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UNIVERSITY
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Awards
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PROGRAM

**Welcome and
Years of Service Recognitions**

Taylor Eighmy
President

Presentation of Diversity Awards

Myron Anderson
Vice President of Inclusive Excellence

Presentation of Faculty Awards

Kimberly Andrews Espy
Provost and Senior Vice President
for Academic Affairs

Presentation of Staff Awards

Veronica Salazar
Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice
President for Business Affairs



Years of Service

We are excited to recognize our employees who are celebrating milestone years of service with UTSA and the University of Texas System.

45 Years of Service

Jack Himelblau

40 Years of Service

German Arroyo
David Garcia
Amir Karimi

35 Years of Service

Stephen Amberg
Laurie Gay

30 Years of Service

Stephan Bach
Louis Brown III
Cynthia Dermody
Dmitry Gokhman
Lisa Gonzales
Victor Heller
Patrick Kelly
Eric Quiroz
Hejin Shin
Suzette Vallejo
Steven Wilkerson
Yolanda Williams
Priscilla Ybarra

25 Years of Service

Alka Bhavsar
Thomas Coyle
Roger Enriquez
Lilian Forey
Quy Fung
Moses Gomez
Palani Kadapakkam
Karl Klose
Martha Luna
Gilberto Morales
Kimberly Norton
Beverly Ostmo
Richard Quini
Melissa Rodriguez
Francine Romero
Carlos Silva
Natalie Sjelin

Melisa Trevino
Heather Walleck
Rita Wilson
Naomy Ybarra

20 Years of Service

Gabriel Alaniz
Arturo Almeida
Kevin Archer
Donald Atkins
Dustin Barrows
Cristina Blom
Lorena Claeys
John Crunk
Stacey Davis
William Dean
Susan Dill
Leslie Doss
Edward Garza
Ricardo Guzman
Anne Hardgrove
John Helton
Martha Hinojosa
Sue Hum
Jose Iovino
Robert Kaufman
Carlos Martinez
Diana Martinez
Krystle Meyer
Robert Miller
Denise Moore
Ruben Ortiz
Tia Palsole
Julio Ramos
Ramon Rios
Martin Rodriguez
John Salas
Iliana Salazar
Olga San Miguel
Jessica Saucedo
Lorrie Smith
Pamela Smith
Jovany Vega
Angela Weissmann
Richard West
Dwayne Williams
Hongjie Xie

15 Years of Service

Maia Adamina
Julie Alley
Mark Appleford
Natalia Arguello

Mardia Barraza-Mccarthy
Felipe Barrera
Amar Bhalla
Norma Blizard
Martha Bohrer
Mark Brill
Cynthia Brown
Christine Burke
Wanda Burns
Robert Byrod
Lisa Campos
Tamara Casso
Michael Cepek
Pepe Chang
Francisco Chavez-Silva
Karen Daas
Luis De Luna
John DeLaHunt
Eustaquio DeLeon Jr.
Jacob Dell
Samer Dessouky
Stephen Dinger
William Dupont
Laura Earleywine
Lucila Ek
Ephrem Fernandez
Ronald Fosmire
Brian Fox
Virginia Galloway
Herbert Ganey Jr.
Isaac Garcia III
Kelly Garza
Laura Gilliland
Margarita Gomez
Andrew Goodenough
Patrick Grant
Ruyan Guo
Igor Halfin
Karina Hillanbrand
Jayashree Iyengar
Jonathan Jarrell
Karen Jensen
Drew Johnson
Amy Jones
Carol Kindred
Steve Kudika
Nikki Lee
Michael Logan
Laurie Long
Lucas Lopez
Jaime Martinez
Javier Martinez
Evelyn Martinez
Kristy Masten

Harold Meyer II
Kendra Michael
Joycelyn Moody
Paul Morton
Ghassan Nasr
Ashok Nedungadi
Taeg Nishimoto
Augustine Osman
Marcel Perret-Gentil
Luis Plascencia
Elizabeth Pople
Reynaldo Ramirez
Della Reyes
Robert Rico
Lisa Romo
Jianhua Ruan
Amy Rushing
Lilliana Saldana
Lydia Sanchez
Ravinderpal Sandhu
Richard Sandoval
Gonzalez SantaMaria
Fidel Santamaria
Daniel Sass
Michelle Schenk
Zachery Sharon
Heather Shipley
Shawn Smith
Colleen Snodgrass
Corey Sparks
Matthew Spottswood
Michele Tencza
Rebecca Trawick
Monica Trevino Mendez
Todd Troyer
Sarah Ullevig
Christopher Valles
Jason Welch
Veronica Waelbroeck
Richard Wollney Jr.
Xhavit Zogaj

10 Years of Service

Adel Alaeddini
Sonya Aleman
Jennifer Alexander
Eddy Baggerman
Samuel Barrera
Lydia Bueno
Ian Caine
Althea Campuzano
Robert Cardenas
Sandra Cardona

