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Current UTSA Mission, Vision and Core Values

Mission Statement (As of February 13, 2012)

The University of Texas at San Antonio is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge through research and discovery, teaching and learning, community engagement and public service. As an institution of access and excellence, UTSA embraces multicultural traditions, serving as a center for intellectual and creative resources as well as a catalyst for socioeconomic development for Texas, the nation and the world.

Vision Statement

To be a premier public research university, providing access to educational excellence and preparing citizen leaders for the global environment

Core Values

We encourage an environment of dialogue and discovery, where integrity, excellence, inclusiveness, respect, collaboration, and innovation are fostered.

UTSA's core values reflect how we have pursued our plan as well as how we will fulfill our mission and realize our vision. Each value reflects rich, shared meaning:

- **Integrity**: adhering to a standard of core values at UTSA and ensuring that one acts in a fair and ethical fashion.
- **Excellence**: commitment to delivering consistently high-quality service, teaching, and research through superior performance.
- **Inclusiveness**: fostering diversity and providing access to educational and socioeconomic opportunities for all - regardless of individual backgrounds and philosophies.
- **Respect**: treating others with civility and openness, recognizing the dignity inherent in each individual.
- **Collaboration**: working with others toward common goals while valuing teamwork, participation, and commitment to public service.
- **Innovation**: encouraging ingenuity, creativity, and discovery.

Please see the UTSA Strategic Plan at [http://www.utsa.edu/strategicplan/](http://www.utsa.edu/strategicplan/) for more details on UTSA’s Mission, Vision and Core Values.
The Roadrunner Creed

The University of Texas at San Antonio is a community of scholars where integrity, excellence, inclusiveness, respect, collaboration, and innovation are fostered.

As a Roadrunner,
I will:

- Uphold the highest standards of academic and personal integrity by practicing and expecting fair and ethical conduct;
- Respect and accept individual differences, recognizing the inherent dignity of each person;
- Contribute to campus life and the larger community through my active engagement; and
- Support the fearless exploration of dreams and ideas in the advancement of ingenuity, creativity, and discovery.

Guided by these principles now and forever, I am a Roadrunner!
The University of Texas at San Antonio Academic Honor Code

1. **Preamble**
   The University of Texas at San Antonio community of past, present and future students, faculty, staff, and administrators share a commitment to integrity and the ethical pursuit of knowledge. We honor the traditions of our university by conducting ourselves with a steadfast duty to honor, courage, and virtue in all matters both public and private. By choosing integrity and responsibility we promote personal growth, success, and lifelong learning for the advancement of ourselves, our university, and our community.

2. **Honor Pledge**
   In support of the ideals of integrity, the students of The University of Texas at San Antonio pledge:

   "As a UTSA Roadrunner, I live with honor and integrity."

3. **Shared responsibility**
   The University of Texas at San Antonio community shares a commitment to integrity, the ethical pursuit of knowledge, and adheres to the UTSA Honor Code.
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UTSA History and Other Sites of Interest:

Chronology of UTSA ([http://www.utsa.edu/about/History/](http://www.utsa.edu/about/History/)) – Follow the development of UTSA from 1969 to present. This site includes many key events from each decade that helped to shape the campus we have today.

UTSA Presidents ([http://www.utsa.edu/about/History/UTSAPresidents.html](http://www.utsa.edu/about/History/UTSAPresidents.html)) – This site provides a history of UTSA’s presidents and their accomplishments at UTSA. Do you know who UTSA’s first president was?

About UTSA ([http://www.utsa.edu/About/](http://www.utsa.edu/About/)) – This site provides a great overview of UTSA including Academics, Research, Community Impact and other information about UTSA.

UTSA Today ([http://www.utsa.edu/today/](http://www.utsa.edu/today/)) – The UTSA Today site is the place for the most up to date news on research, events and other happenings on campus. The UTSA Today Archives ([http://www.utsa.edu/today/archives/](http://www.utsa.edu/today/archives/)) also has searchable news stories from 2001 forward.