Volunteer work continues remotely amid pandemic

Isaiah Ramirez

In the era of COVID-19, volunteer work has largely stalled by safety restrictions meant to curb the spread of the virus, but UTEP’s Center for Community Engagement (CCE) has adjusted to these times to allow Miners to continue to give back to the community.

Before the pandemic, volunteering within the CCE consisted of many face-to-face activities throughout the city at places like nursing homes and animal shelters. The students who volunteer through CCE usually do it as a requirement for academic-based community engagement courses they’ve enrolled in, but things are now being done a little differently.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identify the elderly as a high-risk population when it comes to the novel coronavirus and in El Paso, 401 of the 487 COVID deaths were individuals over the age of 60 as of Sept. 19, according to El Paso’s COVID-19 data source. Because of this, volunteers no longer do community service hours at nursing homes.

“Typically in the fall and spring semesters, faculty will connect with us about their students participating in a service activity with a nonprofit organization for 15 to 20 hours throughout the semester,” said Jennifer Lujan, assistant director of CCE.

For the 2019-2020 school year, the cost to attend UTEP for in-state tuition was $9,161 a year, while out-of-state cost of tuition was more than double that amount at $24,524. UTEP’s average student debt of $23,692 ranks lower than other institutions within the University of Texas System (UT) like the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) at $24,214 and the University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin) at $24,244, according to the LendEDU report.

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Average UTEP graduate is more than $23K in debt, report shows

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The loan amounts are ranked from lowest to highest average debt with UTEP ranking ninth in Texas. The Student Loan Debt by School by State Report compiled by LendEDU analyzes the most recent student loan debt figures for college graduates. LendEDU is a financial website that helps consumers learn about and compare financial products, including student loans. This report was based on data gathered by Peterson’s, a company that creates educational products.

The data is compiled of self-reported student debt numbers and other financial aid figures released from the extensive number of four-year public and private higher education institutions who complete a voluntary survey from Peterson’s.

“We license the data from Peterson’s and Peterson’s collects their data from a voluntary financial aid survey that each college and university fills out,” said Mike Brown, LendEDU’s director of communications. “We pay for the data and publish the stats straight as we receive it. The statewide trends and nationwide trends, we calculate ourselves.”

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In Texas, 51% of college graduates accumulated debt during their college career; as Texas ranked tenth in the lowest amount of student loan debt by state with an average debt of $24,655. Utah and Connecticut ranked the lowest and highest for the average amount of student debt in the nation with $14,633 and $41,579, respectively.

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Professor researches past trauma on Hispanic nursing students

Sven Kline The Prospector

Dr. Karen Fowler, assistant professor of nursing at UTEP, is researching the effects of childhood trauma on Hispanic nursing students during their years of study with the help of a $5,000 grant she received this year. Funding from the grant began in early August and will continue until the end of July 2021.

Fowler said the purpose of the study is to understand if teachings should be better tailored to meet students with trauma. The grant will fund a comparison between Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) and its possible impediment on nursing education.

Inspired by a conference that discussed traumatic childhood events, Fowler found interest due to the events of the Aug. 3 mass shooting that took place at the Cielo Vista Mall in 2019.

The event occurred in August last year emphasizes that our students have already been exposed to violence and other traumatic stresses, Fowler said. “In addition, students who cross the border to attend UTEP have also witnessed unique stressful events.

It has been proven that students who have experienced trauma have adaptive processes that are different from traditional college students. Educators can mitigate factors that may lead to re-traumatization of these students and optimize the student’s adaptive skills, thus promoting success in a high-stress career such as nursing.”

With a focus on ACE and the stress it impinges upon students, especially nursing students, Fowler said this research hopes to find a correlation between the two factors as “no research on ACE has been conducted on this specific population.”

Although Hispanics make up just a fraction of the health care workforce in the United States, according to the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, Fowler said the population of Hispanic nurses is expected to grow in years to come. She notes that ACE not only affects the development of nursing students, but also for students of all majors, but Fowler said the stress nursing students typically face is already significant in and of itself, so traumatic experiences can potentially make the education experience even more difficult.

Fowler stated that “exposure to child abuse, family violence, sexual trauma, or alcoholism as a child has been linked to unfavorable physical and social outcomes as an adult.”

