

President



Laura Nuñez-Bolaños '08

Laura is a native El Pasoan. She is a 1980 graduate of Austin High School. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in History and Chicano Studies in 2008. She received her Master's of Education in 2013. She has worked for UTEP for 10 years as an academic advisor in the College of Liberal Arts, served on several internal committees, as well as the El Paso Chapter's Executive Office as vice president and president. Laura is outgoing, resourceful, motivated, and driven to make things happen. "There has never been a more important time to be a part of the UTEP Alumni Association's El Paso Chapter. We are on the cusp of our Centennial in 2014 and we are making strides toward Tier One. In order to effectively be a part of such historic events, the El Paso Chapter must have effective leadership. I plan to develop a new plan of action that not only reaffirms, redefines and refines our chapter's mission and goals but I will work with my team to build on that foundation by conducting a retreat that will help us to strategically plan our year. We will enhance our current activities and establish new ones while increasing membership, strong alumni awareness and presence, scholarship funds and community service initiatives. I appreciate your support."

Vice President



Lily Limón '73

An El Paso native and UTEP graduate, Lily is a retired educator who devoted 29 years to helping students achieve academic and personal success. She graduated from Austin High School and went on to study at UTEP. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from UTEP in 1973 and Master's of Education degree from UTEP in 1975. She was the founding principal of Cesar Chavez Academy, a nationally recognized alternative school primarily serving adjudicated youth. She has served as a volunteer with a variety of religious and civic groups, including extensive work benefiting migrant farmworkers. She continues to serve the El Paso community as the currently elected District 7 City Representative. She is highly motivated to nurture the best of what the district has to offer and provide new opportunities for her neighbors.

Lily, current chairwoman of the El Paso Commission for Women, is a UTEP football season ticket holder and supports a variety of other Miner sports teams. She is a UTEP alumni chapter volunteer and has assisted with the group's fund-raising efforts. Limón helped draft the alumni chapter's latest bylaws. She remains deeply connected to the university and continues to take classes through UTEP's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) program. She is a proud wife and mother of two daughters.



Isaac Cordero '08

Isaac Cordero was born and raised in El Paso, Texas. After attending Bel Air High School, he received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in English Literature at The University of Texas at El Paso in 2004. While at UTEP, Isaac participated and completed UTEP's Law School Preparation Institute (LSPI), and was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. Isaac was an undergraduate assistant for Dr. Robert Webking where he designed online course material and tutored students on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT).

After graduating from UTEP, he attended the University of Virginia School of Law, where he received his Juris Doctorate in 2008. After teaching in the El Paso area after law school, Isaac joined the Chavez Law Firm where he practices Employment Law, Civil Rights Law, Community Safety Law, and Contracts.

Isaac's interests include basketball, cinema, hiking, rock climbing, and fishing.

Secretary



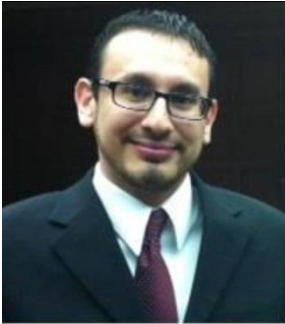
Mary Helen Buentello '94

Mary-Helen Buentello has been a Literacy Coach at Schuster Elementary for the last six years. She resided in Dallas and worked as a master reading teacher for nine years in the Plano and Dallas Independent School Districts before returning to El Paso. This is her nineteenth year in the teaching field, working with students, teachers, administration and parents. Prior to her education career she was employed as a Financial Consultant with Merrill Lynch for ten years.

She graduated in 1994 from UTEP with a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, making the Dean's List that same year. She also received her Master Reading Certification in 2002 from the State of Texas and her Series 63 License in 1988.

Mary Helen enjoys volunteering with the UTEP Alumni Committee, which she is a member of, as well as for the Race for the Cure. Her two active dogs, Tigger and Mia, keep her busy.

As last year's secretary, she devoted her full attention and effort in helping the association achieve its goals and will continue to do so. Go Miners!



Oscar Lara '06

Oscar A. Lara was born and raised in El Paso, Texas. He graduated from Americas High School in 2002, and then went on to pursue higher education at The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). He graduated in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Magna Cum Laude. While at UTEP, Oscar was a member and the Web Designer for the Golden Key Honor Society, a member and Web Designer for the Phi Alpha Delta Pre Law Society, a member of the Alpha Chi Honor Society, and a member of the Law School Preparation Institute.

