Welcome to all Honors College students. This fall, we have admitted our largest freshman class ever, with 214 freshman joining the program. I hope that you all had a wonderful summer and are ready for the new semester to begin.

As the semester begins, I would urge all to get involved with the Honors community. One way to do this is to offer your name for consideration to serve on the Dean’s Honors Student Advisory Board or by joining the University Honors Student Association (UHSA). Please contact Alegra Lozano for more information on joining UHSA or the Honors Student Advisory Board.

If you have earned 60 hours or more you might think about applying for a UTSA Legislative Scholar Internship for the Spring 2015 semester. This internship, which is available for students any major, provides funds that allow recipients to intern with members of the Texas House of Representatives during the Spring 2015 legislative session. Additional information and program applications are available on the Honors College website: http://honors.utsa.edu/programs/legislative-scholars.html. An orientation meeting about the UTSA Legislative Scholars program will be held on Tuesday, September 2nd at 3:00 pm in the Honors College Conference Room (MS 4.01.76).

Those seeking an international experience should consider participating in the Honors College 2015 Study Abroad Program to Italy. The first informational meeting about the program will be held on Thursday, September 18th at 3:00 pm in the Pecan Room in the UC. An overview of the program including information on dates, costs, and scholarships will be provided.

These are just a few examples of how you can involve yourself in the Honors Community.

I wish each of you a successful semester.

Richard A. Diem, Ph.D.
Dean
Welcome back, Honors Roadrunners! While I have seen many of you over the summer, I am looking forward to seeing more of you on a regular basis and to meeting all our many new students. I am also excited that I (along with Dr. Colleen Witt and Dr. Valerie Sponsel) will be teaching an Honors course for the first time in many years – the new Academic Inquiry and Scholarship course, which is part of the Freshman Year Experience. I hope to be hosting several events that will be open to students who are not in my AIS course, including a movie night (or two) later in the semester.

All of you are welcome to attend any of our Pancake Breakfests over in the 2nd-floor Multipurpose Center at San Saba hall the first Sunday of every month! This coming month, we will also be hosting sessions on “Getting into Law School” (with alum Jonathan Nomamiukor, a recent graduate of Harvard University School of Law) and “Using Health Professions Organizations to Prepare for Careers in Health Professions” (with senior Jade Heverly-Campbell, President of AED Honor Society and founder of Global Brigades). Please read this newsletter carefully to learn other ways to become involved with the Honors College and to learn about some new university and Honors College policies, including the new Texas Government test that now allows students who earned a “3” or higher on the US Government AP exam to test out of POL 1133 as well as POL 1013 and new procedures for submitting your Honors thesis or thesis proposal.

And don’t forget to watch your email inbox for announcements of FTK events!

Dr. Ann R. Eisenberg
Welcome to the fall 2014 semester at U.T.S.A.! Whether you’re new to San Antonio or native to the area, we are glad you’ve chosen to pursue your academic career here. As a member of the Honors College, you will find a home away from home. We encourage you to schedule an appointment with your Honors College Academic Advisor any time you have questions or want to discuss your degree options or want to talk with someone who cares about your success at U.T.S.A.

Academic Advising centers have recently been restructured in an effort to provide students with a more comprehensive advising experience. In essence, the goal is to build effective relationships between advisors and students, while offering quality advising (even if you change your major).

As members of the Honors College, you have either been assigned to Michele Tencza, Shun Barrientez, or me as your primary advisor. If you are working on an Honors thesis or are a Terry Scholar or an Archer Fellow, Dr. Ann Eisenberg is officially your secondary advisor, although she will handle your advising appointments. Should you be unable to see who your assigned advisor is in ASAP or if you do not see one of our three Honors advisors listed, please contact our office (210) 458-4106 for assistance. The Honors advisor listed as your primary advisor will be your advisor at UTSA as long as you remain a member of the Honors College (unless, of course, she leaves UTSA or the Honors College).

We are prepared to help you with any questions that may arise. Please do not make appointments with advisors in other centers, as they will not see you. Students are expected to see the advisor officially listed in ASAP. Seeing your assigned Honors advisor ensures that your advisor is familiar with both your degree plan and Honors requirements.

Please check ASAP to make sure that the preferred email listed for you is an email address you actually check. And check that email address often, as the Honors College frequently sends information about exciting opportunities – including scholarships.

Again, welcome. We look forward to being a part of your success at U.T.S.A.

Best,

Diana Shaw Howard
Assistant Director Academic Advising
Honors College
Diana.howard@utsa.edu
WHO IS MY HONORS ADVISOR?

Every Honors student should now have been assigned an Honors advisor. You can learn who your Honors Academic Advisor is by checking ASAP. If you check ASAP and do NOT see one of our three Honors Advisors – Diana Howard, Michele “Mickie” Tencza, or Shunverie “Shun” Barrientez -- listed as your primary advisor, please email the Honors office (honors@utsa.edu) immediately. If you are a Terry Scholar who entered UTSA as a freshman or if you are working on an Honors thesis, you will also see Dr. Ann Eisenberg listed as your secondary advisor. If you believe Dr. Eisenberg should be listed as one of your advisors and do not see her listed as a secondary advisor, please email honors@utsa.edu.

CHANGE IN DROP DATE: NO DROPS OF INDIVIDUAL CLASSES AFTER OCTOBER 30th

The Drop Date deadline for an individual class via ASAP for ALL students (INCLUDING FRESHMEN) will be October 30th in fall 2014. This is a major change from the past several years when the Drop Date fell at the end of the semester.

Classes dropped prior to Census Date (September 12th – Friday at 5:00 p.m.) will not receive a grade and will not appear on student transcripts. Classes dropped between Census Date and October 30th will appear on student transcripts with a grade of “W,” which has no impact on the student’s GPA.

Make certain to mark your calendars for these important dates!

Texas Politics Competency Exam Now Available at U.T.S.A.

UTSA students who earned a score of “3” or higher to earn credit for POL 1013 are now eligible to take a comprehensive exam to earn course credit for POL 1133, “Texas Politics” as well as for POL 1013.

U.T.S.A. Testing Services has begun offering the Texas Competency exam for a fee of $180.00. Students will earn credit for POL 1133 if they meet any of the following requirements:
• A score of 5 on the Texas Competency test with a 5 on the AP exam
• A score of 8 on the Texas Competency test with a 4 on the AP exam
• A score of 11 on the Texas Competency test with 3 on the AP exam

To register for the exam, you should login to your ASAP account for instructions. Students have only one attempt to pass this exam. For further questions, contact a member of the Testing Services staff at http://utsa.edu/testing/contact.html.
ATTENTION CURRENT HONORS THESIS STUDENTS

The following is a summary of the important deadlines that Honors Thesis students must meet for their Honors Thesis Course

**Friday, September 12**
Submit the working title of your thesis, a one-paragraph description of the thesis topic, and the names of your two readers. (Thesis Information Form: [http://honors.utsa.edu/applications/thesisinformationform.php](http://honors.utsa.edu/applications/thesisinformationform.php))

**Saturday, November 1**
Deadline to submit a complete draft of the thesis or thesis proposal to the thesis advisor.

**Saturday, November 15**
Deadline to submit a complete draft of the thesis or thesis proposal to the thesis committee.

**Friday, December 12**
Honors College Undergraduate Research Symposium, 1:00-3:30 pm (poster presentations).

**Friday, December 19**
Deadline to file the thesis or thesis proposal with the Honors College (signed by the advisor and readers).

