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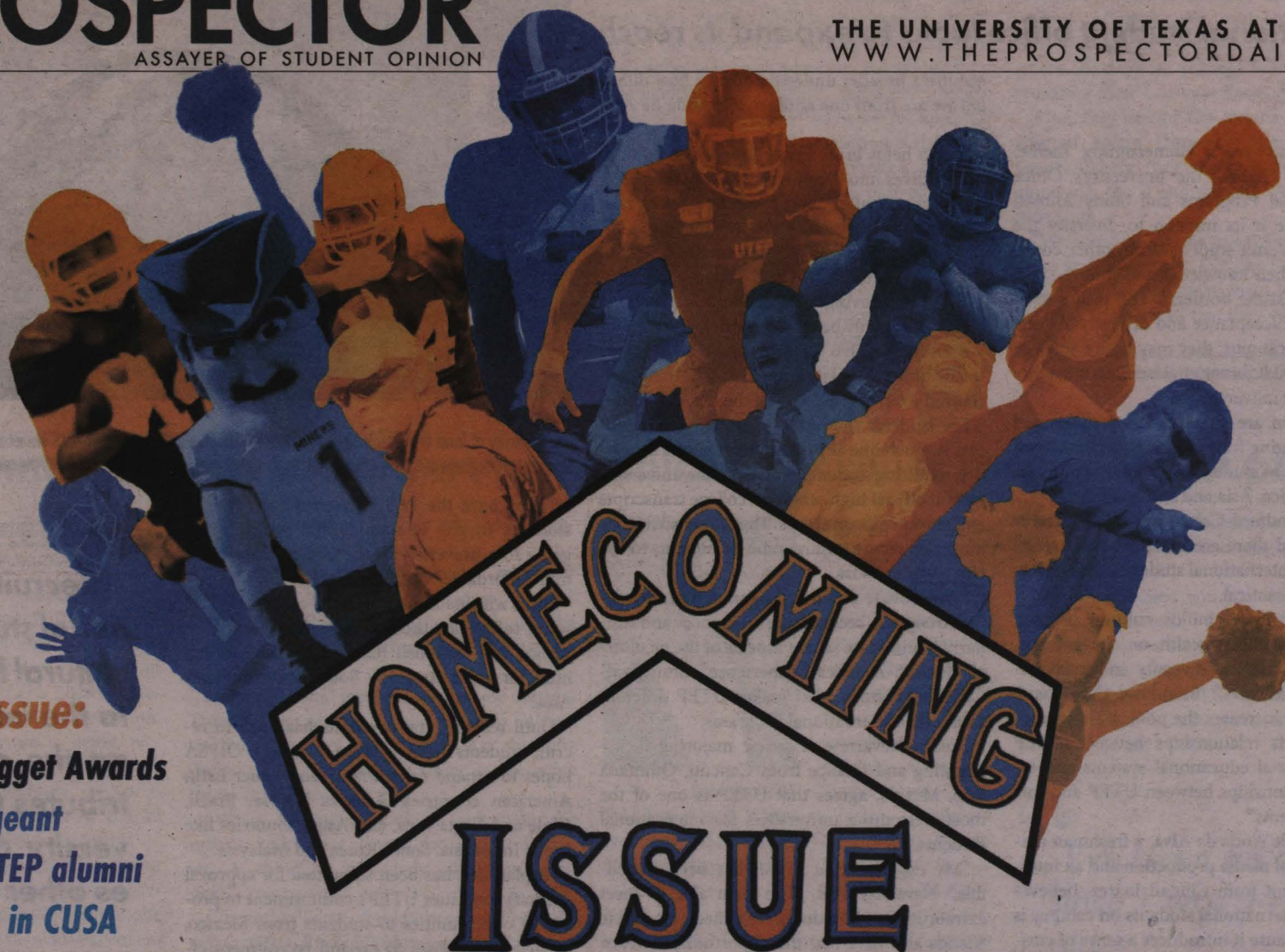
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UTEP goes global

International student office looks to expand its reach

Paulina Spencer

The Prospector

Just like this year's Homecoming theme, "UTEP Goes Global," the university's Office of International Programs and Study Abroad (OIPSA) made it its mission to diversify the campus and recruit students from other countries to share their knowledge and culture.

Being right at the border, UTEP prides itself on promoting acceptance and diversity. As one walks around campus, they may notice some of the nearly 2,000 international students currently enrolled at the university.

