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COLUMN

A little growing up every time you do a little letting go

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA

The Prospector



While I've been away from The Prospector for the last semester of my undergraduate career to commit more time to my studies, I have the privilege to write a farewell column regarding the three years of my time and effort at the student-run newspaper.

As I prepare to walk out of UTEP with a bachelor's degree, I reflect on the experience I'll be taking with me.

The Prospector's newsroom can be a treacherous place, with its deadlines, frustrations, feuds, lack of sleep and understaffed team. However, it's also been a learning process with plenty of valuable experiences gained.

The students on staff are committed to writing for the paper on a weekly and daily basis while also managing second jobs, school and personal responsibilities. I'm sure there are students with the same qualities in the seven colleges of the university, but for some reason, The Prospector does not get as much respect as it should. Everyone has to start somewhere, everyone was an intern somewhere, everyone was a novice and everyone had to learn from mistakes.

The Prospector has proven to be a gateway to bigger and better things. It's where students gain valuable experience and the great opportunities that come from it make the experiences memorable.

I always say, "it all started at The Prospector."

I've been able to work on stories I've been very proud of, had the opportunity to live in Washington D.C. and Sacramento, California as an intern reporter at other publications. This summer, I'll be able to write for the El Paso Times, a great opportunity to apply my skills in my hometown and get more acquainted with it.

Aside from what I will be taking from the university, I will be leaving behind my contribution to a legacy that dates back to 1915. After doing some research this semester about UTEP's history, I've seen that The Prospector has been the first written draft of the university's history.

The Prospector is often referenced in facts about events that occurred at UTEP. You can find plenty of information in the archives or at The Heritage House.

The student publications' staff also managed the Flowsheet, which was the university's yearbook until 1972, which contains so many interesting

facts, such as when President Lyndon B. Johnson and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt visited the university.

I encourage everyone to do some digging of their own at the Heritage House or the Library's Special Collections Department.

There are several great journalists who dedicated much of their time and energy to The Prospector, such as Alfredo Corchado, Mexico Bureau Chief for the Dallas Morning News, and the late Ruben Salazar, reporter for the Los Angeles Times.

I'm sure there are plenty more Prospector alumni doing great things. All it takes is hard work, persistence and patience.

It's crazy to think I almost got fired from The Prospector when I first started. It was difficult balancing my time as a full-time student, working 30 or more hours a week and writing for the publication. I used to sneak out during lunch breaks from a call center near UTEP just so I could do interviews.

Thankfully, my situation improved with time and new doors of opportunity opened up. I don't think you have to be the most talented to get far. Going that extra mile can take someone a long way. Hard work can be enough to get past talent. Hopefully, it's the same in the real world.

Overall, I wish I'd started writing for The Prospector earlier and been able to expand a bit more on the opportunities available, but my time has run out. I'll have to do what I can from the other side.

I'd like to end this farewell with a list of people who have helped me.

From The Prospector staff, I'd like to thank Aaron Martinez, Salvador Guerrero, Kathleen Flores, Jasmine Aguilera, Aaron Montes and William Vega.

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COLUMN

The end of a great chapter in my life

BY EDWIN DELGADO

The Prospector



Three years ago in May 2011, I paid the price of not dedicating enough time to school. After a terrible first year at UTEP, I was suspended for a semester and had to spend the next eight months dedicated to work full-time at a fast food restaurant.

It was hard having to bare with the idea that I had no purpose in my life, doing the exact same thing every single day was unbearable, but it was a fair price for my own mistakes.

For a moment during those long eight months I gave up, for a moment I thought that maybe school wasn't for me. Fortunately enough, I never let myself fully believe that, I knew I could do so much more than just cook frozen beef patties on a grill. I knew I was much better than that.

Once I was back, I planned on taking just two classes my first semester to pace myself back into college life. Then I made one of the best choices I've ever made, I joined The Prospector in the summer of 2012. It had taken me just one year to turn things around, from feeling defeated to the thrill of what was to come next.

Now that I'm putting an end to an amazing chapter of my life, I can take a look back and feel pleased with the

work I've done. This job, in a way, got me out of my shell.

When it comes to sports, I covered everything there is to cover in El Paso. I was there when Mike Price announced his retirement and his last game as a head coach, I got to see the Diablos and the Patriots. I wrote a feature on Cross Country head coach Paul Ereng, a gold medalist in the Seoul 1988 Summer Olympics; one on Anthony Rotich, who, no doubt, will become an amazing athlete; I got to see both basketball teams more than thirty times; I was there in that amazing NIT run for the women's basketball team and when Kayla Thornton and her teammates made history all season long; and of course, the very first win of the Triple-A team, the El Paso Chihuahuas.

There are also some other great moments for me. I was there that April 13, 2013 morning when the ASARCO smokestacks were demolished and I was there the next morning when City Hall was demolished.

I have nothing but great memories at UTEP and at our office. I owe a lot to the job, for giving me the motivation to keep going, to relieving my stress from class with the "good stress" of getting things done for the paper, and even though at times I hated the long nights when we had production, some of the best moments I had were during those late Monday nights.

I've got much to be thankful for, but I will say from the bottom of my heart that what I will cherish the most is the great people that I've met these two years and the great friendships I formed in the process. I want to say thanks to all of my friends and all my colleagues at The Prosy. I've learned a lot from each and every one of you and I can't wait to see you become successful in the "real world," because I know all of you have what it takes.

I did it! It took six long years to get that degree, but the moment is here and I'm excited for the next chapter and for the opportunity of interning for the San Antonio-Express News this summer.

Mamá, sin su apoyo y sin sus ocasionales regaños, nada de esto hubiera sido posible. Le debo mas de lo que le pudiese pagar en vida y sabe que este logro era mas que nada para darle esa satisfacción que merece por todo lo que ha hecho por mi. Te adoro mamá.

Thanks everyone. If there is something that I hope you've learned from me is to be yourself, believe in yourself and follow your goals, regardless of how crazy they might sound, and of course smile and see the positive side of things. Goodbye everyone, I promise not to let you down. See you on the other side.

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EDUCATION

Female students progress through male-dominated STEM workforce

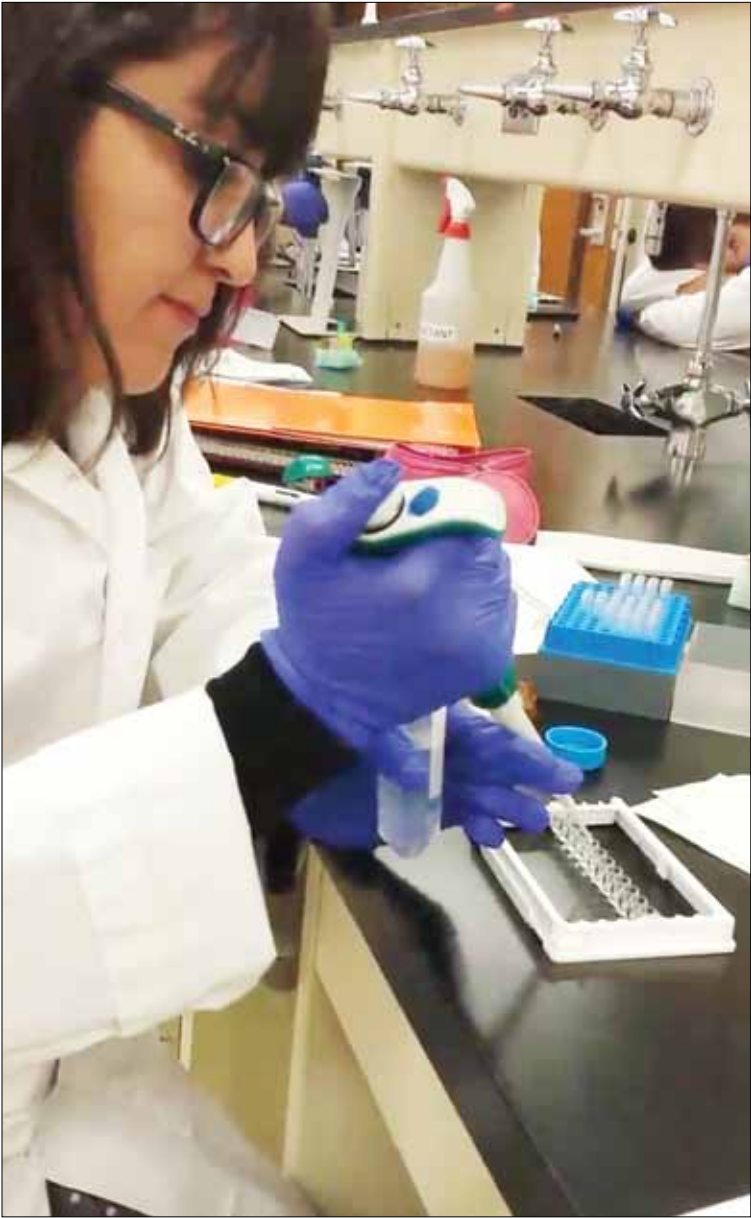


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Senior Anahi Marquez works on a Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay to test for the presence of antibodies or antigens in a sample.

BY LORAIN WATTERS
The Prospector

Women remain underrepresented in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, according to a 2013 study done by the National Science Foundation.

Women make up 58.1 percent of the overall workforce in the nation, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, but continue to have disproportionate numbers in mechanical engineering (5.5 percent) electrical engineering (8.8 percent) and industrial engineering (17.8 percent) fields, as well as environmental scientists and geoscientists (28.9 percent) among others.

Anahi Marquez, senior cellular and molecular biochemistry major, plans to apply for medical school after graduation. She will also be participating in an internship during the summer in Ireland, where she will conduct research on prostate cancer and radiation therapy treatments.

“After my niece was diagnosed with leukemia, I have a greater interest in cancer biology. So I applied to the program to gain experience on the subject, which I hope I one day get

to work with for the rest of my life,” Marquez said.

Both of Marquez’s mentors in Ireland will be women.

“Although STEM is mostly made up of men, with every year, women are getting up there with them. Many of my female professors at UTEP have done it and they encouraged me to do it as well,” Marquez said. “I am not really intimidated, it’s more like a motivation to one day have equal representation in STEM.”

Marquez plans to do research in El Paso, but if her education granted her the opportunity to leave the city, she would still return to help her community.

“Hard work will always pay off. (Women) should never get discouraged because we can achieve anything we put our whole heart into,” Marquez said. “It also takes a while to get the hang of organic chemistry.”

Paloma Muñoz, senior cellular and molecular biochemistry major, will be doing her own research in breast cancer alongside Dr. Giulio Francia, assistant professor in biological sciences at UTEP, once she graduates.

“I’ve always wanted to do research, but I have been so busy these past four years. I did an internship at Texas Tech last summer and I loved it,” Muñoz said. “It helped me so much in my

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Study shows graduate student debt rises to \$1.2 trillion



BY MARIA ESQUINCA
The Prospector

A 2014 report titled “The Graduate Student Debt Review,” by New America Foundation, a non-partisan public policy agency, analyzed recent data by the Department of Education and revealed that much of the \$1.2 trillion student debt is a result of graduate and professional degrees rather than from the cost of undergraduate education. Before the report, much of the discussion regarding the rising student debt in America had focused on undergraduate student loan debt. According to the report, debt for students who earned a range of mas-

ter’s and professional degrees has surged in recent years. The trend gained momentum in the years between 2008 and 2012. In 2004, the median level debt for a student who earned a Master of Arts degree was \$38,000, and in 2012 the median was \$59,000. The amount of debt also changes according to the type of graduate program. According to the report, in 2012 law students finished with an estimated \$128,125 in student loans, while MBA students finished with approximately \$36,000 of debt. Joseph Flores, a first-year graduate student studying communication, always wanted to go to graduate school.