She added that “much research exists that indicates children who are exposed to trauma do not do well in school and how trauma continues to inform their life is an area of concern for faculty in higher education.”

With that being said, Fowler said the research can especially useful for nursing professors at UTEP given the uniqueness of El Paso’s border region and that being predominantly Hispanic, also taking into consideration the fact that many students crossed the border every day to attend UTEP before the pandemic.

The study aims to benefit such students if whether teaching strategies can be tailored in way that can be used to inform other nursing communities.

This can highlight then need for changes or modification of teaching/learning strategies.

Fowler spoke on some of the goals she has for this study, the first being to find correlations if any and the frequencies of such among the Hispanic population which can be used to inform other nursing communities.

Another goal Fowler mentioned is increase in patient care performance which can provide “evidence that lends insights to ensure the success of the Hispanic nursing student will ultimately benefit nursing as a whole and consequently, patient care.”

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Las diferencias entre dos países en tiempos de COVID-19

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La COVID-19 ha evidenciado las diferencias y las deficiencias positivas y negativas entre los países. Hemos podido ver cómo gobiernos con buenos equipos y estilos de gobierno han logrado reducir el número de muertes. Por otro lado, hemos visto que la COVID-19 ha impactado negativamente en países como México y Estados Unidos.

Hablando específicamente de México y Estados Unidos, ambos países están atravesando la crisis con diferencias muy evidentes. En el mes de mayo, Eric Lecoc escribió en su artículo titulado “El COVID-19 ha evidenciado las diferencias y las deficiencias positivas y negativas entre los países. Dania Salas Molina es una estudiante en UTEP que está estudiando sociología y periodismo.

“Hundres of Mexican maquiladora workers dying after back-to-work orders take effect” que, como consecuencia de la instrucción del gobierno de Estados Unidos de reactivar la economía, el norte de México tuvo que realear las maquiladoras, a pesar de encontrarse en un momento crítico de contagios, por lo que en Ciudad Juárez los contagios se dispararon. Este comportamiento de autonomía del gobierno mexicano y evidencia la dependencia económica que tiene hacia el gobierno estadounidense, pues a pesar de saber que los casos se dispararían y que el país no cuenta con un sistema de salud pública eficiente, tuvieron que abrir las empresas.

El día de hoy, mientras acudía a UTEP a realizarle la prueba gratuita de COVID-19, me di cuenta que México no tiene las mismas posibilidades. Actualmente, cinco meses después del primer caso en el país, realizándose una prueba gratuita de COVID-19 es únicamente posible para las personas enfermas de gravedad que llegan a los hospitales públicos.

Realizar una prueba privada cuesta aproximadamente cuatro mil pesos mexicanos (ciento ochenta dólares), algo que no está al alcance de muchos de los trabajadores. Además, los trabajadores mexicanos no tienen la misma garantía para cualquier ciudadano.

Con esta afirmación no intento responsabilizar a ningún gobierno, pues para salir de esta crisis la responsabilidad es colectiva. Sin embargo, si busco comparar las posibilidades y las diferencias que hay entre dos ciudades que son vecinas y en las que algunos vammos y venimos como si fueran una sola, sin pensar que no solo hay diferencias en su cultura y tradiciones, también las hay en algo tan básico como la salud pública en tiempos de COVID-19.

No todos tienen el privilegio de acudir a hacer una prueba gratuita. Tener la oportunidad de estar en dos países diariamente, nos debe hacer más sensibles a las problemáticas y desigualdades que hay en cada uno.

Juan Carlos Pérez

Another article by Juan Carlos Pérez in The Prospector.
Volunteer from cover page

The courses in which students can earn college credit through CCE dwindled from about 50 courses to about six, Lujan said. The CCE has adjusted to virtual methods to allow students to continue volunteer work which was critical for the University’s 1301 class, a core curriculum course at UTEP designed in part to increase volunteer engagement.

“We have adapted our programming to go remotely in many cases, other opportunities made available for volunteering purposes in person are minimal and we have also shifted some programming this year towards civic engagement and the elections,” said Arzani Gonzalez, the CCE’s director. “We have come up with a neat website with voter information and it’s an activity for students to go through to and pledge.”

An already implemented website prior to the pandemic called The CCE is an interactive website in which agencies post their specific needs and students can contact the agency to start their volunteer projects.