Among them are students from all around the world, ranging from the neighboring city of Ciudad Juárez to students from other countries in Latin America, Asia and Southeast Asia.

Dania Brandford-Calvo, executive director of OIPSA, said there are many positive effects in recruiting international students, both philosophical and practical.

"Philosophically, it builds cultural bridges, adds to the intellect wealth on the campus, contributes to cultural diversity and introduces other worldviews," Brandford-Calvo said. "Practically, it increases the pool of paying applicants, builds relationships between UTEP and international educational systems and establishes relationships between UTEP and foreign governments."

Juan Pablo de Anda de Alva, a freshman majoring in digital media production and an international student from Ciudad Juárez, believes that having international students on campus is important because it introduces a sense of curiosity in others who might be interested in learning a different culture.

"Having cultural diversity on campus is of extreme importance because this is how students

acquire a broader understanding of how different we are from one another," de Anda de Alva said.

It also helps bring international and cultural perspectives into the university's classrooms.

"International students are recognized by host countries as contributing with different skills, new innovations and patents in their field of study," Brandford-Calvo said.

However, having international students at UTEP is not only beneficial to the university.

Brandford-Calvo said international students "contribute to the labor market by holding specialized jobs" and help boost the U.S. economy.

For students interested in applying, the process is much like any other Texas public university, requiring students to apply to the university, submit official high school or college transcripts and entrance exam scores. The difference is they must also secure immigration documents to obtain a student Visa.

"We provide cultural programs that identify the strength in recognizing differences and similarities and share salient aspects of the bicultural Mexican-American experience," Brandford-Calvo said about what makes UTEP different from other international programs.

Sandra Navarrete, a senior majoring in accounting and finance from Cancún, Quintana Roo, Mexico, agrees that UTEP is one of the most welcoming universities for international students.

"My experience at UTEP has been incredible," Navarrete said. "I've been able to meet extraordinary individuals, have made incredible friends and have had the opportunity to learn from wonderful professors."

Navarrete was also able to find a unique program that allowed her to study at UTEP.



Courtesy of UTEP

The University of Texas at El Paso's students selected "UTEP Goes Global" for the 2019 Homecoming theme. However, UTEP's Office of International Programs and Study Abroad seeks to recruit international students and diversify the campus demographic year-round.

"They have the PASE program for Mexican students to pay in-state tuition which made going to a university in the United States a lot more affordable," Navarrete said.

Even with its already diverse campus, UTEP wants to increase the international student population and establish itself as an "educational hub" for Latin America, South and Southeast Asia.

Until recently, the emphasis has been to recruit students from Mexico, however, OIPSA hopes to expand recruitment from other Latin American countries, such as Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and Costa Rica, and Asian countries like India, Indonesia, South Korea and Malaysia.

"A plan that has been submitted for approval ... (that) continues UTEP's commitment to providing opportunities to students from Mexico, as well as proposes to expand recruitment efforts," Brandford-Calvo said.

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-DANIA BRANDFORD-CALVO
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SPEAK YOUR MIND

Celebrating alumni, 35 years of mining gold nuggets

Anahy Diaz

The Prospector

For the past 35 years, UTEP's colleges have recognized a select group of alumni as the recipients of the prestigious Gold Nugget Award, which honors their work, community service and overall success.

"They are great role models," said Maribel Villalva, UTEP's assistant vice president for alumni relations. "They have gone on to do good and better things."

More than 200 UTEP graduates have received the award since the university began granting it to its alumni in 1984. The university created the award to recognize graduates from each college, unlike the Distinguished Alumni Award, first established in 1950, which tends to only recognize a limited amount of graduates.

This year, the university will be honoring 10 recipients. Among them are Lisa Lavigne Saucedo, who earned her master's degree in executive business administration in 2015 and serves as executive director for Court Appointed Special Advocates Inc. (CASA), an association that trains volunteers to represent abused and neglected children in family court. Also Claudio Ordaz, earned a bachelor's in performance in 2001 and is a professor of music at the Jyväskylä University of Applied Sciences in Finland.

During his time at UTEP, Ordaz had the opportunity to study violin under Abraham Chavez' direction, a legendary music professor and conductor of the El Paso symphony who was part of UTEP's class of 1959 and went on to become a 1993 Gold Nugget Award recipient.