NEW PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING THE HONORS THESIS AND THESIS PROPOSAL

Beginning fall 2014, the Honors College has changed the procedures for submitting the Honors Thesis and the Honors Thesis Proposal. Students no longer need to submit a signature page! Instead, thesis students will need to submit an Honors Thesis Submission Form ([http://honors.utsa.edu/applications/thesissubmissionform.php](http://honors.utsa.edu/applications/thesissubmissionform.php)) OR an Honors Thesis Proposal Submission Form ([http://honors.utsa.edu/applications/thesisproposalform.php](http://honors.utsa.edu/applications/thesisproposalform.php)).

The Thesis/Thesis Proposal Submission Form DOES still require the signatures of all three (or more) members of the students’ thesis committee, although students may attach verification of e-signature (via email). The thesis or thesis proposal itself should be submitted via email to honors@utsa.edu. The Thesis or Thesis Proposal Submission Form must be handed in to the Honors Office.

The Honors Thesis Handbook has also been updated. In addition to including information on the new submission procedures, the information on the Honors College Undergraduate Research Symposium has been corrected, the formatting guidelines have been changed (to be more liberal), and some sections have been expanded to address questions that thesis students have had. You can find the new Handbook at: [http://honors.utsa.edu/students/assets/forms/thesis-handbook.pdf](http://honors.utsa.edu/students/assets/forms/thesis-handbook.pdf).

Please direct questions to Dr. Eisenberg (Ann.Eisenberg@utsa.edu).
Dr. Sponsel graduated from the University College of Wales, United Kingdom, with a BSc in botany and PhD in plant physiology. She then did research on plant hormones for 14 years at the Bristol University Department of Organic Chemistry, receiving a Doctor of Science degree in 1984. After emigrating to the United States in 1986, Dr. Sponsel worked at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Indiana University, Bloomington before coming to UTSA in 1995 where she is now a professor of Biology. She continues to do research on plant hormones and developmental plant physiology. Currently, she is Graduate Advisor of Record for the MS in Biotechnology program and is active in several professional societies such as the American Society of Plant Biologists and the International Plant Growth Substances Association.

Dr. Sponsel has taught in the Honors College since its inception. In addition to two lower-division courses, Academic Inquiry and Biosciences 2, she teaches upper-division Biology courses such as Plants and Society and Medicinal Plants. She enjoys working with undergraduate students both in the classroom and in her research laboratory.

Dr. Colleen Witt joins the Honors College this fall as full-time faculty and will be teaching our incoming freshmen in the new Academic Inquiry and Scholarship course. An alumnus of UTSA, she received her PhD in Microbiology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and then completed her post-doctoral training at UC Berkeley before arriving at UTSA in 2005. Dr. Witt has developed and taught a variety of courses for the Honors College during her tenure here and greatly enjoys student mentoring. She is often quoted as saying, “Find a job you love and you never have to work again.” This, she has done. The only thing Dr. Witt enjoys more than learning new things is inspiring her students to want to do the same. In addition to her passion for science and teaching, Dr. Witt enjoys running, yoga, playing guitar, and hiking. She welcomes students in her office at any time and looks forward to teaching the AIS course. Her goal is to not only ensure her students a successful college career, but to instill in them the same lifelong love of learning she enjoys.
The following students have been selected to work as our Honors Peer Mentors for the 2014-15 academic year. Each of the Peer Mentors will be mentoring a group of incoming Honors freshmen, either through the new AIS 1203 (Academic Inquiry & Scholarship) course or through the UPM (University Peer Mentor) program. Keep reading to learn more about each of them!

Chirag Buch, Sophomore
Biology (FAME PROGRAM)
San Antonio, TX

Chirag cherishes the little things in life and is always in a happy state of mind! He is a determined go-getter and will strive for anything and everything. As an Honors College Peer Mentor, Chirag is excited to spend quality time mentoring freshmen so that they can have a memorable first year at UTSA. He wishes all of them best of luck on embarking a new journey on an ocean filled with opportunities!

Pavela Bambekova, Sophomore
Biology (FAME PROGRAM)
San Antonio, TX

Pavela (Pavi) wears a smile on her face all the time; she has a positive outlook on everything, from tirelessly studying and working to enjoying time with family and friends. When she is not busy with school, Pavi enjoys learning traditional Bulgarian dances and taking pictures of (pretty much) everything that makes her jump for the camera! She embraces the challenges in front of her and loves to help others. Pavi’s mission as an Honors College Peer Mentor is to inform freshmen of the many details that a first-year college student does not necessarily know. She hopes to develop a professional relationship with the students she will be mentoring – a relationship that is loyal and from which both the peer mentor and the student can benefit.
Kevin Conway, Graduate Student
Accounting
Katy, TX

Kevin is very active at UTSA and loves being involved with the Terry Scholars and FTK. He also enjoys traveling, long romantic walks to the fridge, watching Netflix, avoiding the Texas heat, and being the Supreme (if you watched American Horror Story: Coven, you’ll get the reference). As an Honors Peer Mentor, Kevin hopes to help Honors students adjust to their new lives, get involved at UTSA, and be successful in their college careers.

Gabriel Diamante, Senior
History
Austin, TX

Gabriel might seem painfully intellectual at times, but he promises that he has a well-developed sense of snark and a boundless collection of useful trivia and anecdotes. If you would like to know more about anything Russian, comrades, he can help! As an Honors Peer Mentor, Gabriel welcomes all incoming Honors students and would like to inform them that the connections they make in the Honors College can open many lofty doors.

Daniela Mendez Azuela, Senior
Psychology
Mexico City

Whenever she's not busy with school work, Daniela likes to spend her time watching TV series, doing yoga, baking, and reading. Daniela looks forward to working as a peer mentor and guiding incoming freshmen toward an enjoyable and fruitful college experience.
Welcoming New Faces

Josh O’Mullan, Senior
Psychology
San Antonio, TX

Josh loves being involved on campus as President of the Terry Scholars and a member of FTK. He also enjoys hanging out with friends, listening to new music, going to see scary movies, and watching American Horror Story. As an Honors Peer Mentor, Josh is excited to help incoming Honors students adjust to college and find awesome organizations to join and to introduce them to new experiences in order to make the most out of college life.

Cole Whitmore, Junior
Anthropology
San Antonio, TX

If Cole isn't painting, watching Netflix, or playing with animals at the Humane Society, she's likely running amok in the Student Government office. She enjoys playing sports, all things Disney, Harry Potter, video games, reading, and eating sushi. As a past Orientation Leader and current Student Body Secretary, Cole is looking forward to helping incoming Honors students get involved and discover their strengths at UTSA!