“I’ve always liked the realm of academia and being in school,” Flores said. However, Flores said it was also economic necessity that brought him back to school. According to 2012 data from the Census Bureau’s Populations survey, about 1.5 million, or 53.6 percent, of bachelor’s degree-holders under the age of 25 last year were jobless or underemployed, the highest share in at least 11 years. Out of the 1.5 million who languished in the job market, about half were underemployed, an increase from the previous year. Despite the costs that come attached to graduate school, some students feel the need to continue onto graduate school out of economic necessity. “It’s not just my story—it’s a lot of people’s stories,” Flores said. “You have kids who are paying large amounts of money for degrees, but are having trouble finding jobs. It’s just the way it seems to work now.” Like many graduate students, Flores is paying for graduate school through federal student loans. “In the world we live in today, the more education you have, the more opportunities you have. But a lot

of the access to education is being cut and a lot of the ways people are paying for school now is just school loans,” Flores said. “It’s a vicious way to exist in the world of education. For many of us that’s just the reality of our situation.” The New America report cites that 58.6 percent of students graduating with a master’s or professional degree are taking out loans to help them pay for school. According to Gary Edens, vice president of Student Affairs, a little under 15 percent of loans taken out at UTEP are attributed to graduate students. However, not all graduate students who go into graduate school are guaranteed to leave with debt. Skye Schultz is also a first-year graduate student studying to attain her Master of Business Administration. Schultz plans to go to medical school after graduate school and said she sought an MBA because she wants to open her own surgical practice one day. “Those business skills are something doctors generally don’t have and that’s something that’s becoming more prevalent and important to have,” Schultz said. “In fact, there’s doctors going back to school to get their MBA, and so getting it ahead of time, it kind of puts me at an advantage.” Schultz is paying for most of her school through scholarships and fellowships. She hasn’t had to take out any loans. As an undergraduate, Schultz was an athlete on the soccer team and had most of her schooling paid for through an athletic scholarship. The worry of how she would pay for graduate school after her athletic schol-

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arship ran out spurred her to plan ahead for graduate school. “I had an athletic scholarship that covered a large portion of what I was going on in academics that only lasted four years,” Schultz said. “I wasn’t sure what I was going to be able to do because that was a big chunk of my funding, so I went to my advisor.” Schutlz’s advisor was able to inform her about an upcoming fellowship and recommended it to her. Schultz ended up attaining the fellowship, which along with scholarships has helped her pay for her education. According to Edens, 14.8 percent of students awarded UTEP scholarships in the 2013 – 14 academic year were masters and doctoral students. Flores said that his decision to enter graduate school was a sudden decision and that if he would have done more research ahead of time, his financial situation might be less burdensome. “There are ways to receive so that you don’t have to pay for grad school all on your own,” Flores said. “I kind of just, from one day to the next, was like it’s time to do this. My advice would be to start (researching) early.” Schultz recommends students interested in attending graduate school talk to both undergraduate and graduate advisors. “They can sort of help guide you from there, otherwise you’re sort of fumbling around in the dark and it’s just much more difficult if you do it that way,” Schultz said.

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A guide this years’ commencement ceremony

BY JOSE SOTO
The Prospector

Graduation is always an exciting and thrilling time for graduates. Celebrating this accomplishment may be important to anyone who has overcome the struggle to earn their degree. However, this spring’s commencement will be different with the 2014 centennial theme. This means that special features have been allocated for the centennial commencement, and special precautions should be considered.

The 2014 spring commencement will be held at the Sun Bowl as opposed to previous ceremonies that have traditionally been held at the Don Haskins Center. This includes changes that all graduates, and their families, should prepare for.

For graduates, the main concern is the extensive walk from registration at the Don Haskins, across Glory Road, through parking lot P-9 and toward their final destination at the south entrance of the Sun Bowl.

The following should be taken into consideration by graduates:

Glory Road will be cordoned off while the graduates are heading toward the Sun Bowl. So if people are intending to park at parking lot P-9, they should do so with enough time prior to the ceremony.

Minimizing pain, discomfort and injury is primary. Krystal Reyes, assistant coordinator at University Relations, advises graduates to wear comfortable walking shoes to manage the walk. For students who encounter any injuries or dangers during the walk, experienced EMTs will be on hand. Reyes also said that water bottles will be offered to graduates along with their programs.

Backpacks, cell phones, purses and coats are not permitted to enter the Sun Bowl, so please leave these items at home or in your vehicle. You can also, as an alternative, register these items at the Don Haskins Center during registration and pick them up after the ceremony. Beach balls, confetti and silly string will also not be permitted.

Sun Bowl ceremony calls for measures for people in need of accommodations:

For those persons needing Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations, measures have been taken as well.

Parking lot R-6 at the Student Recreation Center off Sun Bowl Drive will be reserved parking for those

needing ADA parking. A shuttle will pick these individuals up and drop them off at P-7, which will be directly in back of the seating area, which will be located on the west side of the stadium. ADA parking will also be available at P-6 across the street from the west side of the stadium as well.

Be advised that if you park at P-9, there won’t be a way to get to the west end of the stadium, which is where the ADA seating is located. You may also park at the Sun Bowl Parking Garage, which connects to the Sun Bowl parking lot via a sky bridge, but it will be very difficult for those using a wheelchair to access the ADA seating area. The shuttle will pick up ADA patrons behind the Sun Bowl Parking Garage in Miner Alley.

There will be 30 reserved wheelchair spaces near the press box and 17 other designated spaces near the north entrance.

An interpreter will be on stage and broadcasted through big screens to assist those with hearing impairments. Bill Dethlefs, director of the Center for Accommodations and Support Services, urges students and family members in need of accommodations to contact CASS at either 747-6197 or 747-5148 to make prior arrangements.

There is a need for volunteers for this event. Both University Relations and CASS are looking to gather a total of 100 volunteers. Individuals interested in volunteering should contact either department to enroll. Volunteering hours range, beginning at 4 p.m. to about an hour after the event wraps up. There is a great need for volunteers to stand in for students with disabilities who cannot make the walk from the registration site at the Don Haskins to the Sun Bowl.

To ensure an enjoyable and safe commencement ceremony, it is highly encouraged for all graduates and their families to take the measures needed for all parties involved to assist in making the event a safe and enjoyable one. For more information, Krystal Reyes may be contacted at kjreyes@utep.edu or 747-8571. To contact the Center for Accommodations and Support Service, visit sa.utep.edu/cass or e-mail cass@utep.edu. Bill Dethlefs may be contacted at bdethlefs@utep.edu or 747-5148. Visit my.utep.edu and click on the commencement tab for more information.

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FRONTERA

Estudiantes cambian perspectiva de trabajar en Mexico

POR CASSANDRA ADAME
The Prospector

Estudiantes internacionales enfrentan aún mas problemas al momento de graduarse y ejercer sus carreras. Al termino de sus estudios en Estados Unidos, su tiempo dentro del país es limitado. Organizaciones dentro de UTEP como Visión México ayudan a estos estudiantes a ubicarse dentro del mercado laboral tanto en México como en Estados Unidos.

El presidente de la organización y estudiante de tercer año en mercadotecnia, David García, comenta que esta organización fue fundada con el objetivo de que los estudiantes puedan tomar en cuenta a México como una opción laboral al momento de regresar a sus ciudades de origen y por lo tanto, no se sientan desubicados e inseguros.

García dijo “al escuchar a mis amigos graduados decir que se regresaban a México sintiendo que no habían cumplido con el objetivo, que habían fracasado, que veían con malos ojos el echo de regresar, entonces fue cuando pensé: ¿Porque tiene que ser tan desagradable el hecho de decir, me tengo que regresar a México? Si en México, también hay buenas opciones.” La cuestión es que una vez que regresaban a sus ciudades se encontraban con otro problema. La mayoría de las personas que se gradúan de las universidades mexicanas, tienen mas relaciones en el campo laboral porque hacen practicas o servicio social, como requisito, en empresas.

Jessica Lozano egresada de UTEP como ingeniera dice haber tenido muchos problemas al tratar de conseguir trabajo en El Paso. “Hice hasta lo imposible por conseguir un trabajo en El Paso. Prolongue lo mas que pude mi estadía, pero finalmente opte por regresar a Chihuahua, de donde soy. Casi inmediatamente conseguí



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Miembros de Visión México se presentan en un evento para promover la organización.

un trabajo muy bien pagado. Después de todo, valió la pena haber estudiado en Estados Unidos” dijo Lozano.

El permiso de trabajo OPT (Optional Practical Training) Entrenamiento Practico Opcional, está destinado a proporcionar a los estudiantes internacionales experiencia laboral en los Estado Unidos, como complemento de su programa académico. Un estudiante F-1 pueden acogerse a un máximo de 12 meses. Sin embargo, si un estudiante comienza un nuevo

programa académico de nivel superior (por ejemplo, maestría después de licenciatura o doctorado después de maestría), el estudiante es elegible para un período adicional de 12 meses de la OPT. En el caso de algunas carreras de ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas pueden ser elegibles para un período adicional de 17 meses de tiempo de OPT, además de la habitual de 12 meses.

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AARON MARQUEZ
Senior psychology major
“Thanks for all the great memories, good and bad. I’m glad that UTEP has given me the opportunity to continue my education at grad school.”



JESSICA MENDEZ
Senior environmental science major
“Farewell UTEP. You have been really kind to me and I hope that you continue making people a success.”



ANDY CRESPO
Senior biological sciences major
“I want to thank UTEP for helping me grow in knowledge, and also grow as a person. I’m batman.”



ALYSSA COTTMAN
Senior kinesiology major
“The past four years have literally been the best years of my life and coming to UTEP was the best decision I’ve ever made. I’ll remember the carrer center and my kinesiology classes, it was a blast.”



ENRIQUE MURILLO
Senior biological sciences major
“Thank you UTEP for all the great experiences you gave me. It was an honor to be a student here.”



ANDREA URANGA
Senior nursing major
“Thanks to UTEP and to my professors because they made this possible. I had excellent instructors and I met good friends. I enjoyed my time in this university and I am proud to graduate from here.”



ERNIE CHACON
Senior multi media journalism major
“I want to thank everyone here at UTEP for being kind to me and helping me through my process of five years of college.”



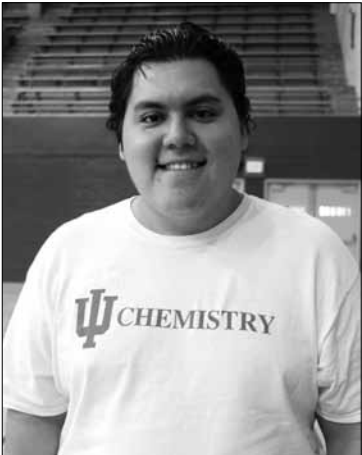
ARACELI CONTRERAS
Senior kinesiology major
“I liked UTEP towards the end because I got to experience a lot of things as a senior working at Memorial Gym.”



RENNET MILLER
Senior org. & corp. communication major
“Thank you UTEP for a great experience. Thank you for welcoming me with open arms. Goodbye UTEP and hello new beginnings.”



CATHERINE BAEZA
Senior psychology major
“I’m really excited to finally be graduating and to finally get into the real world and look for a career.”



JONATHAN MUNIZ
Senior chemistry major
“I want to thank everyone that gave me the opportunity to study here, because I came with nothing and I’m leaving with a lot of knowledge and opportunities. My last words to UTEP are ‘keep the chemistry going’.”



NATALIE JORDAN
Senior kinesiology major
“I just want to thank all the professors that took the time to really mentor us, the ones that gave it 110 percent to prepare us for the future.”



JORGE LUIS MARTINEZ
Senior chemistry major
“Thank you for these past four years, they have been good. The undergraduate research experience was a great opportunity to prepare me for grad school.”



VICTORIA RAMOS
Senior nursing major
“I want to thank this institution which has made me grow as a person and has helped me change my perspective on life.”



JUAN VALDEZ
Senior chemistry major
“Thank you UTEP for everything. Best four years of my life. Goodybye everybody!”



ADRIANA TREJO
Senior psychology major
“It’s been a great experience. I wouldn’t change it for anything.”



CLAUDIA ABRAHAM
Senior health promotion major
“I would like to thank all the teachers and advisors who have helped me through my journey.”



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“Thank you UTEP for the oportunity and for teaching me all i needed in order to succeed.”

CAREER

Paid internships pave the way to jobs, unpaid—not so much

BY MARIA ESQUINCA
The Prospector

Amber Morrison, senior creative writing major, devotes 10-15 hours per week researching sneakers. Huddled over a computer screen, she tries to learn everything about them. Jordan's, Nikes, Rebok, Adidas, Asics, the list goes on. She tries to learn what they look like, how to describe them, how they're made, etc. It's not that Morrison is obsessed with sneakers, it's part of her internship.

"I write articles about upcoming sneakers in the sneaker community, so it's more of an advertising job, but I still get to write," Morrison said. "It's really a whole other art."

Morrison applied for the internship with an upcoming company called ShoeGame HQ because she wanted to get real-world experience.