"I feel proud that a musician is receiving this," said Ramon Acosta, a music education ma-

nor, who also took violin lessons with maestro Chavez at the age of four. "Not many musicians here in El Paso get the recognition they deserve."

Past recipients also include Mike Loya, the president of Vitol, one of the country's largest oil companies, and KVIA news anchor and cancer awareness advocate, Estela Casas.

Individuals can either nominate themselves or be nominated by someone for the Gold Nugget award. The only restriction is that they cannot be current UTEP employees, affiliated with a public office position, a part of the selection committee or be a past recipient of the award.

If none of these apply, one can proceed with the application by submitting a complete nomination packet that includes a thorough nomination form, resumé, short narrative and photo.

The graduates are evaluated by the selection committee on a combination of their profession-

al accomplishments, contributions to their community or the world, loyalty and monetary generosity to UTEP and ability to inspire others and recognize the importance of their education.

Once selected, the recipients are honored throughout Homecoming week, a time where the different colleges hold receptions to recognize their own award recipients.

Also, they attend the annual Distinguished Alumni Award Dinner at the Don Haskins Center, where they are presented the award alongside the Distinguished Alumni Award recipients.

"We make it a point to celebrate these honorees and make them feel like royalty," Villalva said. "It's a time to make them feel special and to thank them for all that they've done for their community."

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A life's commitment to social services



Margaret Cataldi

The Prospector

Dorothy Truax is one of 10 alumni receiving a Gold Nugget Award as part of UTEP's 2019 Homecoming celebration. Truax is being recognized for her contributions to social work within the El Paso community.

After Truax went on to obtain a bachelor's degree in sociology from UTEP in 1973, she went on to accumulate more than 30 years of experience in the social work field before returning back to school at the New Mexico State University for her master's degree.

Throughout her career, Truax spent 27 years working for Child Protective Services, 15 years in foster care and adoption services, ran a program for homeless youth for another 12 years and went on to become the director of social services for a local homeless shelter, the Opportunity Center. Throughout the years, Truax also ran Reynold's Home, a homeless shelter for women and children, with the rest of her family.

The Reynold's Home exists inside a 18th century ranch-style house in the Lower Valley of El Paso. It originally belonged to Truax's grandparents before it was inherited by her mother and later passed down to Truax and her siblings.

It was Truax's older brother who initially began working with the homeless.

"When he couldn't find shelter space for them, he took the families home to (our) mom," Truax said. "When she inherited this home, she thought this was perfect for families. We've had it for 30 years."

Her mother and brother's selflessness inspired Truax's career in social work, but it was only after the passing of her mother that she fully stepped up to run Reynold's Home and promote the work that it carries out.

"When my mom died, I looked in the mirror and, since I was the oldest daughter, I thought, 'OK lady, it's your turn next,'" Truax said.

Currently, Truax divides her time between two facilities, Reynold's Home and Opportunity Center, which deals with housing and treating homeless individuals facing mental disabilities.

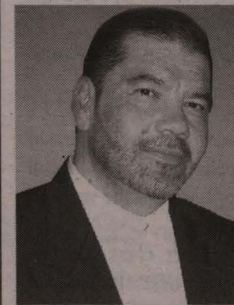
She describes her relationship with her work as a combination of a "social worker" and "an old grandmother that's going to pull them out of bed in the morning and say, 'I know life is tough, but we got to go find a job.'"

Despite the decades and energy she has put into social work, Truax remains humble. Although she acknowledges the importance of her work, she refuses to accept full credit for any of her accomplishments.

"For some reason, God has given me a talent of being able to convince people to get involved and to share," Truax said. "When so many people have gotten involved ... for me to get the credit? I don't think it's fair."

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Chicano activist recalls UTEP protest



Bryan Mena

The Prospector

UTEP's College of Health Sciences selected alumnus Salvador Balcorta, activist and chief executive officer of a nationally recognized nonprofit, for this year's Gold Nugget award.

Courtesy of UTEP
The College of Health Sciences chose Salvador Balcorta as a 2019 Gold Nugget Award recipient.

Today, Balcorta leads the Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe, an El Paso-based "social justice and health and human services nonprofit," according to the organization's website.

La Fe, once a neighborhood clinic, is now an award-winning network of healthcare centers that provide a wide range of services to clients of all ages.