Recently posted volunteer opportunities include communication interns for the Boy Scouts of America and a marketing/social media assistant for Sun City Development Corporation.

“‘It’s kind of like a dating website but for volunteers...’”

“It’s kind of like a dating website but for volunteers for wherever the agency will set up a profile and they will post these different service needs and the students can go on there and see what volunteer opportunities are available and what they require,” Lujan explained.

Volunteer work through virtual outlets consists of task and project-based activities that can be completed online with organizations like Mothers Against Drunk Driving or MADD, where students research crash reports for the agency and put together data.

“A lot of agency’s also need help promoting services to the community and with students being tech savvy they can create social media posts while helping through service learning,” Lujan who has been working at the CCE for 16 years, said.

Certain classes are designated as Community Engagement and Leadership (CEL) courses offered through UTEP’s College of Liberal Arts, fostering community engagement through connections with the community — what Lujan refers to as “service learning.”

UTEP’s CCE is also increasing its social media presence and has created a LinkedIn account and YouTube videos and is striving to connect with UTEP students.

“We have been posting a lot on social media to increase more membership and so the students know our services and what programs we have available,” Lujan said.

Debt from cover page

$8,262 a year and out-of-state costs $20,263.

In November 2019, the UT System Board of Regents unanimously voted for a 2.6% tuition increase for every student enrolled in a UT school that went into effect this fall semester.

The UT regents review each UT school’s tuition rates every two years. For the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years, UTEP’s tuition was raised by 5%. It is unclear whether UTEP’s tuition will decrease for subsequent school years because of the pandemic’s economic ruin, but pressure has been mounting.

With students throughout the country mostly taking online classes, many have filed class-action lawsuits against universities for “tuition-related grievances” since students cannot enjoy on-campus perks that tuition and fees pay for due to previous bond issuances and other mandatory costs. There are at least 5 lawsuits filed by students in Texas.

In New York, graduates from New York School of Interior Design, a private institution, had the highest average student loan debt in the nation for the 2019-2020 academic year, according to the LendEDU report, with an average debt of $85,401.

The school has an acceptance rate of 22% with out-of-state tuition costing $34,880.

According to The Century Foundation, a research firm, student debt at for-profit colleges in the United States spiked by 7% for the 2019-2020 academic year “for the first time in a decade,” while the percentage of borrowing at non-profit and public institutions decreased that same year. El Paso is home to for-profit colleges such as Southwest Career College that has an average tuition price tag of $15,300 a year, according to collegeprowler.com, and International Business College that has an average tuition of $16,572 a year, according to niche.com.

However, many for-profit colleges like Grand Canyon University push for enrollment in online courses, so they recruit prospective students from everywhere, even in El Paso.

Student loans are a source of financial aid in students’ award packages so there are options as to what types of loans an individual chooses from federally insured loans, such as unsubsidized and subsidized loans.

Financial aid in the form of grants are beneficial in that it is “free money” that does not have to be repaid, but grants are based on financial need which is calculated by the difference of cost of attendance and estimated family contribution, according to Federal Student Aid.

Pell grants are one example of grants that can dwindle over time based on financial need and can change yearly. Loans offer a backhock in circumstances as the money used from a loan may be used to pay expenses during a college student’s career that would be considered difficult without the loan.

“I had a co-worker of mine that led me to options on how to pay off my loans and one of those was the income based repayment plan which is basically whatever your salary income is that determines your loan monthly payment,” said Leonard Erickson, UTEP graduate and head coach of Milwaukee Area Technical College women’s basketball.

According to the Federal Student Aid website, most federal student loans are eligible for at least one income-driven repayment plan and if one’s income is low enough, their payment could be as low as $0 per month.

“It was in a situation where my first coaching job out of college didn’t pay much and I was literally not having to pay anything a month for student loans,” Erickson said. “Now that’s a good thing in that regard, but obviously with student loans you’re still accumulating interest.”

LendEDU provides tips on useful repayment options for college graduates with featured routes such as paying more than the minimum, paying off high-interest loans first, and working for an employer with repayment assistance. ‘These tips could be a resource for not only recent UTEP graduates but those looking to start their student loan repayment process.”

