

## FACT SHEET President Ricardo Romo



### PERSONAL

- Date of Birth: June 23, 1943
- Native of San Antonio's west side
- Family: Married Dr. Harriett Romo, UTSA professor of sociology and director of the UTSA Mexico Center and Bank of America Child and Adolescent Policy Research Institute (CAPRI), two children

### EDUCATION

- Graduate, Fox Tech High School, 1963
- Bachelor of Science Degree in Education, The University of Texas at Austin, 1967
- Master's Degree in History, Loyola Marymount University, 1970
- Ph.D. in History, University of California at Los Angeles, 1975

### PROFESSIONAL

- President, The University of Texas at San Antonio, May 17, 1999-present
- Vice Provost, Undergraduate Education, The University of Texas at Austin, 1993-1999
- Associate Professor, Department of History, The University of Texas at Austin, 1980-1999
- Vice President and Director, The Tomas Rivera Center, Trinity University, San Antonio, 1987-1993
- Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of California, San Diego, 1973-1980
- Assistant Professor, Chicano Studies Department, California State University, Northridge, 1970-1973

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS & RECOGNITIONS

- Attended UT-Austin on a track scholarship, became the first Texan to run a mile in less than four minutes (3:58.8), a record that lasted 41 years
- Appointed by President Barack Obama to the White House Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics
- Appointed by President George W. Bush to the President's Board of Advisers on Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- Appointed by Secretary of State Colin Powell as U.S. representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- Served as chairman of the board of the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Vice Chair of the Federal Reserve Bank
- Chair of Southwest Research Institute
- Vice Chair of Air University
- Fellow at the Center for Advanced Studies at Stanford
- Recipient of the Clark Kerr Award for Distinguished Leadership in Higher Education from the University of California, Berkeley
- Recipient of the Wheaton College Otis Social Justice Award for promoting social justice through education and public service
- Recipient of the Colonel W.T. Bondurant Sr. Distinguished Humanitarian Award from the San Antonio Academy Alumni Council
- Recipient of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Chief Executive Leadership Award;
- Recipient of the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal from the United States Army North
- Recipient of the San Antonio North Chamber Dolph Briscoe Salute to Excellence Award
- Recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Texas Exes Alumni Association
- Recipient of the San Antonian Award from the North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce in honor of his Civic & Community Service to the City of San Antonio
- Recipient of the Isabel la Catolica award, the highest award given to non-Spanish subjects, bestowed by King Juan Carlos of Spain
- Author of "East Los Angeles: History of a Barrio," now in its ninth printing (including one in Spanish)
- Avid art collector with more than 60 prints recently displayed at San Antonio's McNay Museum in an exhibit titled "Estampas de la Raza." The traveling exhibit portrays the Latino experience in the United States through the work of 44 Mexican-American and Latino artists
- Talented photographer whose photos have been included in numerous regional exhibits including "Havana" and "Small Town Texas," from which photos were selected for an exhibit in China, "Infinite Horizons: Visions of Texas"