Krystel Castillo Villar
Brian Ciochetti
Brad Cooper
Carlos Cortez
Harry Cortez
Stephanie Edgett
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Michael Fernandez
Makiko Fukuda
Yongli Gao
Leticia Garcia
Julio Garcia de las Mestas
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Jennilee Garza
Stacie Garza
Matthew Gibson-Lopez
Sara Gothelf
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Martha Gutierrez Saul
Sarah Joy Harless
Marian Harris
Keith Harrison
Dean Hendrix
Salvador Hernandez
Manuel Hinojosa Jr.
Amparo Hubbard
Joseph Izbrand
Joel Juarez
Maria Juarez
Robin Kling
Robert Lagoudis
Ana Laredo
Kristin Law
Chin Lin
Hu Liu
Angela Lombardi
Monica Lucero
Carolyn Luna
Frank Maniscalco
Janice Marshall
Kathryn Mayer
Stanton McHardy
Darren Meritz
Randi Miles
Jeffrey Miller
Michele Monseau
Arturo Montoya Rodriguez
David Morales
Julianna Ortega
Jacqueline Ortiz
Sakiko Oyama
Christopher Packham
Steven Parker
Kristen Pellegrino

Paula Perilla-Duque
Paloma Perry
Antonio Petrov
Krishnamurthy Raman
Melyssa Ranton
Freddie Robinson
Taylor Roby
Eric Rubio
Roberto Santellanes
Jana Schwartz Schenck
Omar Sierra
Lauren Smith
Jorge Solis
Joshua Thurow
David Vaughan
Damien Villarreal
Nicholas Ward
Ethan Wickman
Juliet Wiersema
Jason Willome
Xiaowei Zeng
Rene Zenteno

5 Years of Service

Carlos Acosta
Adebayo Adeyeye
Lauren Apgar
Irma Arney
Johnna Arnott
Yolanda Arreola
Nestor Astorga
Sofia Bahena
Davood Barakat
James Barnes
Angelica Barrera
Denaire Beard
Jessica Beckham
Jaimee Bennett
Alexis Blessing
Austin Bonecutter-Knight
James Bray
Eric Brey
Teresa Brown
Elyse Brown
Shad Calvetti
Renee Canete
Jamie Carey
Sierra Cavitt
Francisco Cayeros
Qian Chen
Nicholas Clanton
Yasmin Codina
Taylor Cole
Daniela Conceicao Da Silva

Shea Conner
Stacy Conrad
Juan Coronado
Angel Cruz
Brandon Davis
Alfredo De Anda
Chenoa Dean
Christopher Duffer
Taylor Eighmy
Maria Elias
Tiffany Farias-Sokoloski
Amanda Fernandez
Rafael Fersaca
Alberto Flores
Brian Flores
Leobardo Flores
Sergio Gamero Alameda
George Garcia
Krishna Garza-Baker
Verena Gaudy
Donald Goess
Kassandra Gomez
Sandy Gonzales
Jessica Gonzales
Rafael Gonzalez
Javidreza Hajvaziri
Justin Hayward
Bryn Herrera
Duy Hoang
Shelley Howell
Gary Jacobs
Murtuza Jadliwala
Teresa Kelley
Wendy Kim
Judy Kroman
Andrea Kraus-Lozano
Marie Kuehler
Van Lac
Sandeep Langar
Cheryl Lange
Brian Laub
Aimee Laun
AnnaBee Lecocke
Su Liang
Maria Lopez
Lindsey Macpherson
Julina Macy
Allison Maguire
Taha Malik
Tiffany Marsh
Alyssa Martinez
Jennifer Martinez
Courtney McMahon
Joseph Mendez

Rachael Miller
Megan Miller
Robert Mitchell
Rita Mitra
Socorro Morales
Joseph Morones
Amandine Mukengeshayi
Marissa Munoz
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Karinell Nieves-Merced
Neda Norouzi
Jude Okpala
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Hilda Pena
Emily Perez
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Daniel Pineda
Carlos Pinto
Gary Poffenbarger
Tempestt Pouncy
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Brandon Tate
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Matthew Troia
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Chelsea Vietri-Vaughan
Jeremy West
Dorothy Yan
Kristine Yancey
Xiaolu Zhang

Retirees

The following are faculty and staff who retired from UTSA during the 2022 calendar year. We appreciate their longtime service to the university and our campus community.

Li-Ping Bien
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Lona George
Sara Giron
Patsy Harborth

Diane Hays
Manuel Hernandez
Daniel Hollas
David Hughes
Linda Jackson
Barbara Jakubowski
Daniel James
Mohammad Jamshidi
David Johnsen
Judith Johnson
Dean Jones

Maria Kelley
Caron Kiley
Daniel Kiley
Zlatko Koinov
Michael Langlinais
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April Lawver
Martha Lundell
Raymond Mauldin
Robert Menchaca
Christine Miller

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Katherine Pope
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Michael Prescher
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Misty Sailors
Sonia Saldivar-Hull
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George Taylor

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Edda Wallace
Sandra Wenzel
William White
Venetta Williams
Diane Wood May

Awards Committees

Thank you to everyone involved in reviewing and selecting this year's award winners, as well as those who coordinated the nomination process and awards ceremony. Thanks to your help, the university is able to recognize the individuals and groups that are moving UTSA forward.

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