Balcorta earned his bachelor's degree in social work in 1980.

Almost 40 years later, Balcorta is returning to UTEP to be honored with one of the university's most esteemed alumni awards during Homecoming.

"It's a time for alumni to come back to their alma mater and participate in the festivities, visit with professors and see all of the great changes and advancements that have taken place since their graduation," said Maribel Villalva, assistant vice president for alumni relations. "They truly feel like UTEP royalty."

Balcorta credits the support of the people he has surrounded himself throughout his life for the award.

"I feel humbled and honored at the same time," Balcorta said. "I also wonder if I am even worth this type of award."

Looking back on some of his most memorable experiences at UTEP, Balcorta recalls protests on campus as he began his freshman year at UTEP in the fall of 1971.

“
I've been an activist
since I was 14 years
old.”

-SALVADOR BALCORTA
Chief Executive Officer of Centro de
Salud Familiar La Fe
programs and study abroad

"There were some protests in '71 about some issue within the university," Balcorta said. "There was a takeover of the university administration we had at the time."

Balcorta was referring to the mass protests of 1971 that blocked the Administration Building at UTEP. Organized by the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan and La Mesa Directiva, the protest expressed frustra-

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Distinguished UTEP alumni

Local nonprofit promotes visual arts at the border

Bryan Mena

The Prospector

Two of the six recipients of UTEP's 2019 Distinguished Alumni award are the founders of Creative Kids, a local nonprofit organization that introduces visual arts to children.

Every year during Homecoming season, UTEP honors its exceptional alumni with the Gold Nugget and the Distinguished Alumni awards. While the Gold Nugget award is presented by different colleges, the Distinguished Alumni award is presented by the university as a whole, according to Maribel Villalva, assistant vice president for Alumni Relations.

"It's given to alumni who have excelled professionally," Villalva said. "(Those who) are doing great things in their respective communities; are sources of pride and role models for our current students; and have remained engaged with UTEP over the years."

This year, the university selected Andrea C. Gates-Ingle and Stephen Ingle to receive one of its four Distinguished Alumni awards.

Originally from Los Angeles, California, Ingle moved to El Paso because his grandmother fell ill and both of his parents worked at UTEP. The couple met while they were students at UTEP and eventually got married. Gates-Ingle studied special education while Ingle studied fine arts.

"I met her at a bar across the street," Ingle said. "I finished my classes at night, and I was leaving the studio at about 11 o'clock, and I went to this bar where I saw this waitress there."

That waitress was Gates-Ingle, who spotted her future husband a pitcher of beer because he had no money that night.

Gates-Ingle said that being in college is a special time in which people figure out their path in life and that she loved being on campus during her time at UTEP.

"When we came up with the idea for our nonprofit, a lot of our professors at the time actually helped us," she said.

Gates-Ingle said that her favorite UTEP professor is Helen Hammond, who is currently an associate professor at UTEP's College of Education.

Ingle said he enjoyed creating art with his friends while in college and that he really enjoyed the city.

"The kind of support I got from the university, the friends that I made and the community in El Paso really helped us both grow," he said. "I just felt like I was home."

Ingle said that two of his favorite professors are Kim and Terri Bauer, associate professors in UTEP's College of Liberal Arts who focus on fine arts. He also mentioned Willie Ray Parish, a UTEP art professor who retired in 2013.

"Those three people really grounded me and made me who I am today," he said.

At one point, the couple worked at UTEP's Office of Alumni Relations, where Ingle learned that Gates-Ingle was a student-teacher at Bill Childress Elementary School, where she worked with special needs students.

Ingle offered to teach an art class for her students, and she agreed. His first class was a success, sparking enthusiasm among her students. The vice-principal of the school saw how engaged the students were and offered Ingle \$400 to teach another class.



Courtesy of UTEP

UTEP selected Andrea C. Gates-Ingle and Stephen Ingle as the recipients of a joint 2019 Distinguished Alumni award for their work in the El Paso community.

This was the experience that marked the genesis of their nonprofit.

According to its website, Creative Kids is an "educational community-based art agency located in El Paso, Texas along the U.S./Mexico border region." Established in 1999, the nonprofit can reach more than 600 youth through its different programs.

Disadvantaged youth, children battling cancer, children with disabilities or any young person that has an artistic bone in their body can create pieces of art through Creative Kids' programs.