Destinee Chambrelle Williams, Junior
Marketing
Dallas, TX

When she is not in the JPL studying or planning the next big event for one of the five organizations she's involved in, Destinee loves to watch crime/mystery shows. She also enjoys retail therapy and attending yoga classes at the rec. As an Honors Peer Mentor, Destinee plans to provide resources to help everybody be successful during and beyond college and hopes to influence all her students to expand their minds and break down all barriers they are faced with.
We’d like to remind all students that the Honors College has a Facebook page!

The Honors Facebook page is a great place to stay up to date on Honors College news and events throughout the semester. It’s also a useful communication tool if you wish to get in touch with other Honors students (selling textbooks, forming study groups, etc.).

If you haven’t already, make sure to go and “like” us: [https://www.facebook.com/HonorsCollege](https://www.facebook.com/HonorsCollege).

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Pancake Breakfast with the Associate Dean**
San Saba Hall Community Room

**SUNDAYS**
- Sept. 14
- Oct. 5
- Nov. 2
- Dec. 7

Join Associate Dean Dr. Ann Eisenberg for fellowship and a scrumptious breakfast. Delicious banana, blueberry, and chocolate chip pancakes will be served.

Please RSVP to [honors@utsa.edu](mailto:honors@utsa.edu)
Prizes

1st place: $150 UTSA bookstore gift card
2nd place: $100 UTSA bookstore gift card
3rd place: $50 UTSA bookstore gift card
Two honorable mentions will each receive a certificate

All members of the Honors College are invited to submit one photo that they believe best addresses this year’s theme: "Food Matters." This theme is drawn from the focus of the Academic Inquiry & Scholarship (AIS 1203) course that all our Honors freshmen will take for the first time this fall.

The deadline for entry is October 20, 2014. All submitted photos will be displayed on the Honors College website and prints of the winning photos will be hung in the Office of the Honors College (MS 4.02.14) in November.

For more information on contest rules and how to enter, please visit: http://honors.utsa.edu/photocontest/. (NOTE: The entry form and full entry instructions are currently unavailable, so make sure to revisit the webpage at a later date.)

McNair Scholars Program

The Roland E. McNair Scholars Program is currently recruiting four to five new McNair Scholars, all of whom must be first-generation college students and low income students who are interested in pursuing a PhD.

The McNair Scholars Program exposes select sophomores with at least 30 hours, along with juniors and seniors, to graduate-level work and research in preparation for the pursuit of doctoral studies. All majors are welcome to apply.

For more information and to access the application, please visit the program’s website: http://trio.utsa.edu/programs/post-baccalaureate-ronald-e.-mcnair/ronald-e.-mcnair-scholars-program/
Beginning as a small leadership laboratory in 2009, FTK has grown to become the largest student-run non-profit organization in San Antonio. FTK aims to ensure that no family has to face pediatric cancer alone, and does this by putting on amazing events for the families and their children to enjoy. The members’ year-long fundraising efforts culminate in an annual 12-hour Dance Marathon. Last year alone, FTK raised over $50,000.

The Dance Marathon is a demonstration of hope that asks participants to show their support, giving the families an opportunity to escape the hospital environment. The event is a time for the families to reaffirm their belief in possibilities, and for the members to celebrate their year of dedication and hard work. The finale of the Dance Marathon is the reveal of our fundraising total, all of which goes directly to our FTK families.

If you wish to join FTK or learn more about how you can help, visit us online at danceforthekids.org or contact us via email at communications@danceforthekids.org
Erna Brodber
Jamaican Daughter, Writer, Scholar

Dr. Brodber is the author of four novels: *The Rainmaker’s Mistake* (2006), *Louisiana* (1994), *Myal* (1988) and *Jane and Louisa Will Soon Come Home* (1980). A cultural icon in her own right, Dr. Brodber has won numerous awards. In 2011 UWI, Mona, conferred on her the Honorary Doctor of Letters, and in 2004 she was awarded the Order of Distinction (Commander Class) for exemplary public service by the Government of Jamaica. She was also honored as the Prince Klaus Laureate by the Government of The Netherlands in 2006 and named a Distinguished Caribbean Writer and Scholar by the Association of Caribbean Writers in the same year. Dr. Brodber won the Musgrave Gold Medal for Literature and Orature in 1999 and the Commonwealth Writer’s Prize for the Canada and Caribbean region in 1989.

The University of Texas at San Antonio
7:00 pm
Friday, September 19
University Room
Business Building
(BB 2.06.04)
Main Campus

Free and Open to the Public

Creative Writing Reading Series
Please support Caribbean Scholars at UTSA
“GETTING INTO LAW SCHOOL: ADVICE FROM A UTSA ALUMNUS”

Mr. Jonathan Nomamiukor
UTSA ‘10
Harvard University School of Law, ‘14
Staff Attorney for Reprieve

Thursday, September 4, 2014
1:00-2:30 pm
Pecan Room (UC 2.01.26)

Mr. Nomamiukor will visit UTSA to talk about his experiences at UTSA and the actions he took to ensure his admission to a top-ranked law school.

ADVANCING PRE-HEALTH EDUCATION THROUGH STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

with current Honors student
Jade Heverly-Campbell

Tuesday, September 23, 2014
1:00-2:30 pm
Pecan Room (UC 2.01.26)

AND

Wednesday, October 8, 2014
5:30-6:30 pm
BSE Multipurpose Room (BSE 2.102)

Jade will be discussing the TIME initiative to reform premedical/medical education and how students can maximize their own premedical preparation through involvement in student pre-health organizations. The Transformation in Medicine Education (TIME) initiative guides the FAME program and other joint admissions programs across the UT System. Involvement at the student organization level can help premedical students achieve proficiency in the TIME competencies, which will lead to more effective, ethical and patient-centered medical care in their future careers.

Jade is a past President of Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-health professional honors society and is currently an undergraduate student coordinator for the pre-health student family and community medicine pipeline program at UTHSCSA. She also presented a poster, “Developing a UT System TIME Initiative-Driven Pre-Health Professions Program at the Student Organization Level” at the 2013 UT Innovations in Health Science Education Conference.
All students working on research are invited to represent the Honors College at the 2015 annual meeting of the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). The conference provides an opportunity for students to share research results, interact with fellow Honors students, and meet other undergraduate researchers from all over the country.

NCUR 2015 will be held at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, WA, on April 16-18, 2015. The Honors College plans to send a group of students to this conference. Information about NCUR 2015 can be found on the web at: http://www.cur.org/ncur_2015/.

Please contact Dr. Eisenberg immediately if you are interested in submitting an abstract and attending the conference (Ann.Eisenberg@utsa.edu). The Honors College can only fund up to 15 students to attend and those slots will be given out on a first-come/first-served basis. **If you submit without first obtaining Dr. Eisenberg’s approval, your trip will not be funded!** You must also obtain approval from Dr. Eisenberg on the content of your abstract. The deadline for submitting abstracts online is December 2nd, 2014, so **Dr. Eisenberg must receive a draft of your abstract by November 25th!**

If you are approved for Honors College support, the Honors College will provide airfare, conference registration, and hotel costs. You will be responsible for meals, incidentals, and sightseeing. **You will also be asked to apply to the Carlos and Malu Alvarez Special Opportunities Fund by February 1st, 2015.**

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**HONORS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM**

This year, the Honors International Program will be going to Italy!

