:** LT Robinson, Tammy Wyatt

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INITIATIVE

Advancing Open Educational Resources

» **FOCUS:** We will launch a Task Force dedicated to integrating OER materials into all core curriculum courses. This initiative is not just about reducing costs for our students, but also about enhancing the accessibility and quality of educational resources, ensuring that our instructional materials reflect the most current and diverse perspectives in every discipline.

» **LEADS:** Dean Hendrix, Melissa Vito

INITIATIVE

Expanding Peer Mentoring and Leadership Programs

» **FOCUS:** Recognizing the value of mentorship and leadership in our students' academic and professional growth, we are committed to broadening the scope of our peer mentoring and leadership initiatives. These programs will empower our students to share knowledge, build strong networks, and develop the skills necessary to lead with confidence in an evolving academic landscape.

» **LEADS:** Jill Fleuriet, Tammy Wyatt

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Career-Ready Roadrunners

Suggest a student, faculty or staff member, or partner whose story should be featured:

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STAFF & FACULTY SUCCESS

We are invested in you!

UTSA is committed to your success.

Take advantage of the resources, tools and training are available through these areas:

- Faculty Success
- Employee Success Center
- Academic Innovation
- Research

Microcredentials

CREATIVE

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- Intro to Generative AI
- Social Media Content Creation
- Data Storytelling
- Community Event Marketing
- And more!

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CERTIFICATES

- Project Management
- Data Analysis
- Digital Marketing
- Business Intelligence
- UX Design
- Application Development
- And many more!

