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Message from the Vice Provost and Dean



Welcome Roadrunners to UTSA's Fall 2018 semester!

Hard to believe, but summer is over and a new Fall semester has begun! I want to welcome returning students, while also extending a special welcome to new students who will be experiencing UTSA for the first time. We are excited for the start of Fall classes and all the opportunities you will have to engage with the Roadrunner family.

The University College is focused on helping you achieve academic excellence. You can expect to be able to receive assistance and guidance from Academic Advising, Dean's, Departments, staff and One Stop all semester long. We want to be sure every Roadrunner has the tools they need for a successful semester.

It is important to focus on your studies but we also encourage you to get involved in a club, take in campus lectures, or volunteer with the community. It is both the in-class and out-of-classroom experiences that shape who you are. These experiences can also help you develop the soft skills that will make you more marketable when you graduate. I would urge you to take advantage of everything UTSA has to offer.

We are excited about what this Fall semester will bring, and we hope you are too.

Sincerely,

Dr. Heather Shipley
Vice Provost of Academic Affairs and Dean of University College

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New Programs and Events: National Student Exchange, Ethics Bowl, and Careers and Politics Seminar

The National Student Exchange (NES) program has moved to University College! UTSA students can pay UTSA tuition, study at another university (in the US, Canada, Virgin Islands, or Guam), and earn UTSA credit towards their degree! Semester and year-long programs available. For more information, contact Jill Hernandez, Associate Dean of University College, at (210) 458-5191.

Ethics Bowl is coming to UTSA! Ethics Bowl is an Intercollegiate, national competition in which teams from across disciplines defend their moral assessment of some of the most complex ethical issues derived from actual contemporary business, professional, scientific, social, and political cases. For more information, contact UTSA's 2018-9 coach, Jill Hernandez, Associate Dean of University College, at (210) 458-5191.

If you are interested in a career in politics or public service, do not miss out on the upcoming conference, **Careers in Politics Seminar: Making a Difference through Public Service** in collaboration with the College of Public Policy. This one-day, nonpartisan event will provide an overview of career opportunities available in politics and public service. The conference will offer students the chance to learn from elected officials and community leaders about careers in public service. Come strengthen your professional network and gain some insight on public service opportunities! Date and location will be announced soon!

The Writing Program's Spring 2018 Scholarship Winners and Instructor Achievements

Congratulations to the following Spring 2018 Writing Program scholarship winners and their instructors!

WRC 1013

- \$3,000 Kaylee DeTender, "Sexual Harassment of Men: Experiences and Influences," Instructor: Pamela Mahan
- \$2,000 Albert Orna, "The Predictability of Marital Outcome," Instructor: Alyson Martin

WRC 1023

- \$3,000 Jenai Coleman, "Why has America's War on Drugs Failed?" Instructor: Jeong Park
- \$2,000 Caroline Stea, "The Benefits of Foreign Aid," Instructor: Dixie Shaw-Tillmon
- \$2,000 Rebekah Stagg, "Analysis of the Argument in *Blackfish*," Instructor: Dixie Shaw-Tillmon

Writing Across the Curriculum Scholarship Winner

- \$2,500 Ansley Lewis, "Rhetorical Devices in the *Mass Effect Trilogy*," Instructor: Gail Pizzola



The Graduate School and Research Building

Instructor News & Achievements

- Gemini Ink hosted a Spring Open House & Book Launch February 2, 2018, to celebrate the publication of Writing Program faculty member John Helton's new book *Bad Jobs and Poor Decisions* (Liveright/W.W. Norton 2018).
- Writing Program faculty member Christine Granados has been awarded the NACCS Tejas Fiction Award for *Fight Like a Man & Other*

Most Outstanding Student in University College for 2018

Alejandra de Maar is an incoming senior multidisciplinary studies major with focus areas in philosophy, sociology, and honors studies. She currently holds a 3.78 GPA and has an impressive record of involvement on campus and in the community. In the fall of 2017, Alejandra was selected to participate in the UT-System Bill Archer Fellows Program in Washington, D.C., where she interned with the Environmental Law Institute and had the opportunity to conduct research and write briefs and policy papers on topics such as the importation of polar bear trophies, the future of hydrokinetic energy, climate change measures in Western Europe, and the impact of the Trump administration on the Antiquities Act.

Over the summer of 2017, she interned with the Cameron County District Attorney's office in her hometown of Brownsville. At UTSA, she is an active member of the Latin Dance Society and the Pre-Law Association, although she is most active with Students United for Planned Parenthood (SUPP), where she has served as community service chair and now serves as membership and recruitment chair. With SUPP, she has organized community service opportunities for community organizations (e.g., RAICES and Esperanza Peace and Justice Center), has informed students about sexual and reproductive health, and collaborated with the Student Coalition of Progressive Engagement to promote political involvement on campus. She also participated with Planned Parenthood of San Antonio in a lobby day in Austin and volunteered with Planned Parenthood's Health Action Forum.

During the summer of 2018, Alejandra spent a month in Morocco interning at an NGO that advocates for women's rights, and spent the remainder of the summer volunteering at La Posada Providencia, a shelter for immigrants and homeless individuals in San Benito, Texas.