We encourage all interested students to attend the informational meeting:

**Thursday, September 18, 2014**

3:00 pm  
Pecan Room (UC 2.01.26)
The Honors College is now recruiting students for the **2015 UTSA Legislative Scholars Program**. First created in September 2004 as a collaborative initiative between Texas State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon and the University of Texas at San Antonio, the Legislative Scholars Program provides undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to serve as interns in the Texas House of Representatives during the regular legislative session.

The 2015 UTSA Legislative Scholars will receive a stipend of $10,000 while enrolling for academic credit through internship or independent study for the spring 2015 semester at UTSA.

To be eligible to apply, students must have completed at least 60 undergraduate hours and be enrolled for the fall 2014 semester at UTSA. Students from any academic major may apply. Exceptional skills in writing, composition, and computer literacy are required.

Interested students are encouraged to attend an orientation meeting about the program on **Tuesday, September 2nd at 3:00 pm in the Honors College Conference Room (MS 4.01.76)**.

A complete description of the program and the application process can be found at [http://honors.utsa.edu/programs/legislative-scholars.html](http://honors.utsa.edu/programs/legislative-scholars.html). The application deadline is **September 15, 2014**.
Gabriel Diamante (senior, history) received the $10,000 Nau Scholarship in the Department of History.

Akhilesh Mantripragada (Computer Science, ’14) was accepted into Master’s programs in computer science at Brown University, Rice University, and Columbia University.

Sarah Gibbens (senior, English) received a scholarship through the San Antonio Association of Hispanic Journalists (pictured right with John Quiñones from ABC News).

Andres Ruiz (Biology, ’14) was accepted into medical school at Texas Tech University Health Science Center.

Sarah Gibbens (senior, English) and Pavela Bambekova (junior, Biology) have been asked to write for the Rivard Report, an online news source, for fall 2014.

Curtis Powell (senior, Economics) and Eduardo Zerbe (senior, Political Science) were both accepted into the Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Junior Summer Institute for summer 2014. Curtis participated in the program at the University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and Eddy participated in the program at the Carnegie-Mellon University Heinz College of Public Policy. The PPIA is a national consortium of the top public policy and international affairs graduate schools that prepare outstanding college juniors for advanced degrees and careers serving the public good (Eddy is pictured right).

Honors College Graduate Assistant, Shawn Keeney (English, ’13) received the Alan E. Craven Endowed Scholarship in the Department of English.

Sarah Gibbens (senior, English) has been selected as Editor-in-Chief of the Paisano, UTSA’s student-run newspaper.

Christine DeMyers (senior, Anthropology) participated in the National History Research Experience (NHRE) at the Smithsonian Institute this summer, one of 18 students nationwide. To see the institute’s flyer about Christine’s experience, see the next page of this newsletter.
The Scientist Is In

Christine DeMyers
Natural History Research Experience (NHRE) Intern

Christine is an intern in the Department of Anthropology’s Arctic Studies Center. She is working on a project that looks at adaptive strategies for subsistence communities in the Arctic’s changing climate. Her project is based on a comparison between historical accounts of the Greenland Norse and Inuit cultures with contemporary ethnographic research in native Alaskan communities. Christine has been involved with the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC) and hopes that her research can positively influence environmental justice.

Christine is an Honors student at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) majoring in anthropology with a concentration in health. At UTSA, she advocates for environmental sustainability and is the president of the student group Roadrunners for Renewable Resources (R³). She plans on pursuing Anthropology in graduate school to study the relationship between the environment and human health.
Incoming Top Scholar **Linda McNulty** (English) was awarded the top prize of $10,000 in the National Association of Women Business Owners San Antonio Chapter (NAWBO-SA) business plan competition. Linda’s business plan, Merit Laboratory, would allow homeschooled or public school students to utilize lab facilities on a fee-based contract (pictured below).

![Linda McNulty](image)

**Timothy Breidenbach** (senior, Finance), **Gabriel Diamante** (senior, History), **Evelyn Head** (senior, Communication), **Prativa Upadhaya** (senior, English), **Alicia Hernandez** (senior, Marketing), **Raquel De La Garza** (senior, Mechanical Engineering), and **Christian Trevino** (senior, Mechanical Engineering) received Outstanding Foreign Language Student Awards from the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures – Tim for Chinese, Gabe for Russian, Evelyn and Prativa for Spanish, and Alicia, Raquel, and Christian for Italian.

![Timothy Breidenbach](image)

**Alejandro Camacho Abundez** (senior, Public Administration & Political Science); **Drew Galloway** (senior, Public Administration); **Ghada Ghannam** (senior, Political Science); **Katrina Parkey** (senior, History); **Christopher Stewart** (junior, Public Administration); **Matthew Trevino** (senior, Philosophy); **Montserrat Zepeda-Benavides** (senior, Political Science); and **Eduardo Zerbe** (senior, Political Science) were selected to represent UTSA in the UT-System Archer Fellows Program in Washington, D.C. in fall 2014 (Drew pictured right).

![Alejandro Camacho Abundez](image)

**Jennifer Flores** (senior, Biology) and **Danielle Chapa** (senior, Psychology) each participated in summer programs at other universities. Jennifer participated in the National Science Foundation-funded Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) in Plant and Plant-Pathogen Cell Biology (NSF-CEPCEB) at the University of California—Riverside. Danielle took part in the Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
Courtney Clare (senior, Criminal Justice/Psychology) took first place in the College of Public Policy’s student paper competition with the submission of her Honors thesis, *Parental Ineffectiveness: The Role of Parent-Child Relationships in Juvenile Delinquency*.

Bianca Pulido (freshman, English), Aaron Vega (sophomore, Accounting), and Monica Villalobos (sophomore, Interdisciplinary Studies) were recognized in Conexión’s “20 Under 20 for 2014” feature in the San Antonio Express-News (pictured below, left to right). The feature recognizes young Latinos who show promise of making an important impact on the community.
Max Feng
Biology