From painting, graphic design to photography, the nonprofit allows children to explore the visual arts through a wide range of mediums and a fully equipped studio.

In 2013, Creative Kids received the President's Commission on the Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award, an esteemed recognition by the White House.

"One of our patients was chosen to give the opening ceremony speech and she gave it in a beautiful way," Gates-Ingle said. "She even had the First Lady in tears. It was just an emotional day."

For more information on Creative Kids and its programs, visit creativekidsart.org

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Above all, Truax hopes that her contributions to the community will inspire others.

"It's the job I do and the people I serve that bring the honor," she continued. "This is why I hope that this honor reflects on the need for others to get involved."

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tions with the lack of Chicana faculty at the university. Several students at the protest were arrested.

"That's one of the experiences I remember most," Balcorta said. "Considering I've been an activist since I was 14 years old."

Balcorta left school after that fall semester to work because he felt that school was "not geared towards the Chicano population."

He started a family during his hiatus from college and eventually returned to finish his education.

Upon returning, Balcorta said he really enjoyed classes that delved into issues that communities face, such as gang violence, racism and drug trafficking.

"Those are issues that have been around the Chicano community forever," he said.

After almost three decades at La Fe, Balcorta reflects on how the founders of the nonprofit have inspired him to continue advocating for the Chicana community.

"The most important people in my journey have been the women, the mothers and grandmothers that founded La Fe," he said. "The women that fought for the right to have health-care; for the right to have decent housing; for the right to a decent education; for the right to a better life."

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Restaurant crawl showcases authentic El Paso cuisine

Anahy Diaz

The Prospector

The third annual "Eat Authentico! Restaurant Crawl" exposed participants to flavorful dishes Sept. 25-27 in the heart of downtown El Paso.

Organized by the Downtown Management District, the sold-out event allowed participants to enjoy a five-course meal split up between five restaurants. The crawl stopped at The Tap, Basico Bistro Cafe, Rockstar Burger Bar, Pot Au Feu and Anson 11.

Aside from stimulating taste buds with delicious cuisine, the crawl also focused on introducing participants to the gastronomy of the downtown area.

"Sometimes we El Pasoans get stuck and continue going to the same restaurants, the ones in our neighborhoods or our go-tos," said Anahy Diaz, marketing and office assistant for the Downtown Management District, who also served as a guide Thursday, Sept. 26.

"This pushes people to get out of their element and try something new," Diaz added.

The rendezvous and first restaurant of the night was The Tap, where people enjoyed the restaurant's iconic appetizer, The Tap Nachos.

"It's what we're famous for," said Charlene Soule, owner of The Tap.



Anahy Diaz / The Prospector

Participants enjoy their meals at Rockstar Burger Bar in downtown El Paso Thursday, Sept. 26.

The restaurant's signature nachos were listed in Yahoo's "21 Best Nachos in America" back in 2015

The nachos consist of homemade tortilla chips topped off with refried beans, brisket, a savory, cheesy sauce, fresh slices of avocado, chopped onions, diced tomatoes and jalapeños. The crunchy tortilla chips with the trimmed brisket made the dish a delicious TexMex mix.

"I'm really honored that they made us a part of it," Soule said. "I hope participants are able to experience the nature of The Tap and its tradition to see that there is no other bar like it."

The second stop of the night was the Basico Bistro Cafe, where the restaurant presented the participants with its baked brie cheese covered in a layer of pastry and served with apricot jam or marinara sauce.

The appetizer was bold in flavor and its crispy crust complemented the rich taste of the brie.

The group then continued to the Rockstar Burger Bar where they were served the first entree, Rockstar sliders with fries. The two available sliders were the Rolling Stone Slider, a juicy beef patty with cream cheese sauce, sautéed mushrooms and chiles toreados; and the Chipotle Slider, a beef patty topped with a strip of beer-battered, fried bacon and homemade chipotle sauce.

The fourth location and second entrée of the night was served at Pot Au Feu. Its selection was the Katsu Chicken, a tender Japanese-style fried

chicken served with tonkatsu sauce, accompanied with a poached egg and chopped pieces of carrots, scallions and bok choy.

"I really enjoyed the chicken," said Laura Garcia, El Paso Parks and Recreation administrative services manager and UTEP alumna. "It was something I've never had before, and the portion was just enough."