Before getting ShoeGame HQ, she had applied to five other internships. Her internship runs from April until early June.

Morrison is required to write 13 articles per week, or one to two per day. She is not getting paid and employment is not guaranteed, but Morrison is doing the internship because she wants the experience.

"I realized that I had a lot of writing experience from my classes, but I didn't have any of the professional experience," Morrison said. "It's important to have people in the real world, who can back up your writing, expertise and the work you've done for them instead of simply saying 'hey, I've done this.'"

As a creative writing major, Morrison didn't envision herself writing about sneakers, she thought she would only be writing novels. However, after she went to the University Career Center she realized her degree could be applied to other fields.

"I think I felt pressured because I realized that if I wanted to do some-

“So at least I can say it's not simply in the classroom, it's actually in the real world that I've been able to do this.”

- Amber Morrison,
senior creative writing major

thing in the writing world, I needed to actually apply for jobs in the writing world," Morrison said.

Of those who graduated in 2013, 62 percent—nearly two-thirds—participated in at least one internship or cooperative education assignment, in which colleges and companies partner to combine classroom and practical work experience, according to data just released by the National Association of Colleges and Employers. Sixty-two percent is a record high—edging out the former 57 percent high in 2008.

Of graduates in 2012, 60 percent of paid interns landed jobs and 37 percent of unpaid interns were hired. Of graduates who did not complete an internship, 36 percent were hired.

According to Nick Zweig, coordinator for the internship program at the UCC, it's important for students to explore different variations of their majors.

"An English major went to work at NASA and this person, as an intern, was taking technical language and converting it into a more normal language for publicity purposes and for outreach purposes," Zweig said.

The idea that students should look for job opportunities outside their major is something Selina O'Neal, senior political science major, believes in as well.

"I think it's important to do something that's just going to benefit you in your future, no matter what it is," O'Neal said. "Even if it's an internship that's outside your field of study, you're still developing professionally in a different way and I think that's important."

Like Morrison, O'Neal is a senior who applied for an internship to gain real-world experience.

O'Neal will be going to law school at the University of Texas at Austin next fall. She applied for an internship at a Fortune 500 company law firm through a program called Sponsors for Educational Opportunity, an organization that provides career programs to young people from underrepresented communities to maximize their opportunities for college and career success.

O'Neal applied in January and has had two interviews since then. She is expecting to be notified if she got accepted for the internship soon.

Unlike Morrison's internship, O'Neal would be getting paid about \$700-\$1,300 per week if she gets accepted, and the firm offers employment to 75 percent of their interns after they graduate from law school.

A 2012 survey of more than 1,000 college students done by Intern Bridge, a consulting firm that specializes in college recruiting, revealed that college students were twice as likely to receive a job offer from a paid internship than an unpaid internship.

However, O'Neal doesn't find the value of the internship in the pay and the potential employment, but mainly in the experience.

"It's actual substantive work," O'Neal said. "It's not just pushing papers and serving coffee. You're actually getting the legal research. You're getting exactly what you would be doing if you were a mid-level attorney." see INTERNSHIPS on page A9



SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR

REVIEW

Need to find a job? There's an app for that

BY CHRISTOPHER ZACHERL
The Prospector

Oftentimes, recent graduates struggle in the hunt for jobs. Sometimes they don't know where to apply or they might be dealing with that senioritis hangover. But their student loan debts still need to be paid somehow. Here are some apps that might make it easier for graduates to find jobs in their desired career.

"Job Search"

"Job Search," created by indeed.com, allows users to view job postings from job boards or even company websites. Of course, these job postings are available to you based on the location of where you live. The most helpful tool about "Job Search" is that you can receive notifications of your own personalized job searches straight to your smartphone. This app also allows you to apply to jobs via your smartphone. It's a great app to find a job on the go. It is rated 4.5 stars in the App Store and many people seem to be quite satisfied with it.

"Glassdoor"

You might think that "Job Search" may have all the tools required in order to quickly find a job, but "Glassdoor" has a couple of useful features that are not offered in the previous app. Of course you get to view and apply to the most recent job listings

in your area, but you also get to view company salaries, save jobs and apply later, along with finding out other important information right from a job listing. Users are also allowed to read company reviews from employees about the work environment, interview experience and senior leaders. This provides an insight about the job before you decide to apply. This app is pretty simple to navigate and it is very informational.

"Monster.com"

You can't miss out on "Monster.com" considering its long-term reputation, but let's be honest here—this app is basically the same thing as "Job Search." The only difference is that "Monster.com" allows users to access their account to upload and view and manage their resumes, cover letters and job applications. This app seems to be more convenient for a college student because you can access your account via smartphone or computer. Overall, this app is quite easy to use and "Monster.com" has been around for a while now, so it is safe to say you can trust it.

You may be wondering which of these three apps is the best, but it seems to be obvious that "Glassdoor" wins this competition. Try these apps out and see which one you find to be more helpful.

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CAMPUS LIFE

Library accommodates for finals week

BY AMANDA GUILLEN
The Prospector

Every semester the library and its staff prepare for finals week by opening its doors for 24 hours so that students can prepare for their upcoming exams and projects.

Starting on Sunday and ending on Friday, the library will serve as a temporary home for students.

The library is not the only facility that will accommodate to students needs. Sodexo will keep Jazzman's café open for 24 hours.

Robert Stakes, associate vice president of information resources and planning for the UTEP Library says that the staff is allocated in order to keep the library open and available for students.

"We reassign staff, as well as pay our staff overtime to work the additional hours for finals week," Stakes said.

Stakes said that hours of operation play an important role when it comes to successfully serving UTEP students.

"There could be students who don't have access to a quiet place, who might not have the resources and technology to study for finals," Stakes said. "Also here, they have a place to get together and study with their study groups. We make sure that we have our food service staff available as well as security to ensure that our students stay safe."

Security escorts will be available for students who stay late at night and need an escort to their vehicle.

Senior Spanish major Brenda Rodriguez said she is going to use the library services this upcoming week.

"I think this has been a great help," Rodriguez said. "I prefer to do all my studying here at UTEP than going home because then I tend to procrastinate."

Although the library is fully staffed and ready, it has had some minor setbacks.

Handling a large influx of students and a full functioning staff for 24 hours is a difficult task, Stakes said.

"Making sure we have the right staffing that can answer any students questions or concerns is what can be challenging," he said. "We want to make sure the students are taken care of, we do this for them."

Stakes said that the library has also doubled the number of study rooms since 2006, which has alleviated some demand for groups seeking a more private venue.

Sophomore multimedia journalism major Amy Licerio is part of the large group of students who are going to the library for finals.

"The only time I use the library is for finals week, and I appreciate everything they offer because I know that it helps," Licerio said. "I get out of work at 10 p.m. so it is nice to have the library open."

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Library employee checks out a book for a student.

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Morrison, too, believes the value of her internship is found in the experience it will help her attain.

"I can have that (experience) on my resume and say, 'you know what, I actually have this real-world experience. I'm not simply a writer who writes in their basement or something,'" Morrison said. "So at least I can say it's not simply in the classroom, it's actually in the real world that I've been able to do this."

According to Zweig, employers have grown more selective when hiring new employees and one of the things they look for when hiring is experience.

"So one of the things that has come to play more significantly than the past is they're looking for experience, and that experience for the UTEP student often takes the form of an internship," Zweig said.

Two surveys done by the National Association of Colleges and Employers indicate that internships not only increase the likelihood of getting a job, but keeping one.

According to the 2012 Internship and Co-Op Survey and the Student Survey Class, 63 percent of paid interns received at least one job offer upon graduating, in comparison only 38 percent of college students without internship experience received a job offer upon graduation.

Some of the ways students can look for internships is by going to Job Mine, a career and internship database offered by the UCC that is available to UTEP students. Students may also go to websites such as internships.com.

According to Zweig, networking is also a simple and helpful way to find an internship or a job.

"A lot of it involves working with the people that you know," Zweig said. "You ask everybody that you know, your professors, your family, friends. You know of any opportunities? It's often surprising who has connections to who."

Zweig emphasized that it's important to start looking for internship opportunities whether you're a freshman or a senior.

"There is no right time, the right time is now," Zweig said.

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classes. Whenever professors would discuss research papers, I knew exactly what they were doing.”

Given her experiences on campus, Muñoz believes that it is always going to be hard for women who are in the STEM field.

“One of my professors told me that when she was doing research, her principle investigator paid no mind to her when she wanted to voice her opinion. I feel that if I do continue with research, I will be prepared because of my professors, but difficult because of my gender,” Muñoz said. “This is still a man’s world. I will truly have to challenge myself to prove that I am capable.”

Muñoz plans to one day leave El Paso to continue her research elsewhere so that she may grow in the field.

“There is no other feeling than proving people wrong. I say this in the most humble way possible, especially proving men wrong intellectually,” she said.

Sarah Abu-Issa, senior biological sciences major, will be applying to Texas medical schools this summer after graduation to pursue a career in pediatrics, along with other specialties.

“When I was in middle school, I would spend time in my mom’s classroom before the bell rang—she’s a

special education teacher—and play with her students. I was intrigued by their illnesses and wanted to learn more about them,” Abu-Issa said. “I’ve also got the opportunity to shadow pediatricians and I really loved it.”

Abu-Issa believes that women can change the face of medicine and the STEM field. In the instance where she encounters a mother as a pediatrician, she believes that it can create a more trusting patient-doctor relationship.

“It’s great that our society is moving forward to some extent in terms of gender equality. It’s empowering that women now have the resources and advantages to be on the same playing field as men,” Abu-Issa said. “I think that having more women working in the STEM field will help the field progress. Who knows? Maybe the cure to cancer is locked inside the mind of a woman.”

Abu-Issa’s female cousins in the Middle East are engineers, computer scientists or have a math degree. She believes that women do have the potential and that America needs to catch up with other countries.

“Women can be just as good as men, if not better, in the STEM field. They can succeed just as much as anyone else in their field,” Abu-Issa said.

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SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR

David García, presidente de Visión México, Fernanda Fiscal, vice presidente y Rodolfo Vazquez, tesorero en un evento de la organización.

García comenta que a veces dejamos eso (el permiso OPT) tan im-

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portante y tan crucial, hasta el ultimo. “Hay muchos estudiantes que batallan porque el OPT tarda cierto tiempo en llegar. Los estudiantes están contra el reloj, si no les llega el permiso, se tienen que salir del país por que no pueden estar aquí legalmente. Y la preocupación no acaba ahí, cuando tienes el permiso, tienes que encontrar un trabajo relacionado a tu carrera y las opciones de trabajo tanto para internacionales como para americanos ó residentes, la verdad es que son medio difíciles. Me parece que tienes tres meses para reportarte como empleado, si no pues se te acaba el permiso.”

Jorge Ortega estudiante de tercer año de ingeniería eléctrica piensa

aplicar tanto en México como en Estados Unidos. “La verdad para mi no hay ningún problema con conseguir trabajo en cualquiera de estos dos países. Creo que UTEP ha sido una plataforma excelente para mi. Hoy yo puedo escoger en que país quiero trabajar, cuando muchos otros ni siquiera pueden escoger, se tienen que quedar donde les toco nacer.”

David García comenta que en una ocasión el, en ese entonces, Delegado Federal del Trabajo de Chihuahua dió una conferencia en la universidad donde mencionaba que los estudiantes de UTEP tienen una ventaja de aproximadamente 10 años, en términos educativos.

“Nosotros le hemos comprobado a la SEP (Secretaria de Educación Publica) que el sistema universitario y escolar que ellos plantean esta atrasado. Mientras que las universidades enseñan una cosa, las empresas

están requiriendo otra”, dijo el ingeniero, Víctor Hugo Sáenz Morales.

“Yo creo que la universidad esta conciente del apoyo que necesita darle a los estudiantes internacionales. Prueba de ello es la ayuda que nos da la oficina de servicios de orientación profesional (Career Services) y la oficina de estudiantes internacionales que facilita el contacto con empresas. Yo creo que es mas cuestión como estudiantes internacionales integrarnos mas entre nosotros y apoyarnos para salir todos adelante y que esto sea un ganar, ganar”, finalizo García. Para mas información puede contactar a David García por dagarcia76@miners.utep.edu.