Oliver Fitch
Biomedical Engineering

Gina Flores
Biology

Justin Fogle
Communication

Joshua Frankland
Biology

Aaron Frolichstein
Biology

Suma Ganji
Public Health

Christian Garcia
Biomedical Engineering

Kamaran Gardner
Biology

Kaela Gass
Biology

Sammar Ghannam
Biology

Eriq Gomez
Kinesiology

Gianni Gonzalez
Biology

Javier Gonzalez
Computer Science

Kassandra Gonzalez
Kinesiology

George Griss
Architecture

Venkata Guda
Biology

Maria Guerra Garcia
Computer Engineering

Jomari Guerrero
Biology

Mckenzie Hackmaster
Multidisciplinary Science

Bradley Hammond
Mechanical Engineering

Ilrsa Hampton
Mechanical Engineering

Erynn Harris
Computer Science

Kelly Harris
Kinesiology

Avni Hathi
Biology

Esther Heffler
Psychology

Leslie Hernandez
Interdisciplinary Studies

Mayzey Hernandez
Psychology

Ka Tai Ho
Mechanical Engineering

Alexander Hoggatt
Mechanical Engineering

Ethan Hoover
Accounting

Anders Horrocks
Infrastructure Assurance

Anusha Hussain
Pre-Sci

Rachel Innocenti
Kinesiology

Alexandra Irizarry
Nutrition & Dietetics

Turner Isley
Biomedical Engineering

Chizube Jiwuaku
Kinesiology

Joshua Jones
Biology

Sawyer Kim
Economics

Manojna Kintada
Biology

Courtney Kohanski
Infrastructure Assurance

Sally Kordab
Biology

Travis Kotzur
Biomedical Engineering

Lane Kruger
Biology

Jacalyn Leggett
Public Health

Ashley Levulett
Sports, Tourism, Event Management

Adriana Lintz
Architecture

Annemarie Loftus
Nursing

Austin Lopez
Computer Science

Franckiana Lormeus
Biology

Ryan Luna
Biomedical Engineering
Welcome, Class of 2018!

Jasiel Maldonado Lopez  
Actuarial Science

Kaitlyn Mancha  
Sports, Tourism, Event Management

Derek Mangino Sirvent  
Physics

Marcus Martinez  
Computer Engineering

Ricardo Martinez  
Physical Therapy

Sarah Marynak  
Computer Science

Shawna Mattathil  
Biology

Fernando Maya  
Engineering

Kasey McElroy  
Computer Science

Linda McNulty  
English

Laura McPhail  
Kinesiology

Adrian Mejia-Santana  
Biology

Samantha Mendoza  
Biomedical Engineering

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Lisa Michaels  
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Madeline Mistich  
Kinesiology

Savannah Moore  
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Brianna Morales  
Biomedical Engineering

Frank Morales  
Actuarial Science

Stephen Morales  
Psychology

Collin Munro  
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Michael Murphy  
Biomedical Engineering

Cory Nguyen  
Biology

Nicholas Nguyen  
Chemistry

Bianca Obinyan  
Biology

Ethan Oelke  
Mathematics

Travis Ortega  
Civil Engineering

Eliza Parker  
Anthropology

Simone Patel  
Finance

Kavina Patel  
Biology

Alexis Perez  
Marketing

Joel Pious  
Biology

Bianca Pulido  
English

Eduardo Ramos  
Biochemistry

Gabriella Rice  
Biology

Alex Rodriguez  
Electrical Engineering

Maria Rodriguez  
Nutrition & Dietetics

Omar Rodriguez  
Architecture

Emma Rudkin  
Communication

Aaron Salazar  
Public Health

Christopher Salazar  
Computer Engineering

Daniel Salinas  
Public Health

Silvia Sanchez  
Biology

Autumn Sancho  
Biology

Nicole Sarmiento  
Biomedical Engineering

Amanda Sassin  
Undeclared

Austin Schwoegl  
Infrastructure Assurance

Brett Sepulveda  
Mechanical Engineering

Devi Singh  
Multidisciplinary Studies

Dilawal Singh  
Biology

Megan Slan  
Biology
Welcome, Class of 2018!

Alexander Usseglio  
Political Science

Ricardo Vasquez  
Finance

Katie Velasquez  
Biology

Natasha Villalobos  
Psychology

Leo Villanueva  
Biology

John von Dohlen  
Biology

Miranda Willis  
Music

Christian Wilson  
Biomedical Engineering

Muhasina Witt  
Biology

Dirk Wristers  
Biology

Cindy Wu  
Biology

Ciara Zamora  
Accounting

Gilbert Solis  
Chemistry

Jordan Solis-Oliva  
Biochemistry

Kassidy Taylor  
Kinesiology

Zachary Taylor  
Computer Engineering

Nathaniel Tessmer  
Physics

Jemima Thomas  
Biology

Marcus Thomas  
Physics

Briana Thornhill  
Mathematics

Mark Tobias  
Biology

Lauren Townsend  
Computer Science

Sean Tremblay  
Computer Engineering

Gloria Treviño  
Biochemistry

Zoe Turner  
Accounting

Michael Urban  
Mechanical Engineering

Irene Urbano  
Public Health
New Terry Scholars

Kristen Baker
Psychology

Isaiah Harris
Psychology

David Olivera
Civil Engineering

Leah Bruce-Gonzales
English

Joshua Hernandez
History

Erika Ortega
Interdisciplinary Studies

Glennette Castillo
Biology

Raul Hernandez
Mechanical Engineering

Vanessa Padilla
Biology

Justin Cody
Management Science

Jessica Honkomp
Biology

Christa Patterson
Biochemistry

Richard De Luna
Kinesiology

Aaron Jahns
Modern Languages Studies

Joseph Paulino
Psychology

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Environmental Science

Nathan Steiner
Electrical Engineering

Graciela Garcia
Biomedical Engineering

Ruben Lara
Public Health

Nathaniel Tannehill
Real Estate Finance & Development

Damaris Garcia-Torrescano
Sport, Event, & Tourism Management

Richard Love
Actuarial Science

Jasmine Valadez
Psychology

Eric Gonzales
Kinesiology

Lindsey Muenchow
Environmental Science

Julio Villarreal
English

Devon Gorse
Information Systems

Roman Narvaez
Biology

Alexis Wahlen
Undeclared

Kimberly Grossett
English

Madeline Oebel
Communication

Shakira Wingate
Anthropology

Savanna Offutt
Accounting
**Honors College Recent Inductees**

**Alan Aguilar**  
Construction Science & Management  
Sophomore

**Victoria Garza**  
Kinesiology  
Sophomore

**Nicole Metz**  
Biology  
Junior

**Jasmine Almazan**  
Kinesiology  
Freshman

**Ghada Ghannam**  
English/Political Science  
Senior

**Washington Navarro**  
Entrepreneurship  
Sophomore

**Sarah Barrios**  
Architecture  
Sophomore

**Graham Haug**  
Philosophy  
Senior

**Kelly Niemietz**  
Accounting  
Sophomore

**Travis Battle**  
Marketing  
Sophomore

**Nicholas Humes**  
Classical Studies & Humanities  
Junior

**Yoana Penelova**  
Architecture  
Sophomore

**Ricardo Castañeda**  
Psychology  
Senior

**Megan Jefferies**  
Undeclared  
Junior

**Chelsea Pimentel**  
Finance  
Junior

**Madeline Cortez**  
Biology  
Sophomore

**Tawanda Kamucheka**  
Biology  
Senior

**Christopher Quintanilla**  
Criminal Justice  
Sophomore

**Karla Cruz**  
Management  
Junior

**Rebecca Kilgore**  
Psychology  
Freshman

**Nicole Robinson**  
Electrical Engineering  
Junior

**Louis Cruz**  
Biology  
Senior

**John Kim**  
Finance  
Junior

**Edenilce Schirmer**  
Management  
Junior

**Bryan Dimler**  
Psychology  
Junior

**Travis Kotzur**  
Biomedical Engineering  
Sophomore

**Lauren Seei**  
Political Science  
Sophomore

**Huong Do**  
Mathematics  
Junior

**Roddell Ludlow**  
Biomedical Engineering  
Sophomore

**Tanya Speed**  
English  
Sophomore

**Rheanna English**  
Statistics  
Junior

**Jonathan Macias**  
Economics  
Senior

**Roderick Taylor**  
Business  
Sophomore

**Josue Escobedo**  
Construction Science & Management  
Sophomore

**Briana McFadden**  
Information Systems  
Junior

**Alana Valdez**  
Biology  
Sophomore

**Victoria Galbraith**  
Mechanical Engineering  
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**Neill McOran-Campbell**  
Mechanical Engineering  
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Marketing  
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AT&T, Inc. Endowed Honors Scholarship

