Margie and Bill Klesse College of Engineering and Integrated Design
The University of Texas at San Antonio

OVERVIEW
UTSA has taken a bold step to fully leverage the university’s considerable expertise across architecture, construction, planning, historic preservation, interior design, and engineering by drawing these complementary disciplines together under one new college—the Margie and Bill Klesse College of Engineering and Integrated Design. By merging the talent and resources of the former College of Engineering and College of Architecture, Construction, and Planning, the university is optimally positioned on the cutting edge of transdisciplinary research, academic programming, and workforce preparation for students. It is only appropriate that this bold move took place in the City of San Antonio, home to some of the world’s best architecture, engineering, and construction firms, both large and small.

CHALLENGE
The college combines the academic departments and programs of the former colleges into two schools and three departments. The schools are Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering and Construction Management, and a second that includes Architecture and Planning. The departments include Biomedical and Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Electrical and Computer Engineering. While the new structure serves a tremendous strategic purpose, it also presents some unique challenges for the college that will be home to over 4,200 students and 117 faculty members. In order to ensure the financial resources to continue recruiting and retaining world-class faculty and high-performing students, the college must further build its endowment funds for undergraduate student scholarships, graduate fellowships, and endowed faculty chairs and professorships. This will ultimately help UTSA create the synergistic academic environment that promotes transdisciplinary research and programming.
IMPACT

Choosing to house these complementary disciplines in one college allows greater opportunities for collaborative research and experiential learning. These will allow our students to experience a modern, integrated, and collaborative workforce that will equip them with the marketable skills needed to succeed in an increasingly competitive workforce. The formation of the college also improves UTSA’s position as a competitive recruiter of faculty and postdoctoral researchers, which will lead to increased investment from outside sources. As the college evolves, a larger endowment will help to grow the number of quality students and faculty in the college and help maintain a high level of diversity, ultimately increasing UTSA’s national recognition as an institution of research excellence. This direction allows the college to compete with other major universities across the country for extramural and large-scale grants that require interdisciplinary teams to address society’s greatest challenges.

PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Texas at San Antonio has launched a comprehensive campaign to support UTSA’s 10-Year-Strategic Vision introduced by President Taylor Eighmy in 2017. Be Bold: A Campaign for Our Future, which also extends 10 years and has a working goal of $500 million, is focused on providing the infrastructure and resources needed to become a model for student success and research discovery. There are several philanthropic opportunities within the Margie and Bill Klesse College of Engineering and Integrated Design.

Scholarships make a tremendous difference in helping UTSA attract and recognize high-achieving students. Endowed Faculty Positions help foster excellence in research and support efforts to recruit and retain highly qualified educators, researchers, and administrators. Capital Projects provide the necessary spaces to stimulate learning, research, creativity, and collaboration among students and faculty. Our endowment levels include:

- $2,000,000+ Distinguished University Chair
- $1,500,000+ Distinguished Chair
- $1,000,000+ Chair
- $500,000+ Distinguished Professorship
- $250,000+ Professorship
- $100,000+ Faculty Fellowship
- $100,000+ Graduate Fellowship
- $25,000+ Undergraduate or Graduate Scholarship

UTSA has multiple avenues available to make an incredible impact. Gifts made annually can provide scholarship, research, and programmatic support across all areas. Gifts made through certain assets also have many benefits and include stock, IRAs, donor advised funds, real estate, life insurance, intellectual property, collectibles, matching gifts, in-kind gifts, estate gifts, and more.

Naming Opportunities

The University of Texas at San Antonio also welcomes the opportunity to discuss a naming opportunity that can provide support beyond bricks and mortar. Supporting a naming opportunity can allow for major academic and programmatic transformations that will elevate UTSA to greater levels of excellence and increase its competitiveness on a global scale.

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