Garcia also said she is glad to see the growth the downtown area has been experiencing. Having lived in El Paso all her life, she recalls being in awe as a child at some of the area's original buildings which are now under reconstruction.

"It was really sad to see buildings go down," Garcia said. "I'm really happy to see that the city is investing money in refurbishing some of them."

The night concluded at Anson 11 with live music and a homemade warm chocolate cake served with vanilla gelato, an assortment of berries and pasilla caramel sauce. Like the baked brie, the chocolate cake was rich with a thick layer of sweet chocolate. This decadent chocolatey dream topped off a satisfying five-course meal.

For information on upcoming events in the downtown area, visit downtownelpaso.com

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SGA Homecoming pageant continues as a tradition

Paulina Spencer

The Prospector

The Student Government Association (SGA) kicked off this year's Homecoming festivities with its annual homecoming pageant show, Friday Sept. 27 at the Magoffin Auditorium.

SGA has been hosting the pageant show for over 25 years and Natalia Dueñas, senator-at-large, was proud to be a part of this year's show.

"It has been an SGA tradition for a really long time and we are happy to continue with it," Dueñas said.

Following this year's Homecoming theme, "UTEP Goes Global," SGA planned a show that reflected the diversity on campus.

Priscilla Gallegos, collegiate senator of business, wanted to demonstrate through the pageant that UTEP is as diverse as it claims to be.

"We want to show people that we are a diverse campus by incorporating the theme of being global," Gallegos said.

For the opening number, each contestant was assigned a country to represent, Miss Universe style, and wore attire to represent the respective country. All contestants were introduced on stage by name.

The pageant show featured 28 contestants, 15 females and 13 males.

For the second number, the contestants individually performed their talent in front of an audience and a panel of judges.

This part showcased the talent UTEP students have to offer through singing, dancing and even a make-up tutorial.

The audience was enthusiastic and supportive of every performer throughout the night.

Krissana Haugen, 20, was there to support her cousin, who is in a sorority, and enjoy the show.

"I think the whole show is pretty fun," Haugen said.

After a short recess, the contestants came back on stage one by one to show off their outfits for the formal segment of the show. From perfectly fitted suits to floor-length gowns, all of the contestants wowed the audience and judges.

After deliberation amongst the judges, five female

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Pageant Winners

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The winners for the 2019 SGA pageant stood onstage after the competition Friday, Sept. 27 at the Magoffin Auditorium.

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and five male contestants were chosen to continue on to the last part of the pageant.

During the final segment, contestants drew a question from a bowl to answer in front of everyone, including their competitors. With questions ranging from favorite school traditions to changes they would implement on campus, the

contestants gave it their best while being in the spotlight.

Once the judges decided on the results, SGA announced the 2019 SGA Homecoming Pageant winners which included Mr. and Ms. College of Mines, Mr. and Ms. Texas Western and finally Mr. and Ms. UTEP.

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Missing, deceased Juárez women remembered in art exhibition

Margaret Cataldi

The Prospector

The Rubin Center Gallery hosted an opening ceremony Thursday, Sept. 26, for its latest exhibit that pays homage to the young missing women of Ciudad Juárez.

The exhibit, titled "Brian Maguire: Scenes of Absence," is described as "an exploration of both violence and the drug trade based in part on Maguire's multiple visits to Juárez over the course of 10 years," according to event details listed on the university calendar. It includes multiple portraits of varying sizes showing the likenesses of Juárez women who have gone missing within the last decade, as well as several larger pieces depicting scenes of violence in an abstract style.

After reading about the violence in Juárez and the stories of multiple young women vanishing from their homes, Maguire was inspired to paint portraits of them.

Working thousands of miles away from the subjects of his art proved to be too difficult for Maguire, so he traveled to Juárez.



Photo courtesy of UTEP

Brian Maguire stands in front of his artwork at UTEP's Rubin Center.

"I couldn't do it from a photo or from reading a book," Maguire said. "I had to have more direct experience."

During his time there, Maguire gave art lessons inside a hotel to local orphaned children and continued to meet with the families of the missing women to learn more about their stories.

"I listened to their stories. I experienced the emotion," Maguire said I took it back with me to the studio and I painted."

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The Miners (7-2-2) staged a comeback victory over the Marshall Thundering Herd 3-8 Thursday, giving them a 2-0 record in conference play. Matching the same start of the 2016 season under former coach Kevin Cross, this Miner team has showed a defensive intensity and a never-quit attitude with first-year Head Coach Katheryn Balogun.