Oscar received his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 2009. While in law school, he served as articles editor for the Michigan Telecommunications and Technology Law Review, and as treasurer for the Latino Law Students Association. He later received his Master's in Information Science from the University of Michigan in 2010.

Oscar joined the Chavez Law Firm in 2012 where he practices Employment Law, Civil Rights Law, Community Safety Law, and Contracts. He is fluent in both English and Spanish. Aside from his legal career, he is an avid sports fan and a proud supporter of UTEP athletics. Oscar can be frequently seen at the Sun Bowl and the Don Haskins Center supporting the Miners

Treasurer



Steven Arellano '09

Steven Arellano graduated from UTEP in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in Management. While at UTEP he was a member of the UTEP Mock Trial Association. Steven also attended the Law School Preparation Institute at UTEP, and continued to work with the Institute as a LSAT tutor and teaching assistant. After graduating from UTEP, he attended The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. At OSU Steven was an editor on the [I/S: A Journal of Law and Policy for the Information Society](#). Steven received his Juris Doctorate from Ohio State in May 2013. In July of 2013 Steven sat for the Texas State Bar and is a candidate for admission to the bar pending the results of the examination.

Membership Chair



Lauren Ferris '08

Lauren Ferris graduated Magna Cum Laude from UTEP in 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a minor in Criminal Justice. She went on to law school, and in 2011, graduated from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law with a Doctorate of Jurisprudence. While attending UTEP, Lauren was a member of the UTEP Miner Marching and Symphonic band as well as numerous honor societies. She was also selected to participate in UTEP's Law School Preparation Institute (LSPI). During law school she held elected offices in various school organizations, which included the Student Bar Association, Arkansas Association of Women

Lawyers-Student Division, Hispanic Law Students Association, and Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity. She was actively involved in the local community and was even a Sunday school teacher at a local church in Little Rock. Lauren organized numerous community events and recruited and inspired others to volunteer. She received the Dean's Distinguished Certificate of Service after earning over 300 hours of volunteer service in 2 ½ years. After attending law school, she returned to El Paso to work as an attorney for the City of El Paso. Currently, she is a member of the El Paso Bar Association and Texas City Attorneys Association.

Lauren believes in the important role that UTEP plays in El Paso and its neighboring communities, so she finds it vital to become and remain involved. She looks forward to serving on the UTEP Alumni -El Paso Chapter Board and encouraging others to join the Association for the betterment of not only the University, but the community as a whole.

Historian



Dov E. Kupfer AIFD CFD '81

Dov received his Bachelor of Arts with honors in Art (all levels) and teacher certification from UTEP in 1981. He is an award winning floral designer and owner of Designs by Dov E., a freelance floral design enterprise specializing in custom design and events.

Dov E. is a member of the prestigious American Institute of Floral Designers, Texas State Florists Association and the West Texas New Mexico Florist Association. He is also a mentor for the New Mexico State University Intercollegiate Floriculture Team. He is experienced in photography, scrapbooking and photo album compilation as well as digital photography and photoshop enhancement. Dov also teaches the Professional Floral Design classes at El Paso Community College.

Dov has held the positions of vice president, treasurer, and historian for various organizations including Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity, Mortar Board as a UTEP senior, and has served as historian for the El Paso Chapter for the last six years. He is currently an advisor for The Upsilon Eta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity at UTEP. He has knowledge of the El Paso chapter since its inception in 2005. An active alumnus, he will provide the chapter with help and guidance to move it forward.



Robert Keller '55

Robert Keller's ties to UTEP date back to 1955 when UTEP was known as Texas Western College from which he received a Bachelor of Arts in Biology. Robert, SIOR, has been selling and leasing commercial and industrial real estate in El Paso, New Mexico, and Mexico for over 45 years. When working with Keller-Koch Realtors LLC, Robert's solid "hands-on" experience is brought to each and every transaction. When doing business in Mexico was in its infancy, Robert was at the forefront, leading and developing relationships which would help prospective clients. Since relocating General Motors/Delphi to the El Paso-Juarez area in the 1970's, he has assisted numerous other Fortune 500 companies in beginning their business ventures here. Robert's passion is studying the ancient Mayan civilization and traveling throughout Mexico to visit

Mayan ruins in remote Mexican locations. This detailed knowledge of Mexican archeology, culture, and history has proven beneficial to companies seeking real estate in Mexico, time and time again.