AMBASSADORS OF THE MONTH

May - Kirsten Stephenson

June - Natalie Rodriguez

July - Madison Davison

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We are UTSA Ambassadors

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Our Pillars: Service, Leadership, Integrity, Excellence
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Some events UTSA Ambassadors are present at include:

- Roadrunner Days
- Athletic Events
- UTSA Day
- Commencement

and much more.
What's Next Runners?

- Involvement Fair Tabling - Sept 5
- Alumni Tailgate - Sept 14
- Football Recruit Social - Sept 14

Birthdays of the Summer

- Alberto Martinez - Jun 12
- Andres Carrasco - Jun 14
- Lesley Ibarra - Jun 28
- Sarah Nanez - Jul 1
- David Nweke - Jul 16
- Destinie Bazile - Aug 10
- Natalie Rodriguez - Aug 17
- David Dominguez - Aug 25

What advice would you provide a student entering their first year at UTSA?

Cassandra L.
"College is not a race. It doesn't matter how long it took or how many classes you took each semester, everyone goes at their own pace. Find yours. Also, have pride in your school and go to hosted events, get involved, and get out of your comfort zone. If you do that and try your best you can have a great college experience!"

Sabrina G.
"Enjoy your first year by attending most of the university activities and make as many acquaintances as you can; therefore, your networking will grow and benefit you for your classes or future profession."

Kim G.
"Make the most of the resources available at UTSA. There are so many opportunities at UTSA, from tutoring services to undergraduate research to various organizations. Find what will help you the most and optimize them."

What's WORDY Rowdy?

Ambassadors are diverse group of students, so why not take the opportunity to learn new languages from each other?

Escalofriante
"Por lo general, las historias escalofriantes que dicen en la oscuridad (Scary stories to tell in the dark)."

Submitted by Sabrina Garcia
WHAT DOES BEING AN AMBASSADOR MEAN TO YOU?

"Being an Ambassador means I have the opportunity to show the love I have for UTSA and San Antonio. I knew I loved UTSA and that I wanted to make an impact, but who knew I would be able to do both within one organization. The Ambassador program gave me that chance."
JUNE AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

Natalie Rodriguez
Sophomore
Psychology Major

WHAT DOES BEING AN AMBASSADOR MEAN TO YOU?

"Being an Ambassador means being a part of what UTSA is and what it is becoming."
July
Ambassador of the Month

Madison Davison
Senior
Marketing Major

What does being an Ambassador mean to you?

"To me, being an Ambassador means proudly representing UTSA and helping students 24/7."
**UTSA COMMENCEMENT**

Ambassadors assisted with many components of Commencement, on or offstage, which contributed tremendously to making the ceremonies run smoothly.

**RING CEREMONY**

A big thank you to those who helped during the traditional UTSA Ring Ceremony!

**ROWDY’S STOP & GO**

Ambassadors helped answer questions and interacted with families and students as they moved in during Rowdy’s Stop & Go Event, Roadrunner Days.

**50 YEARS CELEBRATION**

A few of our fellow Ambassadors dedicated time during the summer to assist the Office of the President with UTSA’s 50th Anniversary Celebration.

**CLASS LOCATION TOURS**

Ambassadors helped incoming students become familiar with finding their classrooms before the first day of class.

**FIRST SOCIAL**

Thank you to everyone who came out to our game night social to kick off the semester!

**PRESIDENT’S FOSTER YOUTH**

Thank you to those who participated in the President and First Lady’s Foster Youth Event!

**GOOD LUCK**

on your semester!
Welcome to all those who have recently joined UTSA Ambassadors within the past few months!

Every Sunday!
Ambassadors, please submit a weekly time sheet detailing the events you completed and the total amount of hours you served in that week.

Calling prospective UTSA Ambassadors!