In her initial season at UTEP, Balogun is enjoying her best start in six years of coaching, with her first winning record through nine games of a season. Her teams at Texas Southern were notoriously slow starters with her season start being 4-5 through nine games. Texas Southern never had a losing conference record under Balogun.

"That's two games in a row we've found the back of the net three times, and we needed all of them for tonight's win," Balogun said. "We cannot continue to count on teams allowing us to bounce back."

Trailing 2-1 at halftime, the Miners scored twice in the first two minutes of the second half to take a 3-2 lead that they would never relinquish. The winning goal was scored by sophomore forward JoJo Ngongo at the 46 minutes mark of the match. Ngongo has three goals on the season, which already matches her total for the 2018 season.



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The University of Texas at El Paso's Cam Fisher dribbles past Abilene Christian, defender, Sunday, Aug. 25.

Ngongo is currently tied for second on the team in goals scored with senior midfielder Danielle Carreon. Leading the team in goals scored is senior forward Lauren Crenshaw who added to her team with a leading total of five with a penalty kick goal at the 15-minute mark of this match. Crenshaw is only two goals off her career best of seven from last year with eight games remaining on the schedule.

Freshman goalkeeper Emily Parrot has been the goalie of record in all UTEP's matches. Parrot is second in the conference in shutouts with three and third in saves with 34. Due to freshman goalie Zoey Lopez's injury in the second

game of the season versus Abilene Christian, Parrot has played every minute of each game for the Miners.

The Miners have already matched its entire win total from last season with eight more games still left on the slate. Continuing the road trip for the next two games, the Miners will face the University of Alabama at Birmingham (2-3-3) Oct. 3 and wrap up versus Middle Tennessee State (4-6-1) Oct. 6.

The Miners will return home for its next match versus the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers at 7 p.m. Oct. 10 at University Field.

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Big plays derail Miners football

UTEP falls to SouthernMiss

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Six minutes into the first quarter, the UTEP Miners looked like they were going to be blown out of the stadium by the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles.

The Golden Eagles' De' Michael Harris took a pass just beyond the line of scrimmage 74 yards downfield as he outran the entire UTEP defense for the first score of the game.

A false start on the first play of the Miner's second possession pushed them back deep in their own territory. The Miners were forced to punt, and Southern Miss penetrated the line, blocking the punt and getting the ball at the team's two-yard line. Two plays later, the Golden Eagles were once again on the scoreboard with a two-yard run by De' Michael Harris, his second of the day.

After senior quarterback Brandon Jones proceeded to go three and out, UTEP Football Head Coach Dana Dimel rotated senior quarterback Kai Locksley in as the starter. Up this this point, UTEP had 10 total yards of offense in three possessions.

Locksley came into the game and passed for UTEP's initial conversion of the game, leading the Miners to its first points of the day on an 11-play scoring drive, which culminated with a short-field goal.

Southern Miss then proceeded to drive deep into Miner territory, but junior defensive back Michael Lewis pried loose a fumble that was recovered by senior defensive back Justin Rogers.

On his third possession, Locksley drove the team down into the Golden Eagles' red zone, but out of timeouts, the team took a delay of game on a fourth down and short. The Miners took a second consecutive delay of game and forced a difficult 46-yard field goal by freshman kicker Gavin Baechle, a career best.

With the score 21-6, the Miners had a disastrous squib kickoff attempt that went only 10 yards hitting a Southern Miss player at midfield with 14 seconds left on the clock. A quick 29-yard pass set up a Golden Eagle field goal to give them the halftime lead of 24-6.

UTEP had a strong defensive stand to open the second half as Locksley took the field once again as starter. Showing off the athleticism and speed that made Locksley a highly touted prospect out of high school, he took the next play 83

Football working to improve against UTSA

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The conference opener did not go as planned for the UTEP football team (1-3, 0-1) as it fell against Southern Mississippi 31-13. Now the Miners are set to take on The University of Texas at San Antonio (1-3, 0-1) at home this weekend.

Last season, UTEP fell to the Roadrunners 31-20 in San Antonio and look to improve from this last matchup against the Golden Eagles.

UTSA is coming off a bye week after losing to North Texas the previous week by a score of 45-3. UTSA has lost three straight games and allowed 501 yards against North Texas.