Editor’s note: LendEDU was at the center of a controversy in 2018 for pushing out its reports through the pseudonym “Drew Cloud,” who was found to not be an actual person. Mike Brown, director of communications for LendEDU, said the marketplace’s student debt report is “verifiable and accurate” because it is solely based on data gathered by Petersons, a reputable company. The Prospector verified the report’s numbers with other sources and the numbers were similar.
Enrollment slightly down, retention rate up

Wilson said students likely delayed enrolling in classes because of COVID

Anahy Diaz
The Prospector

UTEP is reporting an enrollment of 24,879 students for the Fall 2020 semester which is a 1.2% decrease in head-count enrollment from Fall 2019, but the university is also reporting an increase in its retention rate.

According to a news release, the institution’s overall semester credit hour production is up 2,185 credit hours, a 0.4% increase from Fall 2019’s count of 263,739 credit hours. The university saw an increase of 3.9% in enrollment among sophomores, a 3.3% increase among juniors and an increase of 3.4% among seniors.

“We were pleased to see record-high retention and an increase in semester credit hours,” UTEP President Heather Wilson said in the news release. “The growth in these areas demonstrates that our students are working hard to earn their degrees. We’re proud of these talented, resilient Miners.”

The news comes a few weeks after UTEP’s Summer 2020 semester came to an end, where the university reported a historic 15% increase in head-count enrollment. According to a public statement from the university, 12,981 students enrolled in both Summer I and Summer II terms, for a total of 87,365 semester credit hours being taken by students remotely.

“I want to commend our students for being dedicated to reaching their educational goals, and thank our faculty and staff for their tireless work in helping them stay on track to earn their degrees,” said Gary Edens, vice president for student affairs at UTEP.

Although this semester’s credit hours are up slightly, head-count enrollment is down from the 25,177 figure for Fall 2019. Wilson said in a news release that this is entirely due to students who graduated from high school, applied to college, but are delaying their freshman year due to the pandemic.

“We know who these students are,” said Wilson, “UTEP also saw a decrease in first-time transfer students. And we will focus specifically on that cohort of about 450 students who should have started college this month and have not done so because of the pandemic. As a community, we cannot afford to leave them behind. They will need a meaningful post-secondary credential to make a better life for themselves and their families.”

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El Paso artist unveils art paying homage

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El Paso artist, Jesús "CIMI" Abarca, revealed his mural of local artist Patrick Gabaldón, an activist and human rights advocate, as part of an art contest led by Mexican beer company Estrella Jalisco to bring color to the Southwest.

CIMI is an El Paso graffiti artist best known for using his art to share and pay homage to the Latino culture by leveraging political and social messages in his craft. He recently took part in Estrella Jalisco's art contest that is bringing color to local neighborhoods by inviting artists to spread the pride of Latino innovation to California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas communities.

Each piece of art will visually reflect Estrella Jalisco's vibrant, colorful heritage and have a special connection to its neighborhood by featuring a Local Star, a person who is making a positive impact in their own unique way," Estrella Jalisco said in a statement, following the company's pledge of $1 million to bring colorful art to neighborhoods.

CIMI chose to honor Gabaldón, a local Borderland artist, who was chosen as the subject of Estrella Jalisco's Artist in Residence program. The program features a collective of nine artists who are making a difference in their communities.

"Estrella Jalisco came and offered something like this, you know it’s great they’re supporting the arts," said CIMI, whose murals can be found across Downtown El Paso. "Especially through this whole pandemic, a lot of people are suffering without work."

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has brought more time for artists like CIMI to create the uncertainty, finding a stable job has been a growing concern. "Since the beginning we were locked up in our houses, so it gave us more time to create, to think creatively. So, it wasn’t difficult in the beginning," CIMI said. "But as we kept going, we didn’t know the extent of the situation, if more jobs were going to be lost or if we’ll encounter people exposed to COVID. It definitely became more stressful."

CIMI works to support new artists and encourage young people to embrace their own lineage through Kalaveras Culture Shop, a local art supply shop he co-founded. "We’ve got to keep working. We’ve got to keep paying the bills," CIMI said, recognizing but not promoting normalizing the current situation the world is experiencing.

CIMI’s mural, like most of his work, is a colorful piece that not only showcases Gabaldón at work, but also includes symbolic pieces of El Paso, like the star on the mountain and its Texas sky.

