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service - leadership - integrity - excellence

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birthdays

November

- QIWEI CHEN
  17th
- CASSANDRA LEAL
  28th
- GISELLA GONZALES
  28th
- DESTINY ANGUIANO
  30th

December

- DALESHANA CROSBY
  3rd
- KIMBERLY GARZA
  4th
- JORDYN RUIZ
  11th
- HANNAH IMHOFF
  17th
- YOLANDA OLIVARES
  21st
- HAFSA WENIBWE
  31st

FOUNTAIN of THANKS

"There are many things that I am thankful for, but the top on my list are my immediate family, friends, health, and opportunities. I have learned a lot within the 2 years of coming to UTSA and have grown as a person. "

- Sabrina G.

"I am most grateful for my supportive parents, who have given everything they could to provide me with opportunities that they did not have."

- Allison M.

"I am most thankful for this life that I am given, my family, and the balance of body, mind, spirit and faith."

- Kim G.

compartir /kohm'pahr'teer/

Language: ***Spanish*** Definition: **To share**

Sentence: **¿Quieres que compartamos un postre? (Would you like to share a dessert?)** *- Sabrina G.*

WORDY

ROWDY

mabait /mah'bah'it/

Language: ***Tagalog*** Definition: **Kind**

Sentence: **Ang daming mabait na tao sa UTSA. (UTSA is filled with kind people.)** *- Kim G.*

DAVID *Dominguez*

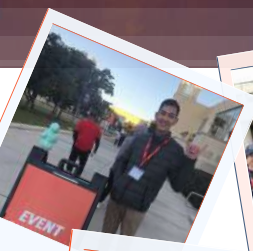
SENIOR *Political Science Major*
Communications Minor

"I'm proud to be a part of this long standing organization that is recognized by the San Antonio area. Greeting guests, taking people around my campus and answering questions about the Ambassador program is always something I love to share. I am very glad and humbled to be a part of such a great team and representing UTSA as an Ambassador. Being Ambassador of the Month let's me know I'm doing things right!"

AMBASSADOR *of the* MONTH

October

BIRD'S EYE View



Tours

Alumni INNOVATION Awards

FAMILY of the Year

Alyssa D

ATHLETIC Events

From university functions to athletic events to daily tours, Ambassadors are constantly playing an active role in representing UTSA. Thank you Ambassadors for your continued hard work and service to the university and community!

Bulletin Board

UTSA DAY Fall 2019

TRICK or TREAT on the Paseo

NATURALLY *Intriguing*

In 1991, the Filipino volcano Mt. Pinatubo erupted, creating the largest volcanic eruption in the world within the past 100 years. My mom was 18 years old when the eruption occurred, and she had to evacuate her hut near the river. Almost 29 years later, what was once a flat-topped mountain can now be seen as a jagged crater, depicted in the middle of the image below. The river near where my mom used to live is also illustrated below.

Reference: usgs.gov

Photographed by Kimberly Ann Cunanan Garza

Meet the CALL CENTER Ambassadors

PRISCILLA SIMANUNGKALIT

SENIOR *Communications Major*
Business Admin Minor

"What I look forward to most in the Ambassador program is being able to better myself professionally and build my network with successful individuals alike. I would also like to give back to my community by sharing what I have learned in my 3 years at UTSA. After working in several departments on campus, I believe I am knowledgable of the various opportunities on campus and would love to help the students who are just getting started. As a Call Center Ambassador, I have been given the privilege of interacting with incoming students who are interested in becoming a Roadrunner and help them navigate their path to success at UTSA."

CHANNING DJONRET

SENIOR *Finance Major*
Math and Computer Sci Minor

"What I look forward to in the Ambassador program is to carry the colors of UTSA everywhere I go, through the education I received and its values."

STEPHANIE RAMIREZ

SENIOR *Interdisciplinary Studies*
Bilingual Education

"I really look forward to everything the Ambassador program has to offer. This is a great opportunity for me to grow and meet people that have the same goals that I do. Being an Ambassador also allows me to reach out to incoming students and their families and help them with any questions they may have."