Alejandro Camacho
Public Administration & Political Science
Senior

Drew Galloway
Public Administration
Senior

BJ's Restaurants, Inc., Annual Scholarship

Logan Jung
Statistics
Senior

James Orth
Finance
Senior

Dr. Ruskin C. Norman and Mrs. Karen Norman Endowed Scholarship

Alfredo Avila
Electrical Engineering
Freshman

Great Conversation! Honors Scholarship

Shoira Bahromzoda
Finance
Senior

Alejandro Camacho
Public Administration & Political Science
Senior

Christine DeMyers
Anthropology
Senior

Drew Galloway
Public Administration
Senior

Ghada Ghannam
English
Senior

Sarah Gibbens
English
Senior

Evelyn Head
Communication
Senior

Alfredo Hickman
Political Science
Senior

James Orth
Finance
Senior

Katrina Parkey
History
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Curtis Powell
Economics
Senior

Kimberly Redgate
Communication
Senior

Matthew Treviño
Philosophy
Senior

Montserrat Zepeda Benavides
Political Science
Senior

Eduardo Zerbe
Political Science
Senior

Joeris General Contractors, Ltd. Endowed Honors Scholarship in Construction Science & Management

Alan Aguilar
Construction Science & Management
Sophomore
Lionel and Kathy Sosa Endowed Honors Scholarship

Daniela Mendez Azuela
Psychology
Senior

Peter T. Flawn Presidential Honors Scholarship

Xabier Basañez
Biomedical Engineering
Senior

Lisa Bennett
Biology
Freshman

Matthew Davis
Mechanical Engineering
Freshman

Venkata Guda
Biology
Freshman

Sean Tremblay
Computer Engineering
Freshman

Robert W. Flynn Endowed Honors Scholarship

Chukwononso Arinze
Mechanical Engineering
Senior

Samuel A. and Pamela R. Kirkpatrick Endowed Presidential Honors Scholarship

Hai Le
Mathematics
Junior

San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. (SALE) Scholarship

Pavela Bambekova
Biology
Sophomore

Angela Castillo
Biology
Freshman

Christopher Davis
Biology
Freshman

David Fields
Biochemistry
Sophomore

Oliver Fitch
Biomedical Engineering
Freshman

Victoria Galbraith
Mechanical Engineering
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Public Health
Freshman

Jacob Gilchrist
Biology
Junior

Bradley Hammond
Mechanical Engineering
Freshman

Raul Hernandez
Mechanical Engineering
Junior

Rodell Ludlow
Biomedical Engineering
Sophomore

Melson Mesmin
Biology
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Nicole Metz  
Biology  
Junior

Katie Velasquez  
Biology  
Freshman

Cindy Wu  
Biology  
Freshman

The Sam and Ann Barshop Scholarship

Sonie Johnson  
English  
Sophomore

Tino & Amelia Duran Endowed Scholarship

SRC Annual Scholarship

Alisa Isaac  
Biomedical Engineering  
Junior

The Catto Endowed Scholarship Fund

Thomas Willmott  
Environmental Science  
Senior

W. Elisa Chan and Clifford Hew Endowed Honors Scholarship

Alfredo Hickman  
Political Science  
Senior

The Greehey Family Foundation Endowed Scholarship for First-Generation Students

Angel Arciva  
Criminal Justice  
Freshman

Ricardo Martinez  
Biology  
Freshman

Michael Murphy  
Biomedical Engineering  
Freshman

Omar Rodriguez  
Civil Engineering  
Freshman

Wells Fargo Bank Endowed Scholarship

Heather Riddle  
Public Administration  
Senior

Will and Mary Hathaway Honors Program Scholarship Endowment

Evelyn Argueta  
Public Health  
Senior

Gabriel Diamante  
History  
Senior

Zachary Dunn  
Finance  
Senior

Alicia Hernandez  
Marketing  
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Kameel Isaac  
Biomedical Engineering  
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Christina Phamvu  
Public Health  
Senior

Curtis Powell  
Economics  
Senior

Shreya Reddy  
Biology  
Senior

Sarah Wagner  
Mathematics  
Senior

William and Salome Scanlan  
Endowed Scholarship

Christopher Gannon  
Real Estate Finance & Development  
Junior

Marlen Mata  
Biology  
Junior

Richard Plumlee  
Public Health & Sociology  
Senior

Rabbia Razzaque  
Psychology  
Senior

Eduardo Zerbe  
Political Science  
Senior

William G. and Loyce Collenback  
Endowed Scholarship

Thao Nguyen  
Biomedical Engineering  
Senior
Spring 2014 Graduates

BUSINESS HONORS GRADUATES

Jordan Marie Cromie  
B.B.A. in  
Human Resource Management

Wasay Ahmed Mohajir  
B.B.A. in Management  
*summa cum laude*  
with a minor in Biology

Erik Hector Oyarzabal  
B.A. in Accounting  
B.B.A. in Finance  
*magna cum laude*

Spencer Timothy Reynolds  
B.B.A. in Management  
*magna cum laude*

Joshua T. Schertz  
B.B.A. in Finance  
B.B.A. in Accounting  
*cum laude*
### General Honors Graduates

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GENERAL HONORS GRADUATES

Nirvana Angelia Ramtahal  
B.A. in Psychology

Reem Ata Razeq  
B.S. in Public Health

Toria Anne Seifert  
B.S. in Biology

Amanda Kathleen Sellers  
B.S. in Kinesiology  
*magna cum laude*

Kaleigh Dalynn Simms  
B.B.A. in Management  
*magna cum laude*  
with Business Honors

Megan Alyse Sims  
B.A. in Psychology  
*cum laude*  
with a minor in Sociology

Ernest John Thomas  
B.S. in Biology  
*summa cum laude*

David Michael Toner, Jr.  
B.A. in Political Science  
*cum laude*  
with a minor in Legal Studies

Nicholas James Townsend  
B.A. in Criminal Justice  
*cum laude*  
with International Distinction

James Eduardo Varley  
B.B.A. in Management  
with a minor in Marketing and Business Honors

William Octavio Wise  
B.A. in Art History and Criticism  
with a minor in Biology and International Distinction

Jennifer Leigh Woods  
B.B.A. in Human Resource Management  
B.B.A. in Management  
*magna cum laude*  
with Business Honors