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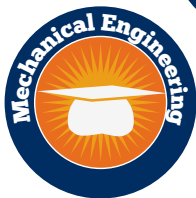
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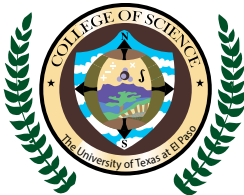
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1) Students took part in the annual TCM Day on March 21. 2) Beck visited El Paso on April 23 and introduced his latest album "Morning Phase." 3) Students participated on the third-annual Miner Soak Down having more than 20,000 water balloons. 4) HOLI festivities where students had fun interacting with their friends. 5) Fabian Uribe was selected as one of the artists to showcase his work for the Pick Axe centennial project. 6) Sun City SciFi attracted fans to the El Paso Convention Center on March 15.

REVIEW

UDT does justice to broadway’s renowned production



MICHAELA ROMAN / THE PROSPECTOR

“Les Misérables” will have its last performance on May 25 at the UTEP Dinner Theatre.

BY ANDREA ACOSTA

The Prospector

Patience is a virtue, and the UTEP Dinner Theatre proved this to be true when they finally got the extraordinary opportunity to stage the premier of Victor Hugo’s novel “Les Misérables.”

The atmosphere was filled with excitement as the audience waited anxiously in the lobby for the clock to strike seven so they could make their entrance into the theater—the place where goose bumps would be

raised and constant aweing would echo just a few seconds after the curtains were lifted.

It’s no surprise to say that “Les Misérables” has captured audiences’ hearts around the world, with Herbert Ketzmer and Claude-Michel Schonberg’s heartfelt music and lyrics.

That would be the least you could say about El Paso audiences’ reaction to the UTEP Dinner Theatre cast and crew’s extraordinary job on the renowned and highly acclaimed production.

The audience members were at the edge of their seats as they witnessed the curtains go up and saw the beautifully decorated and innovative set that was displayed before their eyes.

Every set change throughout the play was done very smoothly. Set designer Michael Spence and video/sound designer Don Cieslik did a remarkable job considering the theater’s limited space. It was impressive to see how much work and effort was put into each and every set, prop, curtain drop and costume.

After waiting 28 years to have the approval to stage “Les Misérables,” UDT lost no time in planning the idea on how to stage this production. A lot of thought put into this by Director Greg Taylor and the team in order to share this production in the best light possible. The execution was done very meticulously, considering the adaptation and modification the show had to undergo.

The cast is a very dedicated and versatile group of people, including current UTEP students, alumni, fans of the show and kids, who were cast for the roles of young Eponine, Cosette and Gavroche.

Jean Valjean, who was played by Joe Estala, interpreted every song with emotion and made our hearts stop with his two-octave-range falsetto at the end of “Bring Him Home.” He brought the audience to complete silence, which was followed by a much earned round of applause. He demonstrated his range of voice through every song and his acting was just as versatile and engaging to watch.

Josey Mitchell, who has been involved in various productions at the UDT, played the important role of Fantine. She gave a very heartfelt performance throughout the show. As she began “I Dreamed a Dream,” the clarity of her voice and interpretation made the audience shiver.

Being a sung-through musical, Patricia Ann Provencio, musical director, had the very complex task of directing the live orchestra through a variety of overlapping duets such

as “The Confrontation” and “In My Life,” as well as songs such as “One Day More,” which was reprised on various melodies and involved the entire cast. Provencio did a phenomenal job overall that the orchestra sounded identical to that of the original score and had such a clear sound that the audience wondered if it was a pre-recording.

However, there were some instances where the entire cast could have been a stronger group when interpreting such powerful and inspiring songs like “One Day More” and “Do You Hear the People Sing.” They lacked just a little bit more of a courageous stage presence. Although, the blocking might have contributed to this factor, the cast shined through with their satisfying singing ability.

Everyone one involved in the musical gave a stellar singing performance. From Enjolras and the army students’ interpretation of “Red and Black” (played by Ricardo Parra) to Marius’s touching song—played extraordinarily by Thaelon Stonecipher—“Empty Chairs and Empty Tables,” who sang it an octave higher when it reached the climax of the melody.

Eponine’s much awaited, “On My Own,” was played by Avery Segapeli, where she interpreted the songs with much ease.

A pinch of more sadness in her voice and exasperation in her interpretation would have been nice to witness, but overall her performance was as emotional.

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A canvas of colorful opportunities

BY LESLY LIMON
The Prospector

Every Saturday, artists, local farmers and business owners gather at the Union Plaza to share their latest crafted art and products with the community. Additionally, the Downtown Artist and Farmers Market has also attracted UTEP alumni, allowing them to showcase their work in a broader spectrum, network with other professional artists and give back to the El Paso community.

“The farmers market is important for the community, because they provide an outlet at an artist’s price. The booth fees are affordable and it’s just a really good platform for fine artists to begin with,” said Sarahummingbird Johnsen, UTEP alumna.

Johnsen, who graduated with a bachelor’s degree in painting and has participated in various local art markets, said that it takes a certain confidence and pride to sell artwork, but it has been a good place to practice.

“I assume many fine artists would like to find their work in gallery space with respectable meaningful prices on their work, but finding that here is hard to come by,” Johnsen said. “So, I think it’s a wonderful place to begin and grow. Farmer’s markets are all about roots, and I think it’s a place to find yourself and bloom, at least for me.”

Johnsen began by selling homemade fairy wings for about five years. Later, she transitioned to selling Día de los Muertos artwork, calendars and prints. However, it wasn’t until last year that she started selling her regular artwork and poetry books as well.

“The Artist and Farmers Market is very important for artists in our community, especially UTEP students,” said Elisa Lozano, graphic design major. “It gives students the opportunity to show their work to the community and to meet other artists in the region. The farmers market also has some good food, and every now and then, a band will play too. There should be more events like this around the city.”

While some like to showcase their art and make their name be heard, others like Aryk Gardea, former ceramics instructor, spend their free time to give back to the community at the market and educating young artists.

Gardea holds various workshops for children around the community under the pseudonym, Art Picnic. The workshops he hosts vary, from painting and ceramics to crafts. His upcoming workshop will feature bicycle-building, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 10.

Ricardo Velas, UTEP mass communication alumni and award-winning journalist is also a familiar face at the Artists and Farmers market. Accord-

ing to him, giving back to the community is important, but so is attracting young artists .

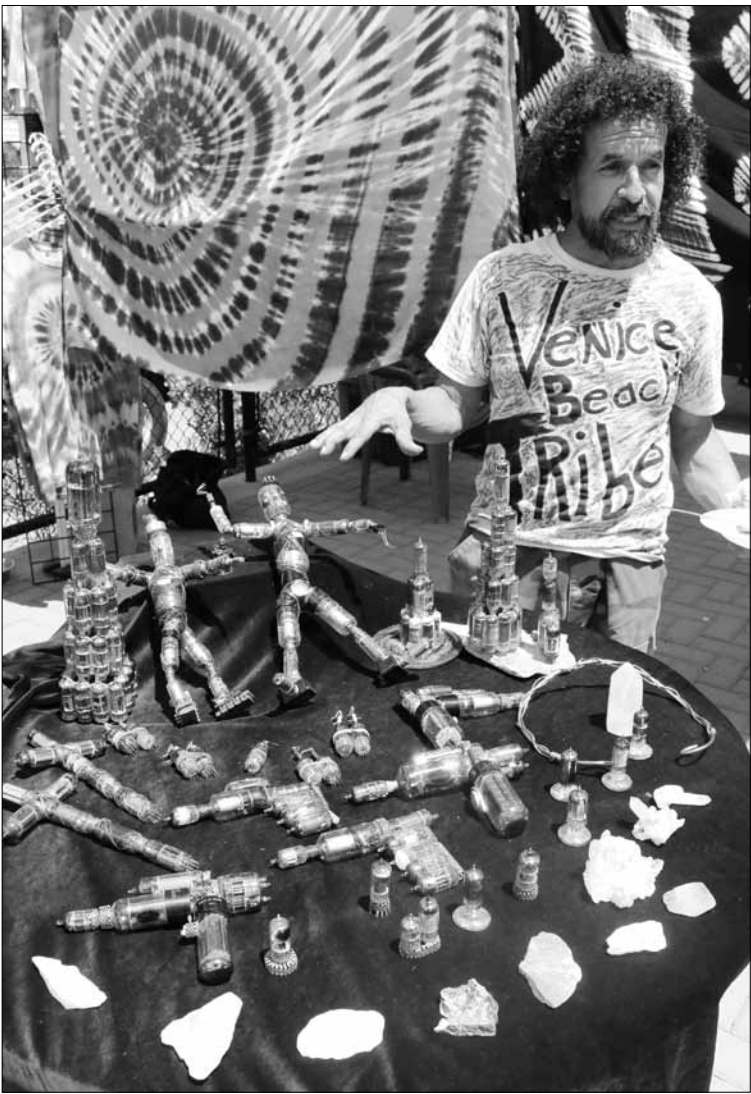
“We need to bring awareness on how much talent is here,” Velas said. “I think it’s very special that they help support the art market. At this point, the individuals who purchase an original piece of art become collectors, they begin to see art in a different perspective. They get to also talk to the artist, interact with them on what motivated their work.”

Velas said that the farmers market is a great way to motivate the younger generation and graduating artists since this provides them with a space to showcase their art.

Johnsen said that, thanks to her degree in art, she is able to be a part of many opportunities that come her way as an artist and meet people who share her same passion.

“Universities in general provide a massive melting pot of possibilities to pick from. They are important for youth, even when they may not know what they want to be or do with life,” Johnsen said. “The amount of perspective provided in meeting professors and intermingling with other people from all over the world and sharing in openness for knowledge, is profound.”

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The Downtown Artists and Farmers Market takes from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday at the Union Plaza.

CENTENNIAL

Time Capsule to engage future generations

BY AMBER GOMEZ
The Prospector

Students from an organizational communication class were put in charge of creating a time capsule in order to celebrate the university’s centennial year. To do so, they created a Facebook page for students to submit photos of the campus regarding a theme.

“I am part of an organizational communication class that is in charge of the project. We were told that we could choose to take on a project during the semester as opposed to a more traditional class experience, and we opted to create a time capsule for the centennial. It was presented to us as a possibility among other things, but

ultimately the class decided on starting the time capsule project,” said Rebecca Guerrero, senior communication major and former Prospector Staff reporter. “I am part of a group of the class called Image that is in charge of collecting UTEP’s image from a grassroots, student perspective. It’s been a harrowing process, but a really fun one, too.”

While Guerrero is part of the class that works on the timeline, she also actively submits her photos toward the Facebook page called the UTEP Centennial Time Capsule. Any student is welcome to participate by sending in a picture corresponding to the chosen theme and writing #UTEPTIME-

CAPSULE and #MYUTEPOV in the picture description.

“The themes decided for the pictures are based on what is most likely to change in the future,” said Adriana Hernandez, junior communication major. “For example, the theme right now is fashion. Just imagine how students in 100 years will be dressing and what they will think of how we dress.”

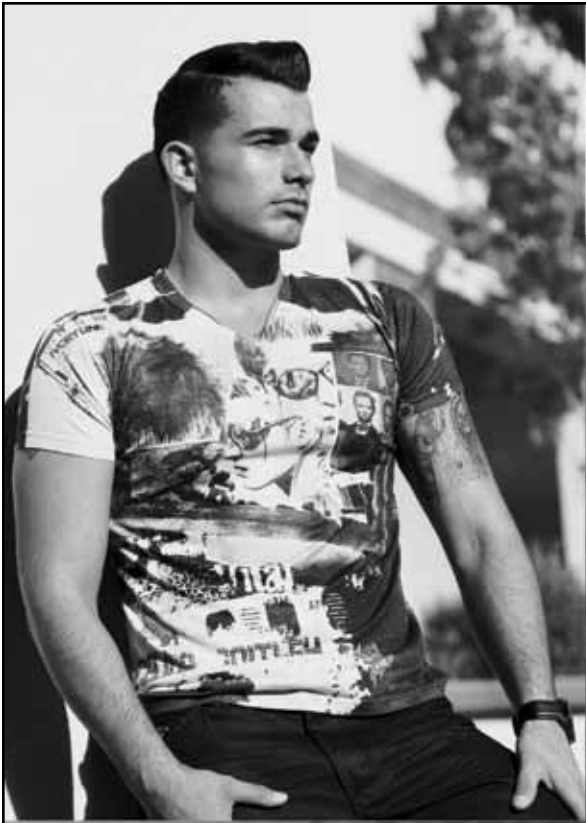
Since the organizational communication class is in charge of the time capsule, there are more students than the Image team working on the project. According to Hernandez, there are ideas floating around as to what else will be going into the capsule and possibly having it located in the Centennial Plaza. However, through this


process of obtaining items for the time capsule, the class is in need of more campus participation in this project.