AMBASSADOR

in the SPOTLIGHT *Allison Manning*

Allison recently attended WE19, the world's largest conference for Women in Engineering. She has also accepted a position as 2020 Tech Product Design Intern for her dream company, Northrop Grumman.

Congratulations Allison!

"I am looking forward to researching and developing mechanical products and systems for the Ground-Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) program this summer!"

AMBASSADOR in the SPOTLIGHT

Kimberly Garza

Kimberly started photography in 2018, when she visited the Philippines. Currently, some of her pieces are on display at the Gallery 23 in the UTSA Student Union! The exhibit, "A Look Beyond", features her pieces from the Philippines along with photographs of Paris submitted by a fellow Terry Scholar. The exhibit is now open until the end of winter break, so please visit when you have the chance.

You can visit her online portfolio as well!

https://texprep48.wixsite.com/kacgportfolio

"Through photography, I hope to express the beauty and peace that exists in nature and the world."

ROWDY'S *Reminders*

- **Saturday, Dec 14** - *Set-Up*
- **Sunday, Dec 15** - *Ceremonies 1&2*
- **Monday, Dec 16** - *Ceremony 3*

Current or Former Ambassadors graduating in Fall 2019, please email deyla.elliott@utsa.edu *to receive your stole.*

Good Luck on Finals

MEET the EDITOR

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- *Social* - Oct 10
- *BestFest* - Oct 18
- *UTSA Day* - Oct 26
- *Athletic Events*

naturally intriguing

Photographed by Kimberly AC Garza
Pima Air and Space Museum, Tucson, AZ

Tucson Meteorite
This ring meteorite is composed of iron, weighing 1400 lbs. First noted in 1845 in the Sierra de la Madre mountain ranges of Tucson, AZ, this meteorite had originally been used as a blacksmith's anvil before being preserved to display at various museums.

birthdays

September

- ***Trinity Schaefer*** - 1st
- ***Madison Hill*** - 13th
- ***Kathia Moreno*** -16th
- ***Destiny Greenwood*** - 22nd
- ***Marbella Rios*** - 22nd

October

- ***Jana Almughawish*** - 2nd
- ***Beanna Okeugo*** - 9th
- ***Steven Hermosillo*** - 14th
- ***Jordan Weinstein*** - 19th
- ***Honesty Boone*** - 20th
- ***Madison Davison*** - 28th
- ***Sabrina Garcia*** - 29th

FAST FACTS

This month, we asked Ambassadors

What is your favorite class at UTSA and why?

KIRSTEN S.

"*Child Growth and Development.* I am an Education major and this class was a main reason as to why I wanted to go into education. There is just so much to learn about how children develop and it was an eye-opening course to something we might think we know all about."

TRINITY S.

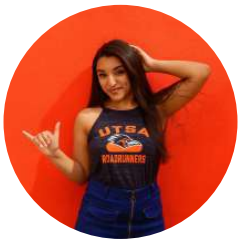
"*Jazz Ensemble, Calculus 2, and Introduction to Civil Engineering.* In Jazz Ensemble I have the opportunity to express my creativity and improve as a musician, Calculus 2 because I enjoy the challenge and rigor of advanced mathematics in Calculus 2, and Introduction to Civil Engineering teaches me valuable information relating to my field which will lead to success in my career."

DAVID D.

"*Foundations to Communication, Persuasion and Rhetorical Analysis.* Not only are all these classes designed to make you a better communicator, but they help you understand the importance of people and the role that beliefs and values play in their everyday lives."

SAVANNA H.

"*Interpersonal Communication*. Dr. Oliver shares so many intriguing stories that help me to understand what she's talking about, as well as keeping me constantly wanting to hear more!"



DESTINY A.

"*Intro To American Politics*. It is truly fascinating to learn of current issues and how the government reacts to them. We have bi-weekly debates on issues and I love hearing the opinions of others."

HAFSA W.

"*World Music*. I love music even though I can't sing. I was always curious on what music really meant and the background story of how it started."

