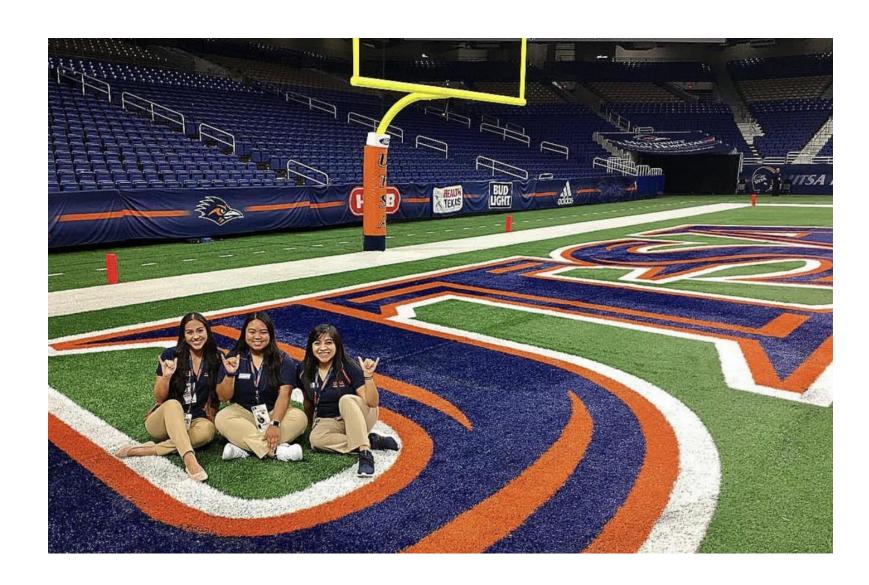


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Professional Development

SUMMARY

I am an active UTSA Ambassador serving since Spring of 2018. The UTSA Ambassador program is a school-sponsored organization consisting of student leaders committed to the pillars of service, leadership, integrity, and excellence. As a member I volunteer at many campus, community, and alumni events as a representative of the University. Entering the program as a sophomore I sought to improve my communication skills, find a community of leaders to learn from, and develop my professionalism. The program encouraged me to grow out of my previous timid demeanor and to speak with confidence while instilling in me the importance of giving back to the San Antonio and UTSA community.



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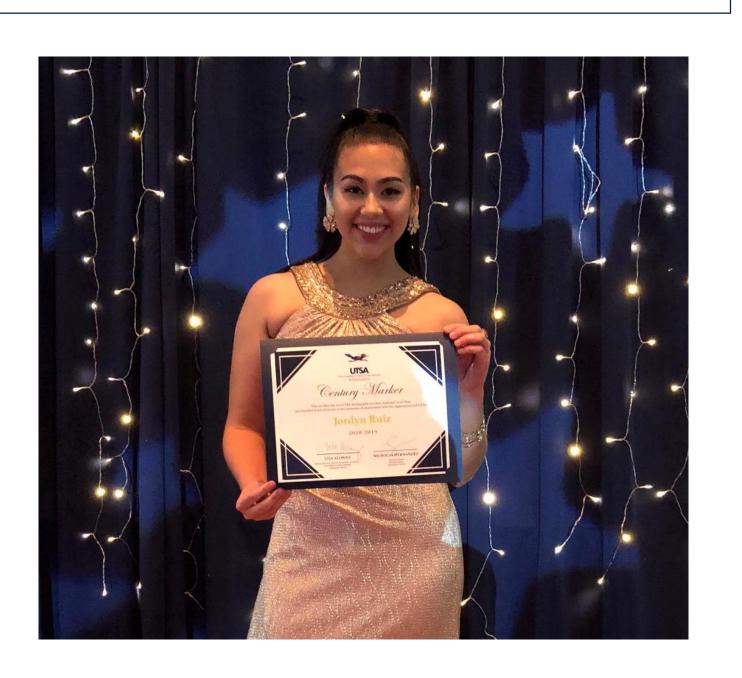
Through immersing myself in the responsibilities of a UTSA Ambassador I had to confront my fear of public speaking, develop confidence in my speech, and implement leadership qualities I've been observing to begin evolving into a refined version of myself.

HERBS

The honorable privilege of serving
UTSA with the support of the
members within the organization
has fostered my leadership
potential and directed the rest of
my collegiate career.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

I applied for the Dean's
Ambassador Program before the
UTSA Ambassadors application
opened, and I had to decide
whether I would let previous
rejection define me or allow it to
redirect me into another
opportunity. This experience
enabled me to adapt and
demonstrate resilience by being
dedicated to cultivating my
professionalism and quashing my
weaknesses.



IMPACT

After receiving Century Marker for more than 100 hours of service to the University, I reflected on the impact the Ambassador organization has had on my life; the Ambassador organization has molded my leadership skillset, guided my undergraduate career, and lead me towards uncovering why I love to serve others. I am grateful I choose to persevere amid doubts on my leadership potential for I wouldn't have had to confidence to establish Unite For Sight at UTSA on campus the following semester and serve as President.

ADVICE

"You have knocked at every door?" she asked.

"Yes."

"Have you knocked at that one there?"
"No."

"Knock there."

-Victor Hugo, Les Misérables Remember that rejection is redirection.