Jesse Angel Zamarripa  
B.S. in Biology  
*magna cum laude*  
with minors in Chemistry & Mathematics
LEADERSHIP HONORS GRADUATES

Uriel Alejandro Guajardo
B.A. in Political Science
*cum laude*
with minors in
Spanish & Legal Studies
and International Distinction

Jamie Ray Johnson
B.A. in Geography
*summa cum laude*
with a minor in Global Affairs

Andrew Humberto Linares
B.B.A. in Management
B.B.A. in Economics
with Business Honors

Samantha Katherine Link
B.B.A. in Management
*cum laude*
with a minor in Legal Studies
with Business Honors
and International Distinction

Dominic David Marquez
B.A. in Psychology
*cum laude*
with a minor in Sociology

Jonathan Peterson-Ruiz
B.B.A. in Management
with Business Honors
and International Distinction

Bethany Anne Powell Hundl
B.P.A. in Public Administration
*cum laude*

Sadie Lynn Rodriguez
B.S. in Biology

HIGHEST HONORS GRADUATES

Michael Anthony Aguilar
B.S. in Biology
*magna cum laude*
“A Novel Mouse Model for Progressive Multiple Sclerosis”
with Dr. Thomas Forsthuber, Department of Biology

Margarita Akopian
B.S. in Biology
*cum laude*
with International Distinction
“Immune Response and Molecular Mechanisms Generated by Immune and Resident Cells of the Central Nervous System in Response to Neurocysticercosis”
with Dr. Judy Teale, Department of Biology

Kathryn Suzanne Almond
B.A. in English
*summa cum laude*
with minors in Communication & Legal Studies and Leadership Honors
“Discovering Lost Voices: Fictional Depictions of Children’s Experience in the Holocaust”
with Dr. Kolleen Guy, Department of History

Huzeifa Ismail Badshah
B.S. in Mechanical Engineering
*summa cum laude* with a minor in Mathematics
“Particle Emissions from Gasoline and Diesel Vehicle Exhaust during Engine Start-up”
with Dr. Randall Manteufel, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Dr. Imad Khalek, Southwest Research Institute
HIGHEST HONORS GRADUATES

Rosemary Noel Beavers  
B.S. in Biology  
*magna cum laude* with a minor in French,  
and International Distinction  
“The Effects of Problem Size in Arithmetic: An Analysis of Neurocognitive Processing Involved with Simple Multiplication Utilizing Event-Related Potentials”  
with Dr. Nicole Wicha, Department of Biology

Alexis Christine Buentello  
B.S. in Biology  
“Fluorescence Investigations of Membrane Potential in Central Respiratory Chemoreceptors of the Bullfrog Tadpole using Voltage-Sensitive Dye and Electrophysiological Recordings”  
with Dr. Matthew Gdovin, Department of Biology

Ana Patrizia Cabrera-Marquez  
B.A. in Honors Studies  
with a minor in Legal Studies  
with Dr. LaGuana Gray, Department of History

Jose Camacho  
B.B.A. in Economics  
*magna cum laude*  
with Leadership Honors, Business Honors,  
and International Distinction  
“Customs Unions and Trade Liberalization: An Evaluation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)”  
with Dr. Hamid Beladi, Department of Economics

Alexandra Nichole Cole  
B.S. in Biology  
*magna cum laude*  
“Functional and Structural Differences in Emotional, Cognitive, or Default Mode Networks at Rest in Fibromyalgia Patients: A Non-Invasive Imaging Analysis”  
with Dr. Donald Robin, Honors College and Brain Imaging Center, UTHSCSA

Elizabeth Ann Cook  
B.A. in Anthropology  
*summa cum laude*  
with a minor in Geography  
“An Ethnographic Study of Steampunk Culture in Texas”  
with Dr. Jamon Halvaksz, Department of Anthropology

Paula Leal Costa  
B.A. in Psychology  
*summa cum laude*  
with a minor in Anthropology  
with Dr. Michael P. Ryan, Department of Psychology

Catherine Ann Dauner  
B.A. in Philosophy  
“Social Media and the Loss of the Individual: Technology's Insidious Fingers”  
with Dr. Oak De Berg, Department of Philosophy & Classics

Ana J. Diaz  
B.B.A. in Finance  
*cum laude*  
with a minor in Biology  
“Role of BIGH3 C-Terminus Cleavage in MG63 Cells and Protection Offered by Bleed 8 and Extracellular Matrix Proteins”  
with Dr. Richard LeBaron, Department of Biology

Marina Elkhaliny  
B.A. in Sociology  
*magna cum laude*  
with a minor in Biology  
“Perceptions of Breast Cancer among Latino Males in South Texas and their Relationship to their Partners’ Engagement in Clinical Breast Examinations”  
with Dr. Thankam Sunil, Department of Sociology
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HIGHEST HONORS GRADUATES

Jennifer Nicole Freeman  
B.S. in Mathematics  
*cum laude*  
with Leadership Honors  
with Dr. Dung Le, Department of Mathematics

Jack Joseph Hachem  
B.A. in Psychology  
*cum laude*  
with a minor in Biology  
“Investigating Rat C6 Glioblastoma Cell Differentiation with Small Molecules”  
with Dr. Douglas E. Frantz, Department of Chemistry

Tanisha Deishaun Hurd  
B.A. in English  
“Kidnapped Society”  
with Dr. Cynthia Hawkins, Department of English

Lotte Hansine Skov Jensen  
B.A. in Anthropology  
*magna cum laude*  
“Dietary Differences and Activity Budgets of *Alouatta palliate* in Primary and Secondary Forest Fragments in Northeastern Costa Rica”  
with Dr. Joanna Lambert, Department of Anthropology

Shane E. Jones  
B.A. in Sociology  
*cum laude*  
with Leadership Honors  
“Faith in Action”  
with Dr. Kolleen Guy, Department of History

Biljana Nikolce Jovanova  
B.B.A. in Finance  
*summa cum laude*  
with Business Honors  
“The Role of Economic Value Added in Increasing Shareholder Wealth Institutionalization of Value-Added Methods: Theoretical to Practical Application: a Case Study”  
with Dr. Keith Fairchild, Department of Finance

Jennifer Antoinette Kennedy  
B.A. in Art  
B.A. in Art History and Criticism  
*magna cum laude*  
with International Distinction  
“Modeling the Imagist Ideal: Using Visual Intelligence to Communicate across Disciplines”  
with Dr. Julie Johnson, Department of Art and Art History

Matthew J. Konwinski  
B.B.A. in Finance  
B.B.A. in Marketing  
*summa cum laude* with Business Honors and International Distinction  
“The Conceptual Marketer: A Look at Adding Value through Experiential Marketing”  
with Dr. Victor Heller, Department of Marketing

Samuel Jose Lara Reyna  
B.S. in Biology  
with International Distinction  
“MG63 Integrins Playing an Important Role on Cell Adhesion Mediated by BIGH3”  
with Dr. Richard LeBaron, Department of Biology
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Valeria Lomeli
B.S. in Biology
cum laude with International Distinction
“Factors Influencing the Use of the Canary System to Detect Early Carious Lesions”
with Dr. Bennett Amaechi,
Department of Community Dentistry,
UTHSCSA