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WORDY ROWDY

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

1) **adorer** (verb) **/ah'dor'air/**

Language: French | Definition: **To love.**

Sentence: *Je t'adore! (I love you!)* - ***Trinity S.***

2) **maabudu** **/maa'bu'du/**

Language: Swahili | Definition: **Service**

Sentence: *My favorite thing about the Ambassador program is having a family that loves to serve our school and community.* - ***Hafsa W.***

3) **schmetterling** **/sh'met'er'ling/**

Language: German | Definition: **Butterfly**

Fun Fact: *My dad is in the Army and when I was little we lived in Germany for several years. Schmetterling is one of the few words that I still remember from my time there!* - ***Savanna H.***

4) **ohana** **/oh'ha'nah/**

Language: Hawaiian | Definition: **Family**

Sentence: *UTSA is Ohana.* - ***David D.***

5) **קומי קון גאנה** **/ko'may kon ga'na/**

Language: Ladino | Definition: **Bon appetit!**

Fun Fact: *Ladino is a mostly dead language that my grandmother used to speak. It originated in Spain among Spanish Jews and is a composition of Spanish, Hebrew/Aramaic languages, Portuguese, Greek, etc.* - ***Jordan W.***

AUGUST
AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

Sabrina Garcia

Sophomore
Civil Engineering Major
Structural Engineering Minor

WHAT DOES BEING AN AMBASSADOR MEAN TO YOU?

"Being an Ambassador means to have the opportunity to grow as a person and participate within the UTSA community. The people in this organization are the best representation of UTSA, which are life long friends to have. This has been one of the best decisions that I have made in my college career."

"Sabrina has been a joy to work with over the summer. She has really been a great teammate and does everything she can for the organization!"

"Sabrina has really come into her own over the course of the year. She successfully made the transition from being an AIT and jumped into her Welcome Center Appointed duties very quickly. She demonstrates a strong work ethic and continually pushes the organization in the right direction. We truly appreciate all of the hard work!"

"I always see Sabrina leading people around on campus! She deserves the nomination for sure. YOU GO GIRL!"

SEPTEMBER AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

Sarrah Joy Estrella

Junior

Biology Major

English Literature Minor

"Sarrah is always willing to help when needed. I always see her with a smile and that always makes my day better."

"Sarrah continues to thrive within the Volunteer Appointed Pathway within the organization. She always manages to exceed requirements of the organization and does it with a smile. She has been active in various presidential events, athletics and much more. Keep up the great work!"

"Sarrah does an amazing job of staying active and I am glad she is my Ambassador colleague at most events."

WHAT DOES BEING AN AMBASSADOR MEAN TO YOU?

"Being an Ambassador means that I get the opportunity to be a person's introduction to the growing UTSA community. As Ambassadors, we get the chance to represent UTSA through our words on tours and by our everyday actions. During my time as an Ambassador, I have been able to serve my community, build friendships, and grow as an overall student."

BIRD'S EYE VIEW

FOOTBALL
HOME GAME #1

Ambassadors represented the university by interacting with guests and assisting at the President's Suite during the game.

FOOTBALL
HOME GAME #2

Ambassadors can be found at every home game!

GOLDEN
GALA

A few of our fellow Ambassadors dedicated time to assist Donor Relations with the Alumni Association's Golden Gala.

BOWLING
SOCIAL

Thank you to those who came to our bowling social after Fall Retreat!

FALL RETREAT

Thank you to everyone who came!

MEET THE AITS

We have completed the recruitment process and are now welcoming the new Ambassadors in Training into our program!

JALYNN BONNER

SENIOR
MEDICAL HUMANITIES MAJOR
BIOLOGY/SOCIOLOGY MINOR

"I look forward to gaining another on campus family as well as being able to show others why UTSA is the best fit for them!"

SAVANNA HARSH

JUNIOR
COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR
PSYCHOLOGY MINOR

"I look forward to being able to show incoming freshmen, families, kids, etc. how incredible of a school UTSA is!"

KARINA HERNANDEZ

JUNIOR
BIOLOGY WITH
TEACHING CERTIFICATION

"I highly look forward to showing my pride of our campus to others and showing them not only what it takes to be a Roadrunner but also showing off our beautiful campus!"

SULIEMAN NASER

SENIOR
CIVIL ENGINEERING

"I look forward to sharing what I love the most about UTSA with future students."

YAKSH PATEL

JUNIOR
ACCOUNTING

"I look forward to providing service to the city of San Antonio."