Find us at the Get Involved Fair
Thursday, Sept 5th
10:30 AM-1:30 PM
Sombrilla Plaza

Throughout the month of September, we will be recruiting students to become part of UTSA Ambassadors! The recruitment cycle consists of tabling for information, an online application, interviews and selection. If you are interested in becoming a UTSA Ambassador, please visit the website below for more information:

https://future.utsa.edu/visit/ambassadors/

Summer Stats

Welcomed 2,000+ guests during daily and group tours

Tabled at Orientation Block Party Events

Participated in 10+ VIP tours for the Office of the President

Worked with College Readiness and Call Center Students for support
Meet the Editor

Kimberly Garza,
UTSA
Ambassadors Coordinator

In Fall 2017, Kimberly started with the UTSA Ambassadors organization as an Ambassador in Training. Despite her academic course load as a Pre-Medical student, she was able to continue with the program and became a full time Ambassador, then Student Relations Committee Co-Chair and now Coordinator. In Fall 2018, Kimberly and fellow Ambassador Qiwei Chen founded The Ambassador newsletter, and Kimberly continues to produce new editions each month. This edition is now published externally for the 2019-2020 academic year and as a result of its length, is presented as The Ambassador magazine.
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- UTSA Day
- Roadrunner Remembrance
- Commencement

and much more.
What's Next Runners?

- Ring Ceremony - May 7
- Commencement Set Up - May 17
- Commencement - May 18-19

This month, we asked Service Ambassadors What is your favorite event or thing to do on campus?

**KIMBERLY G.**
"Discovering new places to study. I like to change my study environment every few hours, so it is great to know different places on campus where I can focus and enrich my knowledge."

**JOSE E.**
"Being able to see and participate in the process of the Golf Cart Parade. Golf carts are sort of a staple here on campus and being able to decorate and drive them down the Paseo is a really fun experience."

**QIWEI C.**
"Best Fest. We get to host a campus wide fundraiser and engage with the San Antonio community. Also, I like festive things, and you get to interact with people."

birthdays of the month

- Cambriege Wesley - May 5
- Bao Huy Vu - May 20
- Alicia Ramos - May 24
- Andres Vasquez - May 24

mabuhay
/mah'boo'hai/

Language: Tagalog
Definition: Long live!
Fun Fact: The front of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in the Philippines says "Mabuhay."

Spider webs are very durable and are truly meant to resist disturbances in a habitat. Pictured on the left is an image of a spider web with water droplets on it, which looks crystalline.
AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

Jose Escobedo
Sophomore
Political Science Major

WHAT DOES BEING AN AMBASSADOR MEAN TO YOU?

"For as long as I can remember I’ve always wanted the opportunity to serve others; being a part of the Ambassador Program has given me that opportunity. Going on tours and promoting our school has been one of the most meaningful experiences I’ve had here on campus. It’s truly an honor to be part of an incredible program and team."
UTSA DAY

Ambassadors greeted and assisted prospective students and their families, welcoming them to UTSA. This event was also a finale to our successful Rowdy’s Roadshows!

FIESTA

A big thank you to those who helped at the booth during Fiesta UTSA; it was successful! In addition, great job to our Coordinators, who helped greet and parade with the Fiesta Royalty during the event!

STOLE CEREMONY

We were grateful to honor Victoria Wahlen, who received her Ambassador graduation stole during the Stole Ceremony. Thank you Tori for your 3+ years of service for the Ambassador organization, UTSA and community!

AMERICAN BANQUET

Our annual Ambassador Banquet celebrates the success of each Ambassador throughout the year. Congratulations to all who received an award, and thank you to everyone for your service to the organization, university and community!

UTSA DAY AT THE CAPITOL

A few of our fellow Ambassadors dedicated time to visit the Texas Capitol and advocate UTSA’s legislative priorities put forth by President Eighmy.
Ambassador Banquet 2019

Congratulations to our award recipients!

Century Marker

Honesty Boone
Qiwei Chen
Kimberly Garza
Hunter Kim
Beanna Okeugo
Alicia Ramos
Adryanna Coy
Jordyn Ruiz
Javier Silva

Kirsten Stephenson
Sapna Srinivasan
Bao Huy Vu
Cambriege Wesley
Robert Ranara
Andres Carrasco
Rebecca Gonzalez
Sarah Nanez
DaShawn Ozuna
Andres Vasquez

