

# UTRGV Graduate College Newsletter

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## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

UTRGV's [Physician Assistant \(PA\) Studies](#) program was ranked #2 among all Texas PA programs by [Universities.com](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### For Prospective Students

**Meet a graduate recruiter (Harlingen: May 18, 2018)**

Come and meet a graduate recruiter to learn more about graduate programs of your interest. [RSVP](#)

## GRADUATE FAIR

UTRGV Graduate College hosted its spring graduate fair on March 1st and 8th on the Brownsville and Edinburg campuses, respectively. A total of 781 prospective students attended the events and met graduate program coordinators, learned about admission requirements and financial aid, and applied on the spot. Dr. Dave Jackson, Dean of the Graduate College, presented to prospective students on how to make their applications stand out.



**NEW! TEXT MESSAGE US!**

## For Faculty

### TxGAP Summer Institute (June 7-8, 2018)

Limited spaces left so register early to join graduate enrollment professionals from across Texas and learn about effective recruitment and retention strategies.

[Read more](#)

Do you, someone you know, or a graduate program deserve recognition in the graduate college newsletter? Or do you need help publicizing your graduate event? Email us at [gradcollege@utrgv.edu](mailto:gradcollege@utrgv.edu) with the subject line "Graduate College Newsletter Content."

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## GRADUATE STUDENT PLACEMENT

Congratulations to our May 2018 graduates for a job well-done! This is just the beginning of the endless opportunities and career success a graduate degree from UTRGV presents to you.

### Master of Science in Biology

- **Lilia Sanchez** (thesis advisor: Dr. Megan Keniry): Ph.D Program in Genetics, Texas A&M University
- **Brenda Leal** (thesis advisor: Dr. Robert Dearth): Received the Texas A&M University Graduate Diversity Fellowship from the Ph.D Program in Entomology, Texas A&M University.

### Master of Science in Engineering: Electrical Engineering

- **April Gonzelez** (non-thesis option): American Electric Power (AEP), a major investor-owned electric utility in the U.S. delivering electricity to more than five million

customers in eleven states.

## GRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### Journal Publications and Research Presentations

- Under the supervision of Dr. Ruth Crutchfield, a graduate research team in communication sciences and disorders consisting of **Patricia Mejorado, Annette Cano, Ivon Ramirez, Alexandra Rosas, Jessica Porras, Evy Rendon, Nicole Rivas, Chelsey Leal, Analisa Lopez, Irene Cortez, Kassandra Saldana, and Jackie Garcia** presented their research on an experimental pre-test post-test investigation in collaboration with local outpatient rehabilitation clinics where a language therapy method was implemented using structured methodology with Spanish speaking children at the American Speech Language and Hearing Association Convention in Los Angeles, California on November 16, 2017 and the Texas Speech Language and Hearing Convention in Houston, Texas on March 2nd, 2018.



- **Marven Calagos** (Master of Science in Engineering: Electrical Engineering, May 2018) and Dr. Mark (Yul) Chu (Department of Electrical Engineering) have published three research papers in prestigious journals and conferences on the topics of PC cluster super computer and efficient low power cache memory for multi-core systems. The research results have been presented at the Sixth IEEE International Conference on Communications and Electronics.
- **Carlos A. Rodriguez Betancourth** (Master of Science in Engineering: Electrical Engineering, May 2018) worked with Dr. Jaime Ramos (Department of Electrical Engineering) and Dr. Javier Ortega (Department of Mechanical Engineering) in the

development of an automatic control system for a tribological device for the study of biocompatible materials used in human hip joint implants. The team has presented their research results at HESTEC and will present at the 22nd International Conference on Wear of Materials.

### ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

- **Faraon Torres**, an alumnus of the Master of Science in Engineering - Electrical Engineering program and an engineer at the Boeing Company, won the 2017 STAR Promising Engineer Award from the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers.
- **Dr. Obadiah Kegege**, an alumnus of the Master of Science in Engineering - Electrical Engineering program and currently working at NASA, worked with Dr. Heinrich Foltz (Department of Electrical Engineering) on a NASA proposal and offered a NASA Fellowship to a graduate student.



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