Employee Success Center

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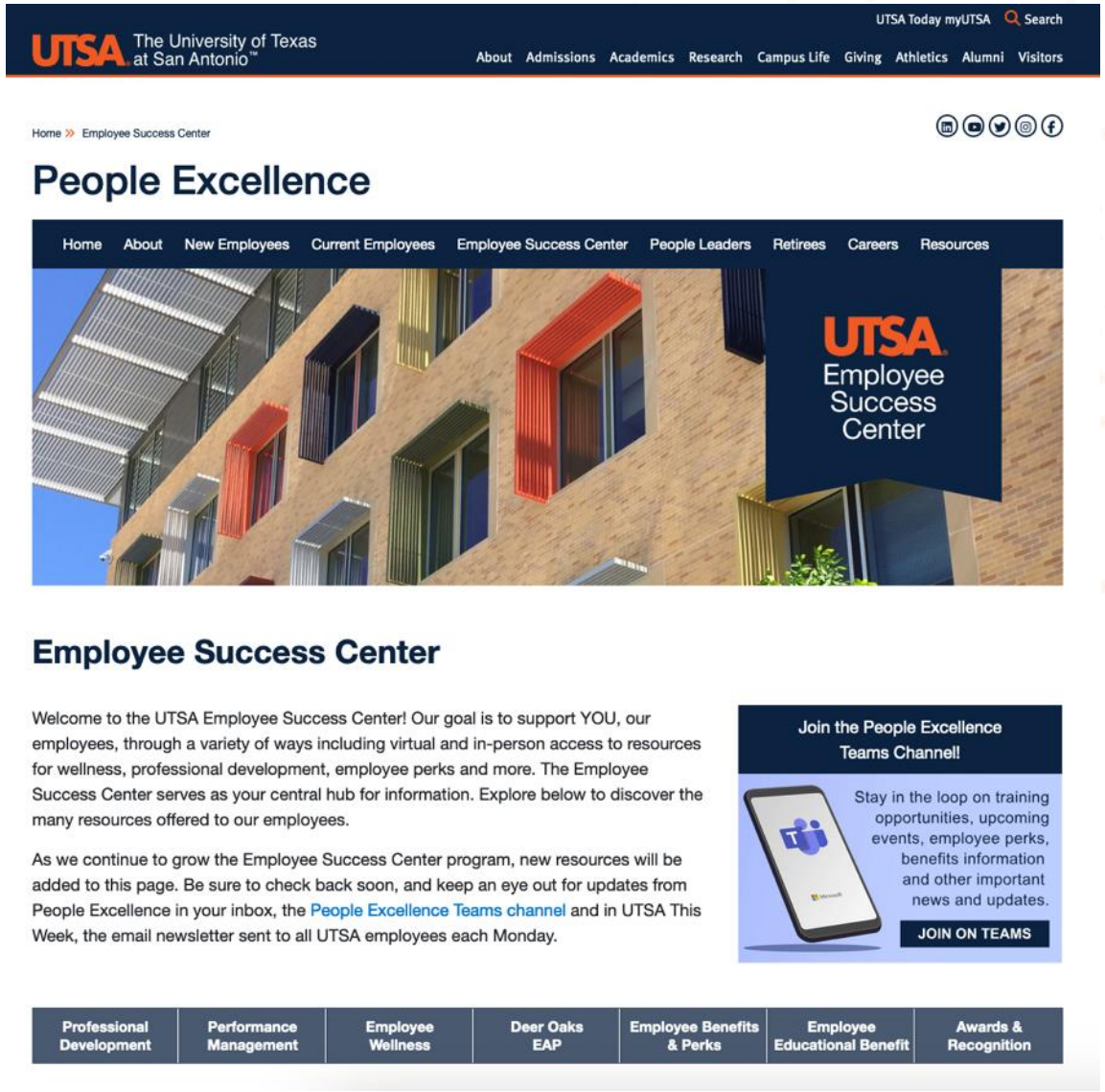
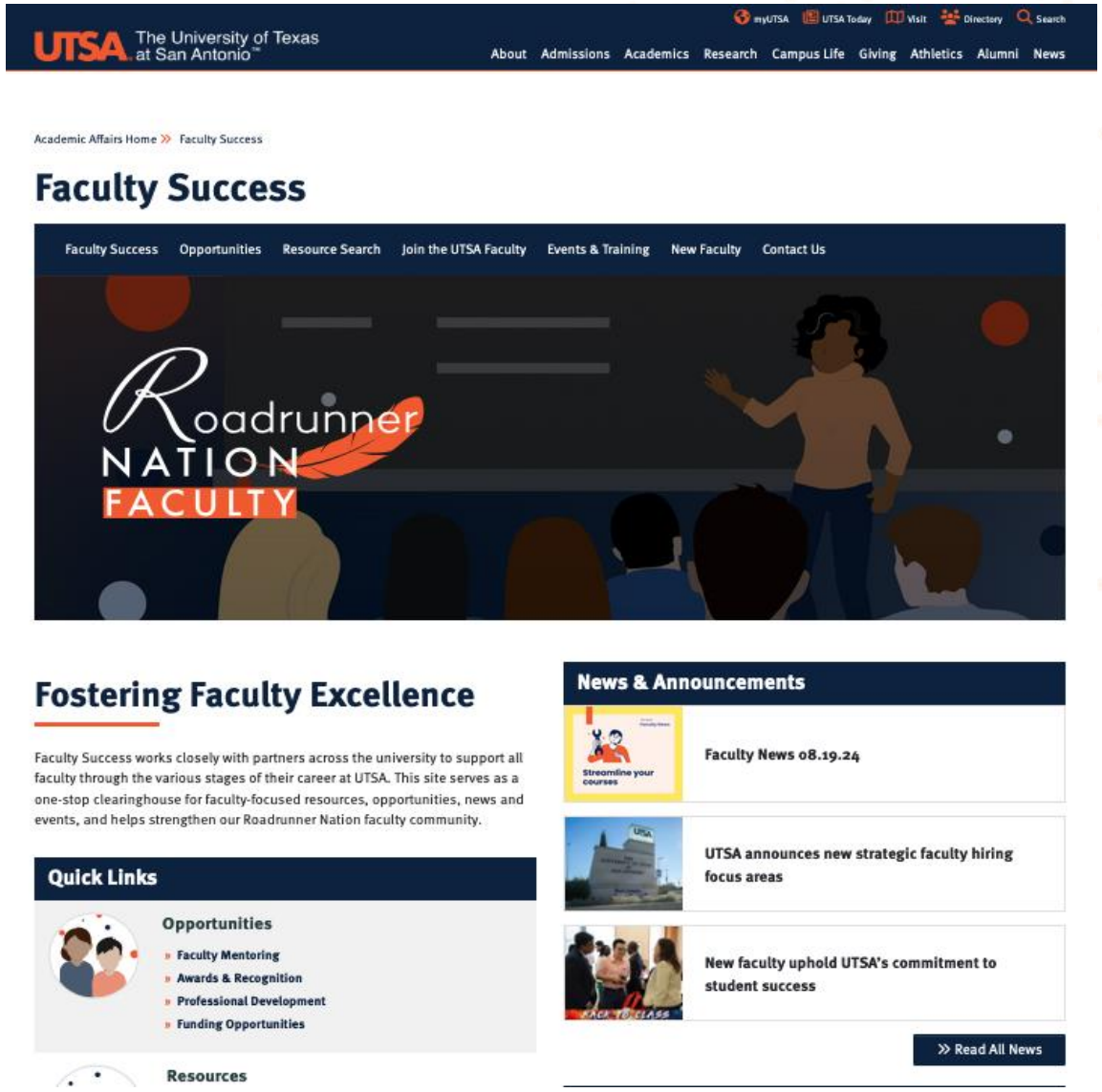