“Sadly, not many students have been submitting their pictures so far,” Hernandez said. “We are working on tactics to get students involved in the project. I believe that students should help UTEP in telling its story. This is an opportunity for students to be part of something bigger and to leave a mark in Miner history.”

The time capsule will play an important role to come in the next century. The students of the future will be able to look back in time and observe this generation, and perhaps even see CAPSULE on page A18

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- Adriana Hernandez, junior communication major





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TOP TEN SENIORS

Students reminisce on their academic journey

BY HELEN YIP
The Prospector

Jorge Luis Banos Gomar, 25, who received his bachelor's degree in accounting in December 2013, is excited that all of his hard work has paid off.

"The Top Ten Senior Award was like the cherry on top of my academic career," Gomar said.

UTEP recently recognized its Top Ten Seniors at the annual Honors Convocation on April 13. These seniors will be honored again during the spring Commencement May 17. The seniors were chosen from undergraduate students who either graduated during winter 2013 or who will graduate this spring.

Gomar came to UTEP from Mexico City, where he studied international relations and political science. When he came to UTEP, he transferred to accounting and decided that was the way to go.

"I did an internship, and while I was working, I got pulled into the business side and liked it," Gomar said. "My family all own businesses, so accounting seems like it was for me."

Adjusting to the university life in the U.S. was not hard for Gomar, but he said he could see the two countries were quite different.

"The environment is completely different, I had a chance to be part of a lot of extracurricular activities," Gomar said. "I could tell it was a big difference."

Gomar was part of the Association of Information Technology Professionals and in the 2012-2013 school year he became president. AITP is a networking forum made for delivering technology and leadership education and research on current business and technology issues.

Gomar's accomplishments include his presidential position of the business organization Beta Alpha Psi, along with the Golden Key Honor Society whose members strive for academic leadership and service excellence.

Gomar is now pursuing his master's degree in accounting at UTEP, while he works for El Paso Electric Company. He said he is very thankful to a number of professors at UTEP that helped him succeed.

One faculty member in particular was Hettie Houghton, lecturer in accounting and the adviser to Beta Alpha Psi.

"She was also a Top Ten Senior. She went on to get her master's and now she is a professor at UTEP," Gomar said. "She was an inspiration to me."

Students who want to be awarded the Top Ten Senior Award need to meet a number of rigorous achievements including a minimum cumulative 3.25 grade point average, sus-

tained involvement and leadership on campus and in the community.

Victoria Martyn, 22, senior kinesiology major, said it was no small task to get to where she is today.

"I really had to break a lot of bad habits like procrastination and really try and focus in order to do well in school and in soccer," Martyn said.

Martyn is from Edmonton, the capital of the Canadian province of Alberta. She grew up playing soccer from the age of 4, and played for UTEP all four years after being scouted by her coach Kevin Cross.

"My coach has given me amazing opportunities during my time here and he really tried to make the experience as good as possible for us," Martyn said. "I'm so appreciative of him because I got to focus on my studies because of the scholarship I got from him."

Martyn received the Peter and Margret De Wetter Academic Scholarship as well as an athletic scholarship. Among her achievements in athletics and academics, Martyn was also a part of a committee to create the Miners Helping Miners Scholarship for the kinesiology program.

MHM is a scholarship that was developed by the team, including Martyn, under the direction of Dr. George King, associate professor of the kinesiology program. It is a system based on donors, who consist of students, alumni or anyone who can give a small amount of fund to accumulate enough for a scholarship.

Martyn was also part of the American College of Sports Medicine Student Bowl, which is a society dedicated to health aspects of persons engaged in sports and exercise.

Another Top Ten Senior is Tanya Sue Maestas, 21, senior in biological sciences. After she graduates, Maestas will be leaving for the UT Health Science Center School of Dentistry in Houston.

"If I had to choose three people that really helped me, it would be Mary Wells, Dr. Stephen Aley and Dr. Robert Kitchens," Maestas said.

Maestas was born and raised in El Paso and said she wants to specialize in periodontics.

"The common thing they are doing right now is putting implants on people to replace a tooth, essentially," Maestas said.

Maestas was in 25 different student organizations throughout her UTEP career. Maestas had the honor of being a senator-at-large-for the Student Government Association during her sophomore year. In her junior year, Maestas became president for SGA.

"If I had to pick my top favorites, it would be Student Government Association and The American Society for Microbiology," Maestas said.

“My coach has given me amazing opportunities during my time here and he really tried to make the experience as good as possible for us.”

- Victoria Martyn, senior kinesiology major

Jeremiah Steed, 22, senior physics major, will be making UTEP proud when he enters medical school at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, Texas, this August.

Steed was born in Durango, Colorado, and he said he has always wanted to be a doctor.

"I was home-schooled, so I give my mother a lot of credit for how much she taught me and how much she cared," Steed said. "My father was also very motivating and very encouraging to help me have a vision of what I could be and what I wanted to be."

Steed said he grew up with drive and determination to do the things that were a challenge.

He said excelling academically at UTEP became second nature because of his upbringing.

"When I felt like it was too much or I was incapable, I would fall on my knees and pray," Steed said. "I know without a doubt that is solely responsible for my success."

Steed started shadowing a doctor in Ft. Worth before he came to UTEP. The summer between his freshmen and sophomore year, Steed went to the Philippines and worked for Habitat for Humanity for two months. Steed also worked on the financial aid committee, and was also a teaching assistant for the physics department his sophomore year.

Steed really credits a lot of success to his dad.

"He taught me to try and do more than to just choose what's easy," Steed said. "To have a dream, something that's worth living for something that matters rather than just the status quo."

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Top Ten Seniors are (left to right) Ahmad Khattab, Ana Camargo, Jorge Luis Gomar, C. Janet Gomez, Paulina Lopez, Tanya Maestas, Anahi Marquez, Victoria Martyn, Jeremiah Steed and Stephanie Trujillo.

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Javert was brilliantly played by Jaime Barba (who was also costume designer) who made him very believable and gave him a very evil character development that he continued to demonstrate throughout the show until his last soliloquy. Despite him having some minor problems keeping up with the orchestra, he didn't lose focus on his overall performance.

The cast demonstrated a top act and character growth throughout the entire show. The Thérnadiers, played by Selena Stair and Danny Lopez, had fantastic moments of pure comedy that forced the entire audience to stop eating their delicious dessert to properly laugh.

The audience enjoyed a very tasty menu that included a French onion

soup, chicken Marsala as the main entrée complimented with potatoes au gratin, French-style green beans, croissant dinner rolls and the tasty chocolate éclair for dessert.

"Les Miserables" has extended its showing until May 25, because of the positive feedback from the audience. No matter if you are a fan of Hugo's masterpiece or not, take the opportunity to become part of this great show, as it will leave you in awe and flabbergasted with the immense talent you will witness.

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learn a thing or two from us as well, Hernandez said.

"It's always important to remember our history and where we come from," Guerrero said. "People who don't study the past and remember that it was real—people who existed there and made real decisions—are doomed to repeat their mistakes. It always falls on the shoulders of the young to correct the mistakes of our predecessors. I hope that whatever the issues are in 100 years, UTEP kids aren't afraid to make change for the better and stand up for what they believe in."

Once the time capsule is opened in a 100 years Guerrero imagines life will be much different than it is now and has very high hopes about the future.

"When you think of what life was like 100 years ago, it's insanely different," Guerrero said. "The leaps we've made in technology are astounding and if we keep moving at that rate, who knows? Maybe we'll have hover boards to get to class."

Guerrero hopes that people react with excitement and maybe a little bit of nostalgia when it's finally time to open it.

"Hopefully, it will give them a sense of importance; that the people who made this time capsule are gone, but it's their time now to make something great of this life," Guerrero said.

The Facebook page is still open and anyone is welcomed to submit their pictures.

"It's a great concept," said Mathew Boston, senior computer science ma-

gor. "If you take a picture, it will last longer. We are only able to know our history because individuals took the time to document it, just like they're doing in the UTEP time capsule."

As the year progresses, the communication class will have a new group working on the time capsule project for next semester. However, the project will still be ongoing and needs students to participate by submitting their photos online.

"I really hope students get excited by this project and really want to be a part of it," Hernandez said. "UTEP is a second home for all of us, and it is our responsibility to tell its story and communicate to the students of the future."

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Chihuahuas get back on track, win four straight



(Top) manager Pat Murphy salutes the crowd during opening day.
(Below) Billy Buckner pitches against the Fresno Grizzlies on May 1.

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BY JAVIER CORTEZ

The Prospector

The opening week for the El Paso Chihuahuas was nothing short of historic. The eight game home stand featured extra inning thrillers, virtuoso pitching performances and some Chihuahua wins.

The opening series against the Fresno Grizzlies was a series of firsts for the Chihuahuas and the city of El Paso. Opening day saw Southwest University Park sold out with a great atmosphere brought on by the new and excited fans.

The first four games had everything but a Chihuahuas win, the Grizzlies swept the opening series 4-0 and outscored the Chihuahuas 22-9.

Even though it was the Chihuahua's first official home series, the players still feel out of place in a city that they have never played in before. Due to construction setbacks the Chihuahuas had to play their first 25 games on the road.

Infielder Kyle Blanks is still feeling out the city and the new ballpark just like everyone else.

"It's hard to go and play 25 on the road, essentially you come here and you are still on the road because you never played here," Blanks said. "We hadn't really played either, same thing as any other team coming here, so we are as familiar with this ballpark just as anybody else. We have a very good team it's just a matter of time for everyone to find their groove."

Blanks has 9 HR's this season and just today got recalled to the San Diego Padres. Blanks hit two in the home stand Friday and Sunday against the Sacramento Rivercats.

Despite losing their first four home games, the Chihuahuas and El Paso fans did not falter. In front of another sellout

crowd the Chihuahuas steam rolled the Sacramento Rivercats 12-3 after falling behind 3-0 early in the game.

The success continued for the next three games, as the Chihuahuas secured their first home series win by sweeping Sacramento and finishing the eight game home stand on a good note.

Manager Pat Murphy couldn't have been happier with the effort and finally securing a win at Southwest University Park.

"I'm really proud of these guys," Murphy said. "We had a lot of obstacles, a lot of injuries, but they have shown relentless effort. Is a good win and it's important to get the first one, we owed it to the community."

The four game winning streak is the longest winning streak concluded with a walk-off grand slam by shortstop Jake Lemmerman to give the Chihuahuas their longest-winning streak of the season.

Blanks sees that things are finally coming together for the Chihuahuas and the fan support is always a good thing.

"Everyone has come together well," Blanks said. "Everyone is moving in the same direction and that's good especially playing in a new place. Plenty of people are coming to the games and a lot of people are behind us, so that's a good thing."

The Chihuahuas will now go on the road for four games to face the Fresno Grizzlies for the second time this year, before returning home. The Chihuahuas will return home for another eight game home stand against the Albuquerque Isotopes and the Las Vegas 51s.

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PROFILE

Keitha Adams ends impressive year with Hall of Fame induction

BY EDWIN DELGADO

The Prospector

Without a doubt the 2013-14 season for the women's basketball season was a memorable one. The Don Haskins Center and the fans got to witness records all year long.

For head coach Keitha Adams it was a fun year, one of her best experiences and she got the icing on the cake after being inducted into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame for her success the past thirteen years.

"It's amazing, I'm extremely honored it's something that I'm very thankful for, it means a lot," Adams said. "This is a reflection of my players, my coaching staff, UTEP and our administration. I had tremendous support to build the program, It's an honor."

Adams, a native of Oxford, Kansas, came to UTEP in 2001 to lead a program that was struggling and in her first year, the team finished with a 3-25 record. She steadily manage to create a winning tradition for the program.

In her seventh season in charge, the Miners finished undefeated in conference and earned their first berth at the NCAA tournament for UTEP and defeated Western Kentucky in the first round.

In her 13 years, she has compiled a 213-155 record and led the Miners to play Rutgers at the WNIT Championship game and drawing back-to-back sellouts in their final two games.

"It was so much fun, it was electrifying," Adams said. "There was so much energy and enthusiasm, the energy in the Haskins Center was amazing."