TRINITY SCHAEFER

SOPHOMORE
CIVIL ENGINEERING MAJOR
JAZZ STUDIES MINOR

"I am excited to develop my character in ways that will allow me to better serve my university!"

SAVANNA SLATON

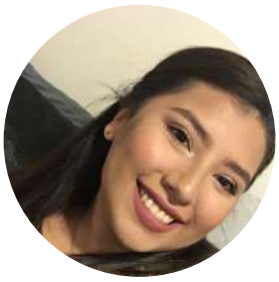
SOPHOMORE
PUBLIC HEALTH

"I look forward to giving tours so I can show off my amazing campus!"

MEET THE COLLEGE READINESS AMBASSADORS

Part One

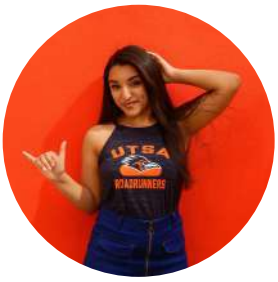
We are now welcoming a new pathway into our program!



ALEXIS ACOSTA

JUNIOR
PSYCHOLOGY

"I look forward to helping and inspiring our youth to think that college IS an option and that they're not alone."



DESTINY ANGUIANO

FRESHMAN
I'M FIRST GEN!
POLITICS AND LAW

"I look forward to working with children and opening the doors to a higher education that they deserve, especially the idea that they could someday be a Roadrunner!"

DANIELLA CASTILLO

SOPHOMORE
PUBLIC ADMIN MAJOR
NON-PROFIT MGMT/WOMEN'S STUDIES MINOR

"I am looking forward to being a positive representation for my community back home, as well as using this experience as an opportunity to share with potential students the importance of finding your voice and passion."

DALESHANA CROSBY

SENIOR
PUBLIC HEALTH, EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

"I look forward to serving my university as a student leader and developing myself as a student and professional."

STEPHANIE GARCIA

FRESHMAN
POLITICAL SCIENCE

"I look forward to the opportunity to show younger generations the importance of furthering their education, and presenting UTSA as a feasible option."

GISELLA GONZALEZ

FRESHMAN
I'M FIRST GEN!
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

"I look forward most to showcasing our beautiful campus and peaking interest in the hearts of Future Roadrunners!"

DESTINY GREENWOOD

SENIOR
CELLULAR/ MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

"I'm looking forward to inspiring the next generation of STEM Majors and potential UTSA students."

ARIANNA GUZMAN

FRESHMAN
BUSINESS MARKETING

I look forward to working with children and promoting UTSA to younger students and letting them know how great of a campus we are."

STEVEN HERMOSILLO

SENIOR
COMMUNICATIONS

"I look forward to the chance to share with potential students all the available opportunities for them and everything we have to offer them at UTSA!"

MEET THE COLLEGE READINESS AMBASSADORS

Part Two

MADISON HILL

FRESHMAN

BIOLOGY

"I look forward most to being able to inspire kids to want to go college, especially UTSA."

ALLISON MANNING

JUNIOR

MECHANICAL ENGR MAJOR

BUSINESS ADMIN MINOR

"I look forward to further developing myself as a young leader and becoming more involved on campus since I am a transfer student."

JUDITH MONTERROSA

SENIOR

PUBLIC HEALTH

"I look forward to the impact made on Future Roadrunners."

KATHIA MORENO

SENIOR

KINESIOLOGY MAJOR

PSYCHOLOGY MINOR

"I look forward to help students further their education and expand their knowledge."

MARTHA SALAZAR

JUNIOR

KINESIOLOGY

"I plan to aspire the next UTSA generation into coming to college and staying focused in college for the better of their future."

SEBASTIAN SANCHEZ

FRESHMAN

CONSTRUCTION SCIENCE AND MGMT

"I look forward to bringing in Future Roadrunners and feeling part of the school expansion."

JASMAN SIDHU

SOPHOMORE

COMPUTER SCIENCE

"I look forward to helping students understand what college is about and eliminating their confusions and fears of achieving a higher education."

JORDAN WEINSTEIN

JUNIOR

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

"I look forward to connecting with my fellow Ambassadors and getting to meet people in the school I wouldn't normally meet."