CIMI said working with Gabaldón and witnessing his reaction to the mural created in his honor, was "a great feeling." CIMI’s mural can be found at the corner of Texas and Brown Street, adding another speckle of Latino joy and color to the world.

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Take advantage of your student status and save money

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Attending university is a great experience for many young adults. From homecoming football games, to joining clubs and organizations, a college student has access to various opportunities and life experiences. However, college students often find money to be an impediment to all of this. Here are some ways college and university students can stretch their money and save.

There are so many expenses that students must pay for college, like tuition, books, meal plans, just to name a few. Since students’ expenses are high, many are left with little to no money for personal expenses. Thankfully there are locally owned and national chains that offer student discounts.

Along with saving, who doesn’t love pizza? Ardovino’s Pizza and The Pizza Joint offer student discounts in the El Paso area.

At Ardovino’s Pizza, they offer all-day student specials for dine-in and take-out. You can enjoy a single traditional small topping pizza for $5, plus four mini calzones. This is valid with a current student ID and is limited to one customer per visit.

The Pizza Joint offers a 10% discount on any order if you show a valid student ID. There’s a wide variety of delicious food to choose from, including pizza, wings, salads and desserts.

Many large corporations offer deals for university students. These deals include discounts on purchases or free products, that can help college students across the country save lots of money. Some of these companies include Best Buy, Walmart, Apple, and Amazon.

At Best Buy students can save money on laptops, appliances, phones and more, after creating a Best Buy account and signing up for student deals. Some perks are one-hour curb side pickup, free next day delivery on an assortment of items, and flexible financing options.

Walmart offers multiple products for students at discounted prices, such as school supplies, electronics and appliances. There’s an entire section dedicated to college savings on the Walmart website, where prices can range from $15 to $250. There are also coupons that can be applied to purchases.

On Amazon you can get six months of free two-day shipping, free photo storage, and unlimited instant movie and music streaming.

After the six-month trial you can upgrade to Amazon Prime for 50% off. Kindle unlimited for two months is offered as well as $20, all one must do is make an account using their university email.

Apple offers students’ $200 off new Mac laptops and $20 off new iPads. Customers can also get a free pair of AirPods with their purchase of a Mac or iPad and save 20% on Apple care, but the student must first show proof of enrollment.

There are some clothing stores that offer a student discount as well. These stores include Banana Republic, Dickies, Goodwill and Vineyard Vines.

There are also all sorts of deals out there to help college students make expenses more barmable and make a student’s dollar stretch a mile. All the deals and discounts mentioned will help make your student dollar stretch a mile.
**Disney’s 2020 ‘Mulan’: Female empowerment and self-acceptance**

Exodis Ward

The director, Niki Caro, explained that she wanted to maintain realism which is why certain things were removed. When I got some free time, I sat down and watched the film, and the following are my thoughts on it. For reference, I’ll be comparing the live-action movie to the animated one. Also, spoilers below.

**The film**

Overall, the main plot and themes of the film didn’t change, which was good.

Mulan is still uniquely herself. Intelligent, thoughtful and imperfect. She’s defying the idea that a woman should be seen and not heard. When messengers from the Imperial city request one man from every family to join the Chinese military, Mulan is distraught. Her father has no sons, which means he’s the only one who can go. Though he fought bravely in the last war, he was wounded and his return to the battlefield is a death sentence. Despite knowing the consequences, she takes his place.

Training is tough for Mulan, but she eventually finds her inner strength. She single-handedly saves her troop in a clash with the enemy. Soon after, Mulan’s identity is discovered, and she is exiled. This doesn’t stop her from being the persistent hero she is. Mulan saves the emperor and is welcomed back into society.

**Adaptations**

One of the biggest differences between films is Mulan’s name. In the animated version, her name is Fa Mulan. In this version, her name is Hua Mulan. This decision brought her name closer to the one in the original story and doesn’t affect much.

The movie omitted some characters and introduced new ones. Mushu, Mulan’s grandmother, General Li Shuang, and Advisor Chi Fu were removed. The film recasts Cricket as a person named Cri-kee and substitutes Mulan’s dog, Little Brother, for Mulan’s sister, Hua Xiu. New characters included the Witch, Xia Lang, fellow recruit Yoson An, a new enemy, the Bourians and the honorable Phoenix.