Kayla set records for most career points, rebounds and double-doubles, Kelli Willingham became the Miner with the most made three-pointers and the team obtained the first and third biggest win in school history against Northern Arizona and Kansas State respectively.

"Our players really fed off the fans and I think there was a connection between our fans and our players," Adams said. "People were leaving the arena so happy for being part of the game and helping us and I think there was a unique connection."

Adams said that the success from this year will enable them to recruit even better and the WNIT will definitely have a positive impact for the program moving forward.

"When we bring recruits in, we are going to be able to show them footage and video and pictures and tell them how El Paso is a very passionate community that can really get on fire and

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- Keitha Adams, women's basketball head coach

be very, very loud and supportive," Adams said.

Her accomplishments earned her the respect of the community and is now among the greatest after being inducted in the 59th class of the El Paso Hall of Fame, but despite having a great season, she know she and her players can still accomplish a lot more in the future and knows the fan base will be there to support them.

"I was the lucky one that got to be a part of that (fan support in WNIT) and witness it" Adams said. "It's something that I will always treasure for ever, it was a great experience."

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Keitha Adams signs a women's basketball poster for a local fan at the Hall of Fame Induction.

SOFTBALL

End of a long difficult road for Hohman, Leasau

BY LUIS BARRIO
The Prospector

Leaders come in all forms. For some people, it's about being vocal and encouraging to teammates. For others, they might be a little more of the silent type, but make up for it by simply leading by example.

For seniors Colleen Hohman and Alanna Leasau, the journey had many ups and down on their path, but in the eyes of their teammates found success.

Hohman was the unanimous team vote for loudest and most vocal teammate. The one thing louder than the encouragement she brought from the dugout might be the loudness of her bat coming off the ball.

"She is the most vocal person we have and the loudest person we have," said head coach Tobin Echo-Hawk. "You can't replace that, you just hope someone will come in and have that same passion."

Hohman is the team leader in homeruns with 11, along with being a big bat at the plate; Hohman spends her time on the pitcher's mound. She won five games this year, along with a team-high 57 strikeouts.

All great things come in pairs, and for the UTEP softball team this year; it was Hohman and her teammate Leasau.

Leasau was second to Hohman in homeruns with seven. She was walked more than any other batter on the squad. She tallied more doubles than anyone on the team besides Hohman.

While the two players seem to be a contrast of personalities, with Leasau being more reserved than Hohman, both players share one distinct and crucial characteristic. They both get the job done.

"Usually seniors are comfortable and are not necessarily used to change. They have done a great job of embracing me and my coaching staff," Echo-Hawk said. "They are a huge part of the team."

The road to success is never easy. Hohman and Leasau have both spoken about coming a long way to get where they now stand. They are decorated seniors and part of a class of five seniors that the softball team will be losing.

Leasau began to play softball and found the sport to be something she enjoyed doing for fun. She comes from California and was born in the town of Alameda, where she said athletes could not simply play the sport for fun because the standard was a little higher.

"When I first started is when I had a lot of doubts. Where I grew up, you had to build a name for yourself," Leasau said. "I was out there trying to have fun and they said 'you are not good enough.' It fired me up."

She chose not to quit, but disproved all the naysayers. Leasau stayed quiet and simply showed them with her actions, just as she does now.

"Alanna is that consistent kid. She is not flashy, but does all the little things right. She does not need to be in the limelight and praised. She does it because she loves the game," said Echo-Hawk. "It's sad that you have such a short time with these girls. It's been a wonderful year and I couldn't have asked for a better group of kids to come and be my seniors in a transitional year."

Both Hohman and Leasau had that special someone to just simply talk baseball with. In the summer, Hohman and her father would spend hours just talking about this peculiar sport. They would catch White Sox games in her home state of Illinois.

For Leasau, it was her grandfather. He will always remain with her because she carries a special remembrance of him as a necklace.

"He had a really big impact on my life. He is the reason why I play," Leasau said. "Me and him could sit for hours and talk baseball and softball. I want to do it for him."

For Hohman, it was overcoming her own mind that caused her current success.

"I've come a long way. I was a head case. I was negative and had no confidence," Hohman said.

She began her softball career playing for the Kansas Jayhawks. She had achieved what she desired and that was playing at a high-caliber program. Then things got tough, her



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UTEP softball celebrate a win over UTSA at home plate on thier last home series of the year.

coaches told her that she would not get to pitch ever. She only appeared in seven games for the Jayhawks.

She then decided to transfer to UTEP, but things remained difficult at first.

"She struggled mentally at having that confidence both defensively and offensively," Echo-Hawk said.

Hohman figured out that she loves the sport too much to stress. Realizing that she was in the waning moments of her softball career, she knew it was best to enjoy it instead of stressing about it.

"Now I know I can get it done. I am more of a hitter you can rely on. I realized I wanted to enjoy the game," Hohman said. "It is so much easier to play with girls you know will support you no matter what."

At times, these two were down in the dirt. They seemed out. It was a "double-play" between Hohman and Leasau that came from within each player to not strikeout, but to earn their runs.

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SIMONSEN TO COMPETE IN NCAA REGIONAL

Junior Martin Simonsen was one of 45 individuals selected to participate in the 2014 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championships on May 5.

Six 54-hole regional tournaments will be conducted May 15-17. Simonsen will compete at the San Antonio regional at Briggs Ranch Golf Club. The native of Gistrup, Denmark, will be making his second NCAA regional appearance. He tied for 27th place at the Norman (Okla.) regional as a freshman in 2012.

The low five teams and the low individual not on those teams, from each regional, will advance to the finals, slated for May 23-28 at the Prairie Dunes Country Club in Hutchinson, Kansas.

The San Antonio regional features participating teams College of Charleston, Columbia, Georgia, Georgia Southern, Georgia State, Northwestern, Southern Methodist, Texas Christian, Central Florida, UCLA, South Florida, Vanderbilt and Virginia Commonwealth.

The individuals in the San Antonio regional, besides Simonsen, are Sacred Heart's Peter Ballo, Southeastern Louisiana's Grady Brame, San Diego's Grant Forrest, U.S. Military Academy's Peter Kim, Louisiana Tech's Victor Lange, Arizona's Alex McMahon and Eric Oja, Texas State's Stuart Smallwood and Houston Baptist's Preston Stanley.

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1) Freshman forward Vince Hunter gets a layup against FAU. 2) Southwest University Park during opening night on April 28. 3) Senior Rebecca Calvillo hits a running forehand. 4) Senior forward Kayla Thornton celebrates WNIT semifinal win against South Dakota State with sophomore guard Jenzel Nash. 5) Distance runners Anthony Rotich and Elphas Maiyo run at the UTEP Invitational on April 12.



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Local athletes boost UTEP athletic programs



BY EDWIN DELGADO
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The 2013-14 academic year was a great one for the local athletes to give a boost to all UTEP athletic programs.

This season in particular was arguably one of the best when it comes to success from athletes from the borderland.

The team that benefited the most from having El Paso natives in its ranks was the women's basketball team, who had forward Kayla Thornton and guard Stacie Telles, who came out of Irvin High School and Burges High School, respectively.

This season alone, Thornton accounted for 663 points, 344 rebounds and 19 double-doubles this season on her way to becoming the Miners' leading scorer, rebounder and having the most double-doubles in school history. She was also part of the winningest class in program history and enjoyed a historic run to the title game in the Women's NIT, drawing back-to-back sellout crowds.

"She is amazing—one of the best in our program and I'm really proud of what she accomplished," said women's head basketball coach

Keitha Adams. "I think there has only been one year in the time that I've been here that I didn't have any El Paso athletes, we've had great players in Natasha Lacy, Ana Valtierra, Monica Carrasco, and of course now, Kayla Thornton and Stacie Telles. That's our philosophy, it's something we've done and will continue to do here."

Despite not having as big of an impact on the men's basketball team, guard Tevin Caldwell saw a good amount of minutes on the floor. Alvin and Aaron Jones, along with Caldwell, came in handy after three players were expelled from the team.

"It has been a blessing for me personally. It feels good to be playing in front of friends and family that can come watch me," Caldwell said. "It just gives me motivation to work hard and do the best I can."

Despite not having extended minutes or scoring a lot, Aaron Jones helped bring excitement into the games as the crowd stood up and cheered every time he went into a game and every time he made something happen.

"El Paso athletes never give up," Caldwell said. "They are usually underrated, they are not highly praised,

but they never give up and let that stop them."

Aaron Jones' role on the basketball team was primarily to give a breather to C.J. Cooper, but where he really had an impact was on the gridiron.

Jones immediately contributed to the football team in his freshman season. To the surprise of everyone, he was the leading rusher of the team last season with 811 yards to go with four touchdowns in six and a half games.

In his debut against the New Mexico Lobos, he scored twice, the first a 65-yard run, and in the final moments of the fourth quarter, he got the touchdown to tie the game and send it to overtime.

"Playing at UTEP, I feel like it's an honor playing in front of our friends and family," Aaron Jones said. "UTEP was the only school that really gave me an opportunity."

Kugler, throughout the season, said he was a fan of Aaron Jones' work ethic and said that is why for him and his staff, when recruiting they always have to get the best El Paso players first, in his first two years at the helm, Kugler has recruited six local players.

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A team that will be loaded with El Pasoans is the UTEP soccer team. Last season, midfielder Gina Soto was a starter and freshman Brianna Barreiro steadily increased her number of minutes, despite Soto graduating, the Miners will have another four locals in the mix.

“It’s great. I love having the opportunity to be playing for my hometown,” Barreiro said. “The first year was a really good experience for me. I love this team and we are really close.”

Freshmen forwards Brianna Thomas, Briana Williamson and Atzimba Casas, alongside midfielders Barreiro and Stephanie Sazo, are the players that will represent El Paso this upcoming season.

“It’s awesome to have such good talent, having El Pasoans representing UTEP soccer is phenomenal,” said soccer head coach Kevin Cross. “We always want to keep the best players in town and I think we accomplished that this year, but there are a few more that we had wanted to sign.”

Virtually all of UTEP’s athletic programs had a handful of El Pasoans—volleyball had Victoria Valencia and Sarah Villa, and

also Juarez native Xitlatli Herrera, who was the heart and soul of the team.

The rifle team, who had an 8-shooter squad, had six locals, Jasmine Juarez, Jessica Kinder, Areli Oros, Jessica Rodriguez, Korina Rodriguez and Monthserrat Serna.

Track and field had more than 15, the most successful being distance runners Daniel Tarango, Solomon Gardea and jumper Jallycia Pearson; and the softball team had six more.

At the end of the day, the more successful the local athletes get, the better the athletic programs at UTEP get, but coaches can all agree that the common denominator for recruiting is to start in El Paso and make sure to get the very best to come to UTEP—that having more local players certainly increases the excitement at any UTEP sporting event.

“I think El Paso loves it when they see that local player being a part of it, there is an extra volume there when their names are called,” Adams said.

Javier Cortez and Luis Barrio contributed in this story.

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TENNIS

Meza finds immediate impact on the court

BY JAVIER CORTEZ
The Prospector

Players coming in and leaving are part of the process in collegiate sports. As three players left the tennis team last season, there were two newcomers for the 2013-14 season. One of them was junior transfer Davina Meza. Meza proved to be a shining light in a dim and dark season for the UTEP women's tennis team.

In her first year with the Miners, Meza has already left her mark on the team—finishing with a team-best 24-11 singles record, and winning her last nine singles matches. Meza has proved her worth with a 23-9 doubles record with senior partner Rebecca Calvillo. In total, Meza won a combined 47 matches, which ranks third best in a single season in program history.

Ultimately, Meza was rewarded with All-Conference Honors to go along with her record-setting marks.

"I feel so proud because my hard work is paying off," Meza said. "I am glad that I transferred and made an impact right away. I hope I can keep it up and win more matches next season, but I am very happy with the results that I had."

Meza's results are even more impressive considering the trials and tribulations she and her fellow teammates had to go through with a coaching change weeks before the start of the season.

"Personally, I found it very tough," Meza said. "It was not a good time for a new coach to come in, so it was tough for everyone. I struggled a lot, but even though that happened to us, I think everyone was focused on winning matches and representing UTEP."

Having to go through struggles is nothing new for Meza. In her junior career prior to college, Meza traveled all around South America and Europe playing against stiff competition.

