

Dear Golden Graduate,

First, let me offer my congratulations to you during this, your Golden Graduate year at The University of Texas at El Paso. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your UTEP graduation represents a major milestone in your life, one that you now share with an elite group of alumni who have contributed significantly to this university's proud legacy.

To celebrate your milestone year, I invite you to join us for the Class of 1969 Golden Graduates Reunion, which will take place during UTEP's 2019 Homecoming Weekend.

Homecoming will be a perfect occasion for you to return to UTEP and re-visit your college years. I know you'll be thrilled to see how much UTEP has grown on all fronts — from campus facilities and academic programs to research and scholarly activity — and led to our growing national prominence as the first top-tier research university in the U.S. with a 21<sup>st</sup> century student demographic.

From our modest beginnings as a mining school in 1914, UTEP is now home to six colleges and two professional schools. With an enrollment of more than 25,000 students, 22 doctoral programs, and a research portfolio of more than \$300 million in grants, UTEP is widely recognized as a world-class university conducting highly competitive research that has the potential to impact the future, not only of our region and nation, but our world. We have proudly prepared and graduated thousands of future teachers, nurses and many other healthcare professionals, scientific researchers, engineers and technology professionals, attorneys, and civic and business leaders. Our successes have gained visibility in such publications as the *New York Times*, *Washington Monthly*, *Texas Monthly*, *Time* and *Fortune* magazines.

UTEP's 2019 Homecoming activities begin on Thursday, October 3, and continue until the Golden Grads Luncheon on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. We look very much forward to honoring you as one of this year's Golden Graduates. We hope you will visit often your very special website [alumni.utep.edu/goldengrads](http://alumni.utep.edu/goldengrads) for updates and registration opportunities. I also encourage you to join the Reunion Host Committee as a volunteer, thereby enhancing not only your own Homecoming experiences, but those of your fellow 2019 Golden Graduates.

If you are a frequent visitor to the UTEP campus, we'll be pleased to welcome you back. If it's been a while since you've had contact with us or been on our campus, you'll be amazed at how much your University has changed. We will do all we can to ensure that you have a great opportunity to mingle with old friends, make some new ones, and experience your college days once more. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Go Miners!

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