I found Disney’s inclusion of the Phoenix interesting. The Phoenix doesn’t speak and is a swap for Mushu as Mulan’s advisor. Her father’s prayers for the phoenix to guide Mulan and lead to her the training camp. It also represented the changes should go through in the film: finding her new “self” as Hua Jun, the “death” of Hua Jun and her “rebirth” as Mulan. The Witch, was an interesting mirror for Mulan. She represented what Mulan could’ve been if she went against her father’s wishes and focused on her Chi. She would’ve become a villain for pursuing her own goals which reflect society’s idea of a free-thinking woman. Ultimately, Lang chooses to do good with her Chi and helps Mulan save the Empyre, breaking the cycle of female-oppression.

Though the film didn’t have flashy musical numbers, I appreciate that Caro included instrumental versions of the songs in the film. It was a nice detail that helped make pivotal moments more impactful.

**Making the world greener, one item of clothing at a time**

Alyson Rodriguez

To make clothes at affordable prices.

They have a passion for fashion and decided to utilize their sewing skills to make clothes at affordable prices. The duo sells their creations on their Instagram page @moba where they showcase their various designs.

Sleek, trendy, and stylish are some of the words that may come to mind when you look at Moba Clothing’s Instagram page. Moba Clothing makes handmade sustainable clothing for all sizes.

What makes Moba Clothing stand out is that they don’t waste fabric.

### Photo courtesy of Anette Baca

“We promote ‘consume less, create more’ as an alternative to purchasing from fast fashion,” Baca said.

Fast fashion is inexpensive clothing often produced rapidly by mass-market retailers in response to the latest trends. According to Business Insider, the clothing industry is the second-highest polluter of clean water, produces 10% of the world’s carbon emissions, and it also pollutes various natural water sources with microplastics.

Producers of fast fashion dump their toxic chemicals into clean water supplies, and it is because clothing production is a land and water concentrated business. The fashion industry can reduce their pollution by using sustainable fabrics which are made from ecofriendly resources and by not wasting any of their materials.

Moba Clothing uses dead stock fabric from fabric stores, which is the material that stores over produce.

The fashion boutique is trying to reduce waste by only purchasing the necessary fabric that will be used and makingscrunches out of the remaining fabric. The scrunchies are then included with each order as a special surprise. On Moba Clothing, there is a wide selection to choose from. The selection includes styles of blouses, skirts, tank tops, and other items of clothing.

The business’ Instagram page features many unique outfits which range from charming red and beige plaid skirts that reach mid-thigh length, to darling crop tank tops made in different colors such as blue and red.

Montiel says their clothing line does not have a particular style and can make any article of clothing personalized to the customer. The product the creators are most proud of is their nude colored back-less tank top with a draw string tied at the bottom.

Moba Clothing is accommodating to everyone’s budget. Prices range from $10 to $20 depending on the item.

Baca and Montiel would like to expand their boutique by opening a store in El Paso and other parts of Texas.

“We would like to expand our boutique and one day open a store in Austin,” Montiel said.

With a goal of spreading awareness on how fast fashion is destroying the environment, the duo is persuading customers to buy more eco-friendly clothing. Moba Clothing wants to make the world a greener place one clothing item at a time.

To find out more about Moba Clothing or to check out its clothing designs, visit its Instagram page @moba.clothing.

### Photo courtesy of Moba Clothing

Sandra Baca and Ana Montiel are the creators of Moba Clothing.

### Photo courtesy of Footnotes

To save her aling father from serving in the Imperial Army, a fearless young woman disguises herself as a man to battle northern invaders in China.

### “We promote ‘consume less, create more’ as an alternative to purchasing from fast fashion.”

- Anette Baca, junior majoring in advertising

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El Paso Locomotive seals fifth win in a row

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El Paso Locomotive (8-2-3) won its latest match of the 2020 season against the defending USL Championship Real Monarchs SLC (3-9-6). The Locomos had an intense game even though El Paso dominated most of the game and the stat line, but had problems scoring against the visiting team.