PILLAR AWARDS

Service
Kirsten Stephenson

Leadership
Andres Vasquez

Integrity
Sabrina Garcia

Excellence
Jose Escobedo

TOUR LORD

Service Pathway
Alicia Ramos

Welcome Center
Appointed Pathway
Rebecca Gonzalez

OF THE YEAR

Ambassador in Training
Hannah Imhoff

Ambassador
Alicia Ramos

Coordinators
Kimberly Garza and Andres Carrasco
If you participate in an Ambassador event or accomplish a goal outside of the organization during the summer, we would like to hear about it! Please submit your photos and stories to the email below to be featured in the upcoming Fall newsletter!

ambassadornewsletter1819@gmail.com

Commencement Checklist

- **Sign Up** - For May 18 (AM/PM) and 19 (AM)
- **Set Up** - May 17 (10 AM)
  - Lunch provided
- **Pick Up** - Cardigans before Commencement day

If you have further questions or cannot attend Commencement, please let a Coordinator or Advisor know.

Want to stay involved during the summer as an Ambassador? You can!

Here's how:
1. Orientation Block Parties
2. Daily Tours starting June

Make sure to check Welcome to College on a regular basis for updated events!

If you have not done so already, please return your **blazer** (if applicable) to the Welcome Center by May 17.

If you are eligible, please apply for the Betty Murray scholarship!
A recap of what we accomplished throughout the year!

**OCT**
- Fall Retreat
- Golf Cart Parade
- BestFest
- Tabling 101 Workshop
- Movie Night Social
- Halloween in the SU
- UTSA Day
- AIT Selection

**DEC**
- Game Night Social
- Fall Ring Ceremony
- Fall Commencement

**JAN**
- Spring Retreat
- Tour Training Day
- Induction Ceremony

**FEB**
- UTSA Day
- Alumni Association Diploma Dash
- Rowdy's Roadshow Call Campaign

**MAR**
- Spring Break Tours
- P-20 and Self-Guided Group Tours
- Roadrunner Remembrance

**APR**
- Rowdy's Roadshows
- UTSA Day
- University Life Awards
- Fiesta UTSA
- UTSA Day at the Capitol
- Ambassador Banquet
- Stole Ceremony
- Alumni Golf Scramble
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Alicia Ramos

WHAT DOES BEING AN AMBASSADOR MEAN TO YOU?

Alicia Ramos
Junior, Medical Humanities Major, Biology Minor

"Before coming to UTSA, I actually spent most of my life living on military bases in Japan. When I started college, I was quick to realize that I was starting off one of the most important times of my life alone and with no clue of what to do. Fast track to now, being an Ambassador means so much to me. While I do get to lead and help serve both San Antonio and UTSA, it has also helped me grow as a person. It made me feel like I am actually part of the university, it has led me to so many friends and mentors I am thankful for each day, and it has shown me what kind of person I can be with such a supportive community who has my back."

Please come into the Welcome Center by Wednesday to take your Ambassador of the Month photo and receive your official Ambassador of the Month prize packet!
This month, we asked WELCOME CENTER APPOINTED AMBASSADORS What is the most valuable lesson you have learned while at UTSA?

REBECCA G.
"The most valuable lesson I have learned at UTSA is to take chances! Don’t be afraid to put yourself out there."

DASHAWN O.
"Learning how to manage your time is really important. I learned that while having multiple jobs and attending classes everyday it is important to make sure I’m taking time to make sure I’m taking care of all my responsibilities at UTSA and in my personal life."

SARAH N.
"The most valuable lesson I have learned while at UTSA is to embrace new experiences and opportunities."

ANDRES C.
"At UTSA, I have learned that not everything in life is and will be comfortable. There will be times when we will have to step out of our comfort zone in order to progress and succeed in life."

SPRING BREAK TOURS
During Spring Break, Welcome Center Appointed Ambassadors, Service Ambassadors and even former Welcome Center Ambassadors devoted some of their time during the break to serve UTSA and provide tours to prospective students and their families. Thank you to all who helped!
AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

Hannah Imhoff
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WHAT DOES BEING AN AMBASSADOR MEAN TO YOU?