Claudio Macias
B.S. in Biology
B.S. in Mathematics
magna cum laude with a minor in Physics and International Distinction
“Modifying Mechanical and Bioactive Properties of Hydroxyapatite Scaffolds via Collagen Coatings”
with Dr. Anson Ong, Department of Biomedical Engineering

Akhilesh Mantripragada
B.S. in Computer Science
summa cum laude
“Edulinc: A Powerful Collaboration Tool for Schools”
with Dr. Rajendra Boppana, Department of Computer Science

Shelby V. McCowen
B.S. in Biology
B.S. in Chemistry
B.S. in Biochemistry
summa cum laude
“Assessing the Proliferation and Survival of ERK2-/-T Cells in Vitro and in Vivo”
with Dr. Thomas Forsthuber,
Department of Biology

Marissa Jean Mendoza
B.A. in Psychology
magna cum laude
“The Relationship between Gender, Stress, Risk for Depression, and Amygdala Volume in Adolescents”
with Dr. Douglas Williamson,
Department of Psychiatry, UTHSCSA

Jonathan Ray Morris
B.A. in Psychology
B.S. in Biology
“Biosimulation of Neurotrophin Signaling Pathways in Schizophrenia”
with Dr. Clyde Phelix, Department of Biology
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**Rukayat O. Okunnu**  
B.S. in Biology  
*magna cum laude*  
with a minor in Sociology  
“A Guide for Pre-Meds Navigating the Pre-Medical Experience at UTSA”  
with Dr. Ann R. Eisenberg,  
Department of Psychology

**Shreyas Venkat Peddigari**  
B.S. in Biology  
*magna cum laude*  
“Chronic Pain and Functionality in Elder Mexican Americans”  
with Dr. Robert Wood,  
Department of Community Medicine,  
UTHSCSA

**Matthew Bagwell Rivera**  
B.S. in Mechanical Engineering  
“Exergetic Analysis of a Cross-Flow Microchannel Heat Exchanger for Bleed Air Cooling in Aircraft Gas Turbine Engines”  
with Dr. Randall D. Manteufel,  
Department of Mechanical Engineering

**Andres Gabriel Ruiz**  
B.S. in Biology  
cum laude with a minor in Spanish and International Distinction  
“Bilingual Arithmetic: An ERP Study of Simple Arithmetic Processing in Bilingual Children”  
with Dr. Nicole Wicha,  
Department of Biology

**Emily Lauren Smith**  
B.S. in Mathematics  
with a minor in Applied Statistics  
“Evaluating Home Court Advantage in the NBA from 2009-2012”  
with Dr. Jerome Keating, Department of Management Science & Statistics

**Audrey Elizabeth Yñígez-Gutierrez**  
B.S. in Chemistry  
magna cum laude  
with a minor in Biology  
“Characterization of Guanidylated Amphiphiles and Asparagine-Derived Lipids as Novel Therapeutic Delivery Systems”  
with Dr. George Negrete,  
Department of Chemistry

**Robert Anthony Zubiate**  
B.A. in Sociology  
with a minor in Legal Studies  
“Social Relationships and their Impact on Graduation Rates of Latino Males in Higher Education”  
with Dr. Harriett Romo,  
Department of Sociology

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Are you interested in writing, photography or graphic design? Join a student group that caters to those interests. *The Paisano Independent Student Newspaper* is UTSA’s only student-run publication, featuring news, arts, life and sports as well as online blogs, videos and podcasts.

**Why join The Paisano?**
- No other student organization allows students to explore such a wide variety of interests.
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- Paisano alumni have gone on to be Archer fellows, accomplished lawyers, successful journalists and award-winning photographers.
- You will develop a professional portfolio of work.

**About The Paisano**
- Founded in 1981, *The Paisano* is one of UTSA’s oldest student-run organizations.
- *The Paisano* is run independently by students as a private 501(c)3 non-profit.
- The *Paisano* is housed in the Paisano Media Arts Center off-campus at 14526 Roadrunner Way across from University Oaks.
- *The Paisano* is a weekly newspaper that prints new issues every Tuesday.

**How do I join?**
No experience is required! *The Paisano* will hold workshops throughout the semester to teach students Associated Press news writing style, the secrets to conducting a good interview, copyright and libel laws, Indesign software and photography. Simply attend a meeting or email editor@paisano-online.com for more information.

Meetings take place every Wednesday at 6p.m. on the first floor of the Bauerle Garage, Suite 0.302.

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-Red McCombs
Have you ever wanted to witness one of Shakespeare’s plays at the Globe Playhouse? Make your own pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral like Chaucer’s characters? See the Elgin Marbles that inspired Keats’ poetry? Retrace the steps of Charles Dickens and Virginia Woolf around London? This three-week summer course will give you the opportunity to do all this and more.

This course will be open to advanced undergraduate and graduate students. If you are interested in this unique opportunity, there will be an informational meeting to discuss the course, logistics, associated costs, and scholarship opportunities on **Tuesday, October 7, at 5:00 pm** in the **Craven Room (English Department Office, MB 2.314)**. For more information, and a tentative syllabus, contact Mark Bayer (mark.bayer@utsa.edu; 458-4374).
Faculty and students are invited to submit video projects as entries to the Educational Experience Film Festival. The UTSA film festival will recognize the innovative works produced by the university community that enhance teaching, learning, communication and research.

A panel of judges consisting of UTSA faculty will evaluate entries and select a winner from each of the following categories:

- Best Instructional Innovation
- Best Research Communication
- Best Documentary or Interview
- Best Student Project
- Best Vine Video

The Educational Experience Film Festival or E2F2 is a joint venture of the Office of Educational Technology and the E2F2 University Committee designed to raise awareness of the power of video and digital films in education.

The E2F2 award ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, October 15th, 2014, 7:00 PM at the Buena Vista Theater at the Downtown Campus.** The **deadline to submit an entry to the festival is Friday, September 19th, 2014.** Honors College faculty member and University Distinguished Scholar, John Phillip Santos, will act as the Master of Ceremonies.

For more information on E2F2 and to submit an entry please visit: [E2F2.UTSA.EDU](E2F2.UTSA.EDU)

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**Internship for Senator Leticia Van de Putte’s Campaign**

The campaign is seeking college students for fall fundraising internships. Interns accepted to the program will gain first-hand, behind-the-scenes knowledge of how to raise money in a fast-paced, statewide campaign environment.

Interns should possess the following:

- Organizational skills and attention to detail
- Some research experience
- Eagerness to learn new skills quickly
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- A positive attitude and a sense of humor

Interns with prior campaign or fundraising experience are highly encouraged to apply.

This is an unpaid internship located in San Antonio, Texas. Interns should be able to commit to at least 15 hours a week. Applicants will be accepted on a rolling basis. To apply, please send your resume and brief explanation of why you are applying in the body of the email to [audrey@leticiaavandeputte.com](mailto:audrey@leticiaavandeputte.com)
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