The game's first significant action came at the 15th minute of the match when defender Zach Farnsworth from the Real Monarchs with a volley sent the ball to the goal's side net. Six minutes later, a great cross from Locos forward Omar Salgado found forward Aaron Gomez's left foot just outside the 18-yard box. Locos midfielder Memo Diaz crossed the ball to the inside of the box and found Borelli's header for the first score of the game to make it 1-0.

After that, the game reverted to a ball possession game, in which the Locomos averaged 59% and the visitors a 42%. It was not until the 79th minute of the game that the Locos had another scoring chance after a dangerous cross by Borelli. The goalkeeper managed to reject the ball but was left in front of the goal and a shot by midfielder Richie Ryan sent it out to the stands.

The match was sealed with Borelli’s spectacular goal before the end of the first half, with 13 shots for the Locos for the game, one on target, nine off-target, and three blocked by the Monarchs’ goalkeeper. Monarchs had five shots, with no shots on target, four shots off target, and only one blocked shot by Logan Ketterer.

“I am proud of the guys in the end, it was a little disappointed at the halftime, I felt we weren’t doing our best,” said Locomotive Head Coach Mark Lowry. “I’m really happy with how professional the guys have gone about their work the last few weeks, not just what you see on a Saturday but in the Monday to Friday that you don’t see, the training environment and the way they come in every single day, there is a real vibe through the group right now that there’s something special there. We know we have to keep taking care of business on the field, and we have to keep getting wins, but in general, the feeling in the group has been really good, like some real high-level pressure, and I think that has helped us get through a tough patch and win these games.”

The Locos are in the Conference quarterfinals positions, looking to stay at the top of the league and keep an opportunity to secure home matches during the playoffs.

Locomotive’s next game will be 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, against second-place New Mexico United (7-4-2) next week at Southwest University Park.

The Locomotive will go on the road after that for two matches for the final games of the regular season against the Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC and the Real Monarchs SLC. Some potential candidates to face the Locomotive at the quarterfinals can be San Diego.
UTEP Miners go on road versus Warhawks

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Coming off its 17-13 win over Abilene Christian, the Miners take to the road in an effort to get its first win over an NCAA Division 1 team versus the University of Louisiana Monroe (ULM) Warhawks.

The Miners are now 3-1 on the season, while the Warhawks have lost its first two games of the year by double digits in each matchup. Louisiana Monroe opened the season with a 37-7 defeat on the road to Army and lost 38-17 at home versus Texas State this weekend.

ULM is coming off a 5-7 season just missing out on bowl eligibility with a heartbreaking season-ending loss to in-state rival Ragin Cajuns of the University of Louisiana 31-30.

The Warhawks will have to replace its second all-time leading passer and starter for the past three seasons Caleb Evans at quarterback. Evans threw for over 9500 yards in his time with the team's seventh all-time leading passer Caleb Evans at quarterback. Evans threw for over 9500 yards in his time with the team. Caleb Evans at quarterback. Evans threw for over 9500 yards in his time with the team.

Sophomore Colby Suits has taken over as the starting signal-caller for the Miners under former coach Stoker taking over the reins. Stoker was first team all-conference last season with nine interceptions last season.  So far this season, the Warhawks have not recorded an interception.

Now in his fifth season with the Warhawks, Matt Viator sits with a 19-31 record as a coach at ULM. Previously Viator produced a consistent winner at McNeese State, compiling a 78-33 record.

On paper, the Warhawks are a good matchup for the offense of the Miners. It should be an excellent matchup to get the UTEP running game going. Both team's secondaries spend an overwhelming majority of the game making tackles on runners downfield and are very experienced.

The defense of the Warhawks should be a boon to the confidence of the young sophomore quarterback Gavin Hardison and his stable of running backs featuring Deion Hankins and Josh Fields.

For the game, I expect a lack of defense from both teams with the experience of the UTEP offensive line being the difference for a close victory on the road.

The game starts at 1:30, Sept. 26 at Malone Stadium in Monroe Louisiana and will be televised on ESPN.

Prediction: UTEP 34 ULM 31

UTEP is 0-4 in the state of Louisiana since its last 44-7 victory over Tulane in 2014. This game will be the first ever matchup versus ULM in UTEP football history.

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UTEP sophomore quarterback Gavin Hardison takes snap versus Abilene Christian Saturday, Sept. 19.