Alejandra's long-term goal is to become an attorney, and she is considering specializing either in environmental justice or human rights law.



Alejandra de Maar, Most Outstanding Student in University College for 2018

The Center for Civic Engagement Joins University College

The Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) is here to serve you and help enrich your educational journey while making a difference in our community. The CCE's mission is to "empower students to serve society through community engaged scholarship that enriches learning, promotes civic literacy and contributes to the study of community needs". Have a passion to serve your community? The CCE is proud to have civically engaged students making an impact in the community through one of its core programs, Rowdy Corps. This program provides work study eligible students with the opportunity to gain professional and leadership development while working with our local community partners. The Rowdy Corps program prepares a student professionally for real-world scenarios, while gaining networking skills, serving community and enhancing their learning through experiential learning and critical reflective observation.



The Rowdy Corps program can serve as spring board for our students as they prepare for their careers. This spring three of our Rowdy Corps students are graduating and the CCE is overjoyed by their accomplishments. For example, Cristina Medina worked with one of our community partners, MOVE San Antonio and received an offer for a full-time position after graduation. MOVE San Antonio, is a non-profit agency that is dedicated to building sustainable civic engagement and increased voter participation. H. Drew Galloway who is the MOVE SA Executive Director is a UTSA alumnus! Go Roadrunners!



CCE Rowdy Corps Reflection Session Spring 2018 with Lorenza Vandiver, UTSA Career Services

Also graduating in Spring 2018 are Ryan Vasquez who worked at The DoSeum and Justice Garza at NOWCastSA. Ryan and Justice, as well as the rest of the Rowdy Corps team, have also received great accolades from their respective organizations.



Rowdy Corps Mathew Jauregui accepting the HOPE Award with Maria Alejandro, Director of the Center for Civic Engagement, and Family Services Association program staff, Mary and Hilario Moreno

The Center for Civic Engagement was recently honored with the HOPE Award by community partner, Family Service Association (FSA) for the Center's consistent support and commitment to the youth through the Rowdy Corps program. The FSA hosted the annual HOPE Awards & Youth Showcase to fundraise and recognize the success stories of their programs. One such program is the Best Buy Teen Tech Center, an innovative learning space that serves local disadvantaged youth. UTSA student Matthew Jauregui, a Rowdy Corps student who formally served at the Best Buy Teen Tech Center (now at KLRN), attended the event and was elated to share in the teens' excitement as they head to Boston in July for the Annual Clubhouse Network Teen Summit. Rowdy Corps student, Jessica Lozano also served at the FSA Best Buy Teen Tech Center this spring semester and was elated to learn about the award. It was clear our Rowdy Corps students not only work at the organization but also serve as mentors to the teens. At the CCE, we recognize that our community engagement touches numerous lives and therefore, we recognize all of our Rowdy Corps students as they make a significant impact in the community.

Dr. Nancy Martin to Retire After 25 Years of Service

On Thursday, May 10th, UTSA honored Professor and Associate Vice Provost of University College Dr. Nancy Martin with a retirement party celebrating 25 years of service at the university.

Current and former faculty, staff, and students, as well as Dr. Martin's family and friends, were in attendance. Among the speakers were Dr. Tammy Wyatt, Associate Vice Provost for Student Success; Dr. Heather Shipley, Vice Provost of Academic Affairs and Dean of University College; Dr. Jeremy Sullivan, Department Chair and Professor for Educational Psychology; Dr. Margo DelliCarpini, Dean of the College of Education and Human Development; and even Dr. Martin's older brother, Bill.



From left: Patti Ramirez, Dr. Tammy Wyatt, Kristi Johnson, Dr. Lawrence Williams, Dr. Nancy Martin, Dr. Jill Hernandez, Monica Lucero, Dr. Heather Shipley

Helpful Numbers

Advising

- Arts & Humanities
210-458-6513
- Business Studies
210-458-4562
- Downtown
210-458-2550
- Engineering
210-458-5525
- Honors
210-458-4106
- Interdisciplinary Education
210-458-4424
- Life & Health Sciences
210-458-4045
- Mathematical & Physical Sciences
210-458-6073
- Social Sciences
210-458-4900
- Student Placement
210-458-5170

Air Force ROTC

210-458-4624

Army ROTC

210-458-4011

First-Year Experience

210-458-7490

University Health Professions Office

210-458-5185

Institute for Law and Public Affairs

210-458-2990

Multidisciplinary Studies Program

210-458-6877

Center for Civic Engagement

210-458-2277

Testing Services

210-458-4125

Tomás Rivera Center

210-458-4694

University College

210-458-5191

Writing Program

210-458-5363

Fall Academic Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 19	20	21 - First Day of Classes	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 - Add/Drop Date	30	31	September 1 - UTSA vs Arizona State
2	3 - Labor Day - University closed	4	5	6 - Census Date	7	8 - UTSA vs Baylor
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 - UTSA vs Kansas State
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 - UTSA vs Texas State
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 - UTSA vs UTEP
30	October 1	2	3	4	5	6 - UTSA vs Rice