"I have played girls all over the world—from Europe to South America, but just playing has given me a lot of experience," Meza said. "I'm happy I did it because I know how to deal with it, and now in college we play girls from all over the world."

Through her years of traveling as a junior player to her first year playing Division 1 tennis, Meza has seen her game improve tenfold.

"Transferring to UTEP was a huge change and definitely helped my game," Meza said. "There is so much

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- Davina Meza, junior tennis player

competition and the competition is stronger here. I am surprised I have won so many matches at the No. 2 spot. So I am definitely happy with my game right now."

With all the success Meza has had this year, one thing that she has retained is humility. Meza will most likely be playing No. 1 for the Miners next season, but taking things for granted is not her style.

"If I do move to No. 1, I need to improve," said Meza. "I will need to get stronger and I need to be more consistent. I am excited for it and I'm looking forward to be playing more."

Win or lose, Meza is going into next season with the intention of working hard, and leaving a legacy as the girl who worked for people's respect and ultimately succeeded.

"When people talk about me I want them to be inspired," Meza said. "I just want people to talk about me with respect, and know me as a nice girl that was hardworking and always worked hard for what she wanted."

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(Top) Junior Davina Meza hits a serve a first serve at the El Paso Tennis Club.
(bottom) Meza (right) consoles senior partner Rebecca Calvillo on senior day.




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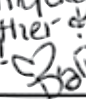
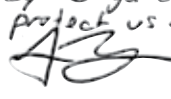
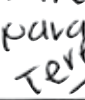

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Thank you to my family and friends. Love you! -Alexandra Barciaga	Gracias a mis padres, a mi hermano y a todos mis amigos que me brindaron su apoyo. Thank you to my USAK family! Con mucho cariño CECY G.	I would like to thank God, my mom, sister, Cindy my P Comar for always pushing me to be the best.	Noohoo! We did it! Time to work out in the real world! Thank you to all my family! 610 miners! -Alexandra Riccillo	THANK YOU TO MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT, AND FOR HELPING ME ACHIEVE MY GOAL -CESAR RODRIGUEZ	Gracias a mis papas y a mi esposo por todo el apoyo que me brindaron. Los amo mucho. -Ana Pico	I made it mom and dad. Saben que los amo y cumplí con el objetivo G.G
Thanks Mom & Dad for all your support. Watch me be awesome in 10 years! May I have mother's love! -UTEP Nurse	Son Carreras! No arranques UTEP Rocks for Geology & Geophysics! -Luis	For the best 4 years of my life Go Miners!! Sahel Issa	Waited 7 yrs for the CENTENNIAL GRADUATION PARTY!!	Thank you UTEP Had a wild ride you really kicked my butt but made me better for it. KIN!! -Diana Brown	Finally! Thanks to my family for the support and UTEP for Everything! -Luis	Solo para darle las gracias a mis papas en especial a mi mamá sin usted esto no sería realidad. Ya los quiero por esperar y esperar. Los quiero mucho! Lucy
Gracias a mi familia por siempre estar conmigo durante este etapa de mi vida. Especialmente a mi esposo y a mis hijos. Y a mi madre que siempre me motivó. J.C. Preciado	Gracias a toda mi familia y amigos. Sobre todo gracias a mis padres por todo su apoyo. Los quiero! Iris Renteria	No hubiera logrado esto sin el apoyo de mis padres, mi familia y mis amigos! Love you all Go miners!! -Martha	I Finally Did It!! UTEP GRAD! THANK YOU MOM, DAD, AND MY BROTHER, ROSIE CHECKS. LOVE YOU ALL PICKS UP!!	Thank you everybody that has helped me through these years -Cynthia Rodriguez	Le quiero dar gracias a mi familia a mis papas, hermanos por siempre apoyarme. Los quiero mucho -Ana Pico	Thanks to my parents, Larry and Claudia, for giving me the opportunity that they never had. Thanks for putting up with my shit along the way. -Yasmeen "Nikki" Hernandez
Thank you to my parents for the support. Thank you to all the special friends I made. Love Always, Marcela Acosta	I "dit" it!! -Janahy Velardi	Thank you to all my family and friends who have been there for me. Love you all! -Martha	Thank you to my mother and my kids for all your support during this long journey. -Alfonso	Thank you Mom, Dad, Ally, Abelito, Isaac, Nani, Faith, Zule, Vele, I love you all for everything you mean to me. Love you all! -Alfonso	Thank you to all my family. I did it!! Thank you for believing in me! -Luis	I did it!!! I want to thank Coach Augusta for all her support and love my family and wife Ruth!!! Te amo!!

Thanks to all my family for their support. Finally! Sarah Vera	Thank to my family I love you 	Thanks to all my family and friends I love you all! Magali Lopez	Thank you!!! Gracias a mi familia por todo su apoyo! Felipe Alanis Molina	Thank you! Muchas gracias mamá, papá; toda mi familia y amigos por su apoyo incondicional. José Luis Alanis Molina	Gracias a mi familia, especialmente a mi papá, que me apoyo y motivo siempre! Miguel Cezar	Thanks family for your love and unconditional support! You! Mariana
Gracia a Dios por estar conmigo siempre y a mi esposa y hijos. Claudia, Jose Christian y Bowle gracias por su apoyo!!	Thank you to all my family and friends! We did it! Andrea Saldivar	Thank you to my loving and supportive family! -Mikey Veloz	Thank you to all my friends and family, we did it! the sleepless nights were worth it! -Salvador Sandoval	Adrian was here. maybe a little longer than desired.	Thanks to my Family. Congratulations to me. Luis S.	Thank you so much to my family for all your love & support. You made this possible. I dedicate my degree to you! Love, Bernier
Get through the Bloomington program!	Keep on working it ain't over till it's over, Pash	Thank you & Farewell to all my fellow SASW Board members. Could not have done it without you. Thank you to my family, mother, & especially my babies. Love you all. -Elsie Munoz	Thank you for everything from Bam. Hope you enjoyed everything! -Mike Stallworth	THANKS TO MY FAMILY FOR HAVING YOUR FULL SUPPORT AND LOVE AND MOST IMPORTANT BEING THERE. I LOVE YOU ALL	Thank You Erin I love you thank for being by my side Sofia, Sasha, Justin Jr, Jackson I love you Babies	Thank you for your love and support Mom + Dad couldn't have done it without you! Nessy
Finally Made it!!! Thank you to my family I couldn't have done it w/o you! Love always Chanel Fitzgerald c/o 2014	Thank you to my family for all your support! To my nursing buddies we did it! -Cristina Maldonado	Thank you for the opportunities you have given me these years, and thank you to my family for all the support they provided. -FT	Thank you UTEP for the best years of my life. GO MINERS Ximera	Thank you UTEP! Once a miner always a miner. Nicole	Thank you mom and dad for your support and love. Admiration for being my room. Love you all! Anastasia	Thank you to my family for all your love & support! Dewar
Thanks to my family for the support! CLASS OF 2014 -Itzel Rivera	Thanks to all my friends & family support! Without you none of this would have been possible! -Ismael B. B. B.	Thank to everyone CLASS OF 2014 Boss Adam	S Falcon	FAMILY GUEL!!!	Thank you to MBA Blue cohort for fun two years!! -Pauline	Finally getting outta here. GO MINERS! Class of 2014 -Alex Sanchez
Thanks HHS Department For your support Good class of 2014	Thanks to my wife and kids for putting up with all my studying. -OL	Gracias mamá y papá por todo su apoyo. Hoy en logrado algo gracias a ustedes los amo mucho -Karenisita	It was all good In Elexso -Kamuel	Thanks to everyone that was there for me all these years, especially Carlos I love you and your family	Gracias a toda mi familia por el apoyo y amor todos estos años. Los amo! -Karenisita	Thanks to all the amazing people who supported me throughout my career.
Thank you Mom, Dad, and Erika for always supporting me! Blue Cohort, MBA program for an amazing 2 years. Marketing and Management. This, I'll miss you! Sincerely, Alaina Castillo	James UTEP in good memory for future	It take courage and dedication thank you Mom Dad I love you both -Nancy Soren	OT 0 0 KATIE ~ Good luck to everyone. My four years at UTEP have been great! Alaina Castillo Nicky	THANK YOU UTEP FOR THE WONDERFUL YEARS AND EXPERIENCES. THANK YOU TO ALL MY FRIENDS & FAMILY FOR THE SUPPORT. CHRIS!	Thank You UTEP Psychology and Women's studies -Adrian L. Chavez	Gracias a toda mi familia por apoyarme en mis estudios, especialmente a mis papás y mi hermano. I love them so much. -Erick
Thank you Henry, April, and Danyan for supporting me in coming back to school. Love, Erika	Farewell UTEP, it's been nice knowing a good Education. Daniel Jr.	Gracias a todos por este viaje. Gracias a UTEP por todo lo que me ha enseñado. -Javier	I did it! Thank you UTEP, familia, hui me, support from dear friends and my love, Robert. -Rocio Gutierrez	Thank you to my family, especially to my mom and dad for supporting me. -Javier	Mom, dad Brothers + Sisters THIS IS FOR YOU!! Nova Delfin	Thank you for all the great memories and opportunities. Gracias a mi familia por su apoyo. Estoy muy feliz, Go Miners! -Elizabeth
Gracias a mi familia y a mis amigos por apoyarme! Alexander AG	A la Familia Del Toro Gracias por todo. -Mariana	Thank for the opportunity. Glory be to God! If I can do it, anyone can. -Daniel	I'd like to thank my family for always supporting me and all the UTEP staff. Forever a Miner! -Beatriz	Thank to my family for always supporting me and all the UTEP staff. Forever a Miner! -Beatriz	Quiero agradecer a mis papás por apoyarme siempre. Gracias por compartir este logro. Los amo. -Nova	Thank you to my family and friends for always supporting me. -Daniel
Thanks to God for this blessing and to my family for their loving support. Maria Dams	Thank you to my family and friends for all the support. -Marianne	Thank you to my loving family for believing in me! -Sarah Powell	Thank you Ortega Family -Debbie Ortega	Thank to my classmate & friend Diaz for always making it. -Ray	Thanks to my family & friends. -WKO	Muchas gracias a mi familia, esposa e hijos por su amor y comprensión. Gracias a todos. DANIEL L. BERNARD