ROWDY'S REMINDERS

EVERY SUNDAY!

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

MONDAY

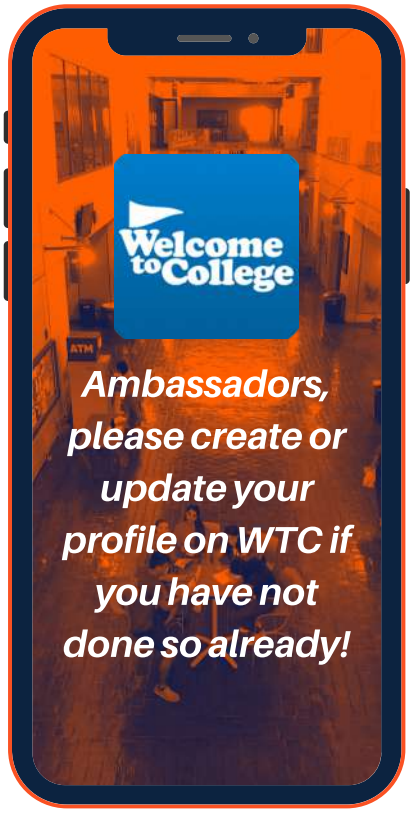
Videos and PDF Versions

FRIDAY

Quiz Opens

SUNDAY

Quiz Due



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"THINGS WORK OUT BEST FOR THOSE WHO MAKE THE BEST OF HOW THINGS WORK OUT." - JOHN WOODEN

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- *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

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escalofriante

/ehs'kah'loh'fryahn'te/

Language: Spanish

Definition: **Scary**

Sentence: *Historias escalofriantes que dicen en la obsuridad (Scary stories to tell in the dark).*

Submitted by Sabrina Garcia

FAST FACTS

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."

naturally intriguing

On the morning of Wednesday, July 24th, 2019, mountains suddenly appeared in San Antonio. A thick, low-lying mass of darker clouds formed in the sky, leaving the appearance of mountains surrounding the city.

MAY AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

Kirsten Stephenson

Senior

Interdisciplinary Studies Major

EC-6 Generalist

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

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JULY AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

Madison Davison

Senior

Marketing Major

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

BIRD'S EYE VIEW

UTSA COMMENCEMENT

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

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.

RING CEREMONY

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

CLASS LOCATION TOURS

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

50 YEARS CELEBRATION

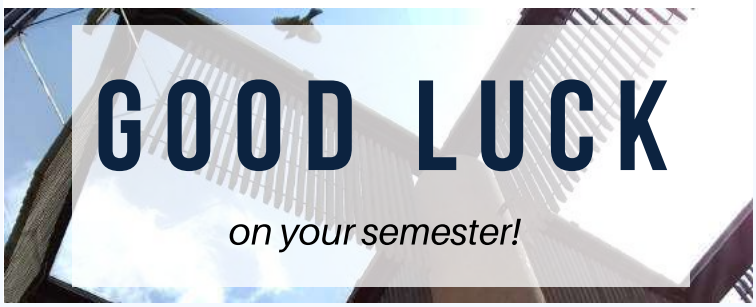
A few of our fellow Ambassadors dedicated time during the summer to assist the Office of the President with UTSA's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

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!



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GET INVOLVED FAIR

Thursday, Sept 5th
10:30 AM-1:30 PM
Sombrilla Plaza

CALLING PROSPECTIVE UTSA AMBASSADORS!

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:

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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

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We are UTSA AMBASSADORS

Founded in 1988, UTSA Ambassadors is a university sponsored, student led organization of over 40 leaders. Through university events, tours and alumni functions, Ambassadors serve as the forefront in representing UTSA and as a welcoming face to prospective students looking to attend the university.

OUR PILLARS

Dedicated to serving UTSA and the community.

Within the Ambassador program, there are two pathways one can choose to follow: Service Ambassador or Welcome Center Appointed Ambassador. Ambassadors appointed through the Welcome Center fulfill a paid position at the Welcome Center and have a main focus to provide tours to prospective students and families. Both Service Ambassadors and Welcome Center Appointed Ambassadors are required to fulfill service hours, provide tours and attend mandatory events and general meetings each month.