Hannah Imhoff
Freshman, Public Health Major

"Everyday within this program one is able to learn something new, not only about the university, but also what it personally means to be an Ambassador. To me, being an Ambassador isn't just about the four pillars. While that is our foundation, Service, Leadership, Integrity, and Excellence all come from the love of UTSA and the want to improve and also share that love of the campus. Because of the Ambassador program I have met great people and made amazing friendships, all in which makes UTSA and the Ambassador program itself a little family to me."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ambassador Photos
February 27

Call Campaign for UTSA Roadshow
February 27

Roadshow Mailing

Spring Break Tours

General Meeting
March 21

P20 Elementary Group Panel and Tours

Welcome Center Daily Tours and Group Tours

BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

Kirsten Stephenson - Mar. 7
Grace Onokoko - Mar. 16
Chloe Talley - Mar. 27

PLACE YOUR VOTE
For the March Ambassador of the Month!

UTSA DAY
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Meet the Inductees

What do you love most about UTSA?

Yolanda O.

"UTSA gives you the opportunity to be involved, and not be afraid of being judged. This campus knows that it's made of different people, and it has opened its arms to each and every one of us."

Grace S.

"I love that UTSA has such amazing people here! I have made a family thanks to UTSA! Go Roadrunners!"

Sarrah Joy E.

"I love UTSA's welcoming and supportive community. There are people on campus who genuinely want to help you accomplish your goals."

Lesley I.

"The people. UTSA is a small campus and you can get really close with the people."

Albert M.

"UTSA has a lot to offer, but the one thing that I truly love is the individuals that compose the university. I have met many peers that have shared their stories with me and vice-versa. Not only that but I have met friends that will last a lifetime."

Hannah I.

"I love that UTSA feels like its own community within San Antonio, the people here are so friendly and welcoming."

Sabrina G.

"I love the vibe and the incredible opportunities at UTSA. The university is growing exponentially and will be one of the top schools in Texas in the near future."

Jose E.

"I love the professors at UTSA. You grow up being told that most professors won't be too pleasant but when I got here to UTSA I quickly found out that all they really wanted was for their students to succeed."

Kevin W.

"I love the family bond you get when you become a Roadrunner; the school really lives up to the saying 'Birds of a Feather'. I also love the vast events and opportunities offered here."

Hafsa W.

"I love UTSA because of the community, it's a good size and you get to make friends everywhere. I feel at home when I am on campus because I see faces that are inspiring. Everyone is welcoming and friendly; I am able to form lasting friendships with people around me."

Grace O.

"The thing I love most about UTSA is the atmosphere and diversity. I feel like there's a place for everybody and everything here."

UTSA Day

Ambassadors greeted and assisted prospective students and their families, welcoming them to UTSA.

AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

Since we began classes halfway into January, the Ambassador of the Month will be selected beginning next month. Stay tuned for the February Ambassador of the Month!

PLACE YOUR VOTE
For the February Ambassador of the Month!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tour Training Day
January 27

Induction Ceremony
General Meeting
January 31

UTSA Day (Mandatory)
February 16

General Meeting
February 21

P20 Elementary Group Panel and Tours

Welcome Center Daily Tours and Group Tours
GET TO KNOW THE WONDERFUL MEMBERS OF THE AMBASSADORS!

This month, we asked

LEADERSHIP TEAM

What is your favorite spot on campus and why?

ANDRES C.

Behind Main Building.

"It is enjoyable looking at this area, where you can see a vastness of trees."

KIM G.

MB 0.104.

"In my senior year of high school, I received the award for State Champion of Calculator Applications in this auditorium."

QIWEI C.

JPL, South Commons.

"Peaceful and you get to see the greens during study breaks."

JAVIER S.

Benches by Roadrunner Statue.

"As a Peer Mentor, I usually take my students there for meetings because it’s shaded and calming."

JEANETTE F.

Patio of the Main Building.

"Looking out from it to the wooded area reminds me of my childhood."

DEYLA E.

Convocation Center.

"Over the last few years it has been awesome, as an alum, to see the energy and school spirit grow during athletic games!"

LISA A.

Bridge connecting SU and HEB SU.

"I love to stand on it during orientation or campus events and watch the UTSA community members having fun!"

NIK H.

Unavailable to answer.

FALL COMMENCEMENT

Every semester, Ambassadors assist with many components of Commencement, on or offstage, which contribute tremendously to making the ceremonies run smoothly.

SPRING RETREAT

Fun and exciting day to learn about new program goals, expand professional development skills and reunite with members.

TOUR TRAINING DAY

Ambassadors are trained and tested on their ability to present a tour of campus in order to become tour certified.