Faculty Success

provost.utsa.edu/faculty



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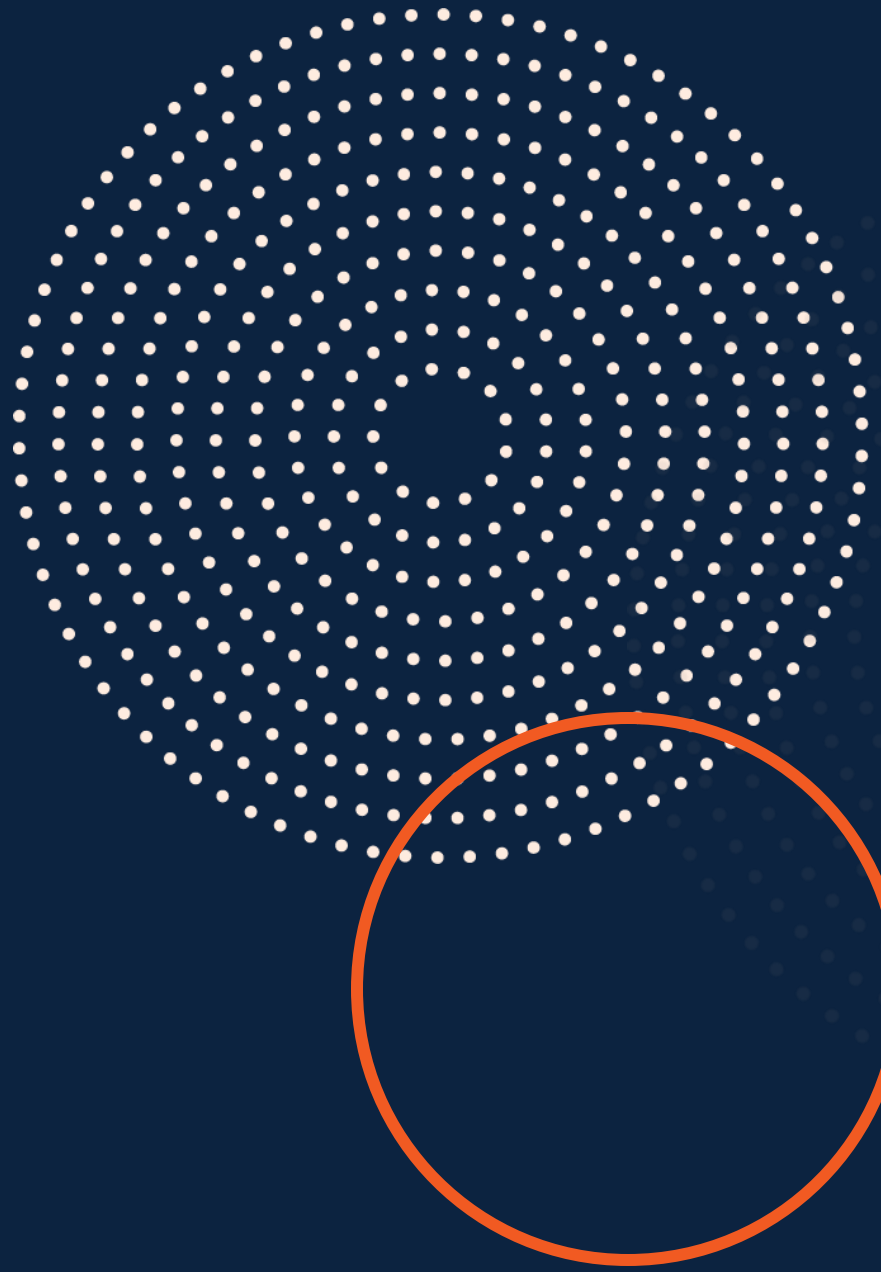

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