UTEP will be heading into the game against UTSA with several players banged up.

The Miners were plagued with the injury bug against Southern Mississippi with redshirt sophomore defensive back Justin Prince, senior offensive lineman Ruben Guerra, sophomore wide receiver Tre 'Shon Wolf, senior quarterback Kai Locksley and sophomore linebacker Sione Tupou all leaving the matchup against the Golden Eagles at some point with an injury.

Head Coach Dana Dimel mentioned in a postgame news conference that the injury to Prince doesn't look good.

Prince is tied for first for the most tackles on the squad with 28 and averaged seven tackles a matchup for the Miners.

The Miners were down early in the game against Southern Miss by a score of 14-0 six minutes into the first quarter and allowed 351

passing yards versus the Golden Eagles. Southern Mississippi had 519 yards of total offense against the Miners. UTEP's pass defense has not played as exceptional as it would like against the pass, allowing an average of 265 yards per game. That ranks the Miners second to last in Conference-USA against the pass.

When it comes to the passing offense of the Miners, at times it has been abysmal. The Miners have the worse passing offense in Conference-USA averaging just 144 yards per game through four games this season. The bad news for the Miners is UTSA has the best passing defense in Conference-USA allowing a solid 147 passing yards per game.

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Senior linebacker Andrew Martel leads the Roadrunners with 28 total tackles and has one forced fumble this season.

Locksley ran for 114 yards against Southern Miss and scored on a 63-yard rushing touchdown against Southern Miss while throwing for 109 yards. Senior quarterback Brandon Jones added 59 passing yards against Southern Miss.

Senior running back Treyvon Hughes will look to have a stronger performance against UTSA after rushing for just 5 yards on four carries against Southern Miss, Hughes is currently ranked first in rushing touchdowns in Conference-USA with six and is ranked seventh in rushing yards per game with 66.

UTSA lead redshirt sophomore quarterback Frank Harris has 486 passing yards and 126 rushing yards on the season.

Freshman running back Sincere McCormick leads the Roadrunners in rushing with 250 yards and three touchdowns. McCormick is averaging 62 rushing yards per contest, through four games.

UTEP takes on UTSA 6 p.m. Oct. 5 at the Sun Bowl and fans can score a "Winning Combo, a ticket, a hot dog and a soft drink for just \$15. It can be purchased at any UTEP Ticket Center location, or by calling 915-747-5234.

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yards for a touchdown for his biggest play as a Miner, cutting the lead to 11 points.

The Miner defense had Southern Miss in a long third and eight yards to go, when Golden Eagle quarterback Jack Abraham located an open wide receiver Jaylond Adams for a 22-yard gain, which also included an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against UTEP. The drive was capped off with another Golden Eagle score by Jaylon Adams to make the score 31-13.

Locksley once again led the Miners into Southern Miss territory to the 34-yard line. Following a 13-yard loss on a sack, Locksley was banged up on a 10-yard scramble, forcing Jones to make his first appearance since the first quarter in the game. Unable to convert, the Miners had to punt with eight minutes left in the third quarter. That would be the end of the night for Locksley as a precaution, not to risk further injury.

There would be no more scoring from either team for the last 23 minutes of the game as the Miners could only muster one first down the rest of the game.

"Eliminating our mistakes is going to get us a win," Dimel said. "We have proven we can play with anybody in conference, but execution must be better." Dimel stressed that unforced errors must be eliminated by the team to improve.

Overall, on the night the Miner defense made some solid plays and were seldom beat deep. But short plays underneath breaking for big gains were a major weakness. Southern Miss had more than 500 yards of total offense with 352 of them coming in the passing game.

For the Miners, Locksley was the offense, as he was responsible for 223 yards of the team's 294-yard total. Locksley completed eight of 15 passes for 109 yards and had 114 yards in the rushing game with the long 63-yard touchdown. Once Locksley left the game, the offense seemed to leave with him.

The Miners could not stop Southern Miss quarterback, Jack Abraham, as he completed 19 of 28 passes for 351 yards and three touchdowns especially with the struggles in the passing game. In the second quarter, UTEP lost a key member of their defense with sophomore defensive back Justin Prince going down with a possible long-term injury.

The Miners (1-3) on the season come home to play versus the University of Texas at San Antonio (1-3), 6 p.m. Oct. 5 at the Sun Bowl.

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