Thank you family friends, & instructors for your support in accomplishing my dream! C/O 2014 Vanessa Brown	Thank you Mom! for all your support & influence! Love you! Alexis Arenas	Thank you God, family & Deltasigs for your love & support! - David Rey	Thanks mom, Nina, Jess & Rebecca for all your encouragement! I Finally did it!! Samantha	Gracias a mi familia La Familia Estrada por el apoyo durante los últimos 3 años. - Junior Estrada	Thanks to my family and friends for always encouraging me to continue and never to give up. Ilana	Thank You God! 6 years and done with the support of my beautiful family! Thank you Mom and Dad for all your support! Mom and Mamas, it CAN be done! No UTEP c/o 2014 Benjamin Morales
Muchas gracias a todos los que me apoyaron para poder terminar mi carrera. Gracias a mi familia que siempre estuvieron allí. C/O 2014	Thank you to all of my family for all your support and motivation. I want to give a special thank to my parents for all that they've done for me. Love Jorge	Gracias a mi familia! Ya mero la hacemos! Con Amor, Yumira D	Thank you to my family for always supporting me. For my mom always pushing me! Love You guys	Thank You Mom & Dad for putting me through school and pushing me through it. Love Tony	Thanks to all my family and thanks to UTEP. Viokey A Z.	To my family especially my mother & grandma, Thank you for all of your help & support. I could not have done it without you. JORDAN
Gracias a Dios, mi familia, Esposo y maestros que me ayudaron. Mariana Ortega	Todo es posible! Gracias Mamá Cynthia Noya	I did it! Thanks Mom & Dad for your support! These years went by fast and I loved it. I love you Kristin!	Thx to the Regulators for all the hard work!! We will always remember the good times we had!! Never forget all we went through and this great accomplishment! JESUS	A Special Thanks to my Parents for all of their support throughout my career and advanced schooling. With all my love. Nicky Green	Thanks everyone for your great support. Jalen Jay	A big thanks to my husband, daughter, and you this wouldn't have been possible. I could not have done it without you. JORDAN
Thanks to all my teachers, my study-buddies, & my father/mother/chuck Gordon. Congratulations fellow grads!	BIBIS!! You did it! felicitaciones hermana! Estamos muy orgullosos de ti! Go Miners!! Te amamos fam. Almeida	Gracias everyone for the great support! Jeff	Gracias a mi familia por empujarme a terminar. Los quiero Su hija e hermana Monica Liz	Forever UTEP! I would like to thank my family for all the support. Thank you for this journey! Wessing Reck	I wanna thank GOD for keeping in is prayers and giving me strength and courage to continue and finish school. Danny Boy	THANK YOU UTEP! MOST IMPORTANTLY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MOM! FOR EVERYTHING! ALSO, THANK YOU MY DEAR FAMILY. Lina
Forewell, UTEP & friends! Thank you mom for all your love and support. Thank you Diana for coming into my life. Thank you God for helping me finish! 2014 I did it! Ophelia Branda	Thank you to my family and my amazing partner! All your love and support have guided me to where I am now. I don't know what I would do without you guys! Diana P.	Thank you mom for everything you've done! Love you Kathy	To Janette Fuenti, Thank you for the support, love, and sometimes a swift kick in the ass! - Eddie	A special thanks goes out to my Daddy, without your support and wisdom I couldn't do this. Thanks to you Bestie for helping keep my sanity in grad school. With lots of love to my Ruben, you are my soul mate. Love Nigge U	Thank you UTEP I got my weekends back! Jov	I dedicate this to my parents who always supported me through this whole journey. I love you guys!
To Natalie Jordan thank you for pushing me the last semester of Ex. Phys. Buddy for life! Araceli Contreras	Want to thank my mom & my sister for always being there for me. This one's for you girls. LARSEN	Thanks to all the EE students, specially the REGULATORS! Also to all the EE faculty J. R.	Gracias UTEP. Voy a extrañar la escuela, R.A.R.G. Familia los @ @ @	Never give up on your dreams. you never know what you could accomplish till you try. - Victor H.	Thank you to my family for their support, without them I would not be here. Also thanks to my friends for their support. Love Yajaira	Orgulloso de ser parte de UTEP!! Gracias a mi Leo y padres, Rosi y Jaime. Tios, Loly, Pepe, Lucio, Rocio, Tere, Pedro, JC, Grace, Amel, Rosalia. Primos y hermanas. Esto es por ustedes!!
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A special Thank You goes out to my family, friends, and others that helped me get through my four years. I LOVE YOU!! - Jov	Thank you to the people who pushed & motivated me to be successful in life!! #TRPT - D.P.	UTEP Rocks GREAT TIMES RAY	Engineering 2014 Finally made it through. Thanks to my family for all the support.	Thank you to all of you that have helped me on this crazy journey! - Marcos Love you all!	Abisai! Madai! Abimae! You got this! Yiyi	Thx to my family & friends especially my husband for pushing me to putti up w/me! I love you! Cindy
A special Thank you to my wife Yvette Riddos Alencar, Giovanni and Sylvia and Peter. Love you guys	Kayla, you are very pretty! Sofie.	Sofia Marie! You are beautiful! We did it! xoxo	Never thought this day would come. Thank You friends and family! MZS	OMG. I finally did it! Thank to all my fam!	I made it this far, and that's pretty great! I love you, Vinan	To my Family & Friends, Especially my son Chris, for pushing me to get up & go. I love you all.

Thank you UTEP Faculty + Staff for my education ♥ Val H.	Love you all! Thank you to my family Frank, Rick, David, Francisco, and especially my mother and father for their love and support	Thank you to my mom for being such an inspiration to me. Without her I wouldn't be where I am today! - Chanté Courtney S.	Thank you UTEP faculty for the support & guidance offering me out these years. I dedicate my degree to my Mother & Daughter! 	Thank you to all my children: Raul Aaron & Especially Sandra. This is in Honor of my son! Ramon Abel Herrera Love you all!	I DID IT I RAN THE RACE KEPT THE FAITH & ENDURE TILL THE END - Tania
Thank you UTEP! Thanks to my parents and siblings for helping me achieve my dream! Victor Quinto	I did this for you mom, because you always believe in me I did this for you, the greatest love that I have ever known. - Denise Drury	Thank you to my family for all of your support and love This is such a great honor to finally achieve - Tammy L. Robles ♥	Para mis papas que siempre me apoyaron mucho quiero muchas gracias Mayra Galaz	Gracias a mi familia y amigos por todo el apoyo dado de mi carrera, sin ustedes no hubiera sido posible este día ♥ Monica Ruiz	Thank you to my family for your love and support. With God all things are possible.
This has been a great journey and I thank everyone that supported me! Jennifer	Thank you UTEP for everything! David D.	Esto es para mis padres y hermano, si se pudo y muchas gracias por todo Los Amos!	Gracias a mis padres que siempre me apoyaron. Gracias Evy, Pedro, y a todos los importantes. Gracias LAW SCHOOL HERE I COME!! - Carlos A. Tristan	Super big thanks to my friends and family! I love you guys so much. Thanks to my lord and savior. May he guide & protect us always. 	Thanks to everyone who has made these years memorable! A special thank to my Best Friend who made so many memories. To all my Professors thank you! My dad a special Thank to Professor Fragin who was an amazing Band director and teacher. Love you all! - Delia
Thank you mom, dad, Alicia, and Isabella, for you all inspiring me to overachieve, I love all of you! - Israel Hall	Thanks to God My Love Ones Family Friends and people close to me Made us achieve this point in life. Thank you for everything - Oscar	Thanks to God, my parents, family and friends for all their support during my journey	Thank you to all my beautiful family for your support and to all the people in my life that have been along the way. I'm extremely blessed Love you all, Anissa	Thanks to all my friends, family and people who supported me! Esto es para ustedes! 	Gracias mamá y papá por todo lo que me han enseñado mi futuro y el presente de mi vida. Los quiero mucho ♥ Paulina G.
Gracias Papa y Mamá por todo su apoyo. Gracias Roger y Wendy por siempre estar allí. Los amo a todos y a la familia Vilh - Luis Antonio Sunk	Thank you goes out to my entire family, friends, kinesiology faculty, and wonderful girlfriends that have supported me every step of the way!	I'm DONE. THAT IS ALL. - Sole	Thank you to all my family and friends, and to UTEP for these wonderful 5 years Jorge	To my family & friends I couldn't have accomplished this w/out your love & support throughout this journey. I love you & I made it! - Valerie Reyes	Thank you to my amazing family for helping me do this I love you all!! Also thank you to my loving boyfriend for his support. Love you all! ♥
I want to thank my beautiful wife and her family for all their support! Go MINERS! Bogdan	Thank you to all who have helped me in this process. All you do is greatly appreciated. Mom, Dad, Abue, ♥ Gracias! ♥	Muchas gracias a mis Papás y familiares por ayudarme a lograr mi meta! Los amo!! Thanks UTEP for this opportunity. Nancy Almaraz	Familia! Muchísimas gracias por todo su apoyo. Los quiero mucho. We made it! 	Thank you my beautiful family & friends that supported me through this entire process. Love you, Ali ♥	Muchas gracias a mi mamá x apoyarme siempre La fiero Nacho ¡¡¡ Te lo agradezco Mercedes MZ
Thank you God first for bringing me this far! Then a big thank you to my friends and all my family who motivated me to never give up and accomplish a goal!! Go Miners!! Hector L. Abia	DAD! This one is for you ♥ Gracias Mamá y Juanita por su apoyo. Thanks UTEP for helping me understand how important education is. GO MINERS!!	Thank you to all my friends, family and professors for all their support. - Elisa Love	Yay! Finally I achieved my goal. Thank you everybody that supported me. MOM, I DID IT! - Jeannette Nelson	Thank you to my family and friends who have helped and encouraged me through this journey! - Rhonda Candela	Thank you to my family and my son Jason who have made my life complete thank you for the support - Bernice Cortina
Thank you friends, family, and professors for the support. I finally finished! - Anthony Salgado	Gracias papá, mamá hermano por su apoyo. Gracias familia y amigos fue difícil pero al final lo logre. Cladia Lemus	Muchas Gracias a mi familia especialmente a mi hermano por todo su apoyo y ayuda. Gracias por creer en mí. I did it!! Mirna Robledo	Thank you UTEP for all the memories and friends I have gained. The friends I have met in the CLS program will last a lifetime (Kiddie Aunty). Thank you for all the knowledge I feel privileged to have. - Angie Belavart	A special thank you to my friends and family. I made it through. I couldn't have done it without you. Love you. Reina Boggs	TO MY FAMILY & FRIENDS THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AFTER 7 YEARS. TO MY SLG SISTERS, YOU'VE MADE MY COLLEGE YEARS MEMORABLE! I COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU ALL! - JESSICA QUEZADA
The College of Busn. has become my second home! I love you all :) See you in A. Worth! - Samantha Wells	Thank you to everyone who believed in me and supported me in this important period in my life. Gracias a mis padres y mis hermanos por los sacrificios Cynthia G.	Thank you to my family and friends for the continued support throughout my studies! I could not have done it without you! I love you all! ♥	Muchas Gracias Papás! Gracias por su apoyo en mis estudios y su amor. James Te amo y gracias por también apoyarme en mis estudios	Thank you so much my loving and supporting family. I could not be here without all of you. I am so grateful & blessed. Thank you Lord Jesus Christ.	It has been a great long journey. Graduation is finally here. Thanks to my family for their unlimited support! College of Business! Samantha Rene Gonzalez
					Muchas gracias a mis papás García Rodríguez y Juanita Rodríguez por todo el apoyo estos 4 años Carolina Rodríguez

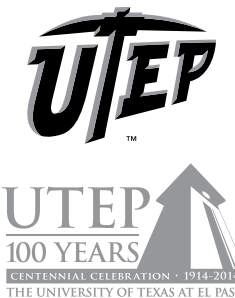
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<p>Thanks to everyone who has been with me throughout my career. & you - Jennifer Lopez</p>	<p>Thank you to all who supported me, thank my family, I love you all and so much. Thank my sister love you all <i>Michelle</i></p>	<p>A mi hermosa familia a mi mamá que siempre me apoyo y especialmente a mi abuelito q' en paz descanso. <i>Alex</i></p>	<p>Gracias a mis papas que me apoyaron incondicionalmente, familia amigos y todos que estuvieron con nosotros. Gracias!!! <i>Yamil G.</i></p>	<p>El tiempo de poder decirles... Gracias a ustedes, mis padres Francisco y Leticia, por todo lo que me han enseñado. <i>Arturo</i></p>	<p>Mama, Thank you for everything you have done to get me to this point. I owe it all to you. Thank you for pushing me - Vanessa</p>	<p>THANKS TO ALL MY PROFESSORS AND STUDENT FRIENDS. <i>JOSE CABRERA JR</i></p>
<p>Thanks to God, my family and friends for helping me during this difficult time. I love you all. <i>Shirley</i></p>	<p>A mi maravillosa familia, muchas gracias. Gracias a Dios y a todos. Josh the Best - Elias José Osorio</p>	<p>Thanks to my Beautiful Family For their love and support, and the Athletics Family. <i>Grace Chimer</i></p>	<p>TO MY MOTHERS my Reason, my inspiration, my love, my life, Mom. As always, push hard, it's your chance to shine. Love you both! <i>LOVE YOUR MOTHERS</i></p>	<p>My Aunt, you were my motivation. Thank you for everything. Anything is possible. Remember that! Love you Always. <i>Mama</i></p>	<p>This is for you Mom. I love you and I'm still getting the job done. Michael Gonzales</p>	<p>Muchas gracias papa por apoyarme. Gracias abuelita por motivarme y cuidarme. Este logro es para ti aunque ya no estés. - Krizia Mendez</p>
<p>Finally hard work and dedication will pay off. You All!! I Love You!! Mama Family and Friends!! <i>Shirley</i></p>	<p>This long road trip has come to an end. A new chapter of my life is about to begin. Thank you all who supported me. Thank you UTEP for making my dream come true!! <i>Lucero Alvarado</i></p>	<p>Thanks to all of my family & friends who have supported me along this journey. Much love, Peter J. Carreon #85</p>	<p>Thank you to my family and friends who have supported me along this journey. Much love, Peter J. Carreon #85</p>	<p>Thank you to all graduate professors! God bless you. <i>Susie Mares</i></p>	<p>Thank You Family and Friends lots and lots! Love You all - Matt</p>	<p>Thanks to my mom, Jess, Tio Memo, Tio Juan, and FAFSA!!!</p>
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