Some events UTSA Ambassadors are present at include:

- **Freshman Convocation**
- **Athletic Events**
- **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

birthdays of the month

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

WORDY ROWDY

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

mabuhay

/mah'boo'hai/

Language: *Tagalog*

Definition: **Long live!**

Fun Fact: *The front of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in the Philippines says "Mabuhay".*

FAST FACTS

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."

naturally intriguing

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."

BIRD'S EYE VIEW

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!

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.

Taken from UTSA Today

See pg. 6 for award recipients

AMBASSADOR 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!

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!*

Ambassdor 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

ROWDY'S REMINDERS

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

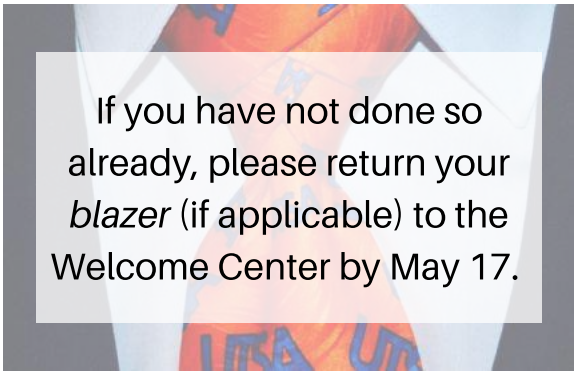
- ☑ *Sign Up - For May 18 (AM/PM) and 19 (AM)*
- ☑ *Set Up - May 17 (10 AM) Lunch provided*
- ☑ *Pick Up - Cardigans before Commencement day*

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!

YEAR IN REVIEW

A recap of what we accomplished throughout the year!

OCT

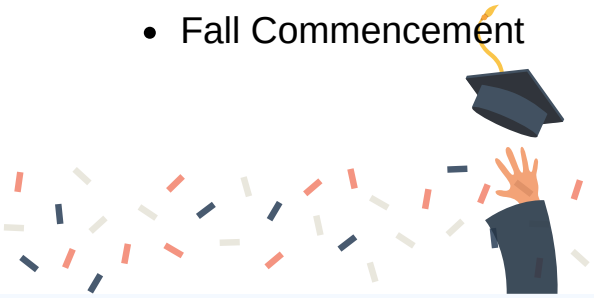
- Fall Retreat
- Golf Cart Parade
- BestFest
- Tabling 101 Workshop
- Movie Night Social
- Halloween in the SU
- UTSA Day
- AIT Selection

NOV

- Mid-Semester Celebration
- Etiquette Lunch
- Resume/Cover Letter Workshop
- Friendsgiving
- AIT Final Interviews

DEC

- Game Night Social
- Fall Ring Ceremony
- Fall Commencement

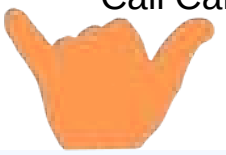


JAN

- 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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BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

Sarrah Joy Estrella - Apr. 5
TaMarr Daniels - Apr. 24

PLACE YOUR VOTE

For the April Ambassador of the Month!

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ambassador Photos
March 26

University Life Awards
April 3

General Meeting
April 11

Fiesta UTSA
April 12

Ambassador Banquet
April 28

Welcome Center Daily and Group Tours

P20 Elementary Group Panel and Tours

LAST FACTS

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!

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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!

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

MEET THE INDUCTEES

Congratulations Spring 2019 Inductees! Pictured from left to right: Yolanda Olivares, Alberto Martinez, Grace Sanchez, Hannah Imhoff, Grace Onokoko, Jose Escobedo, Sabrina Garcia, Hafsa Wenibwe, Kevin Washington, Lesley Ibarra. Not pictured: Sarrah Joy Estrella.

UTSA DAY

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FAST FACTS

This month, we asked

NEW 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."

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BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

Adryanna Coy - Feb. 20

PHOTOGRAPHER NEEDED!

If you are crafty with a camera, we are in need of an official photographer for our Ambassador Induction on Thursday, January 31st. If you are able to fulfill this position, please contact a Coordinator or Executive Team Member.

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

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.

FAST FACTS

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!"

NICK H.
Unavailable to answer.