

Student Enrollment 411

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Maggie's Messages: UTRGV Email

I hope you all enjoyed the first issue of *SE411*! To receive future editions of *SE411*, make sure to set up your UTRGV email account. Setting up your UTRGV email account is easy and a great way to gear up for the new school year.

-Maggie



#FirstClass

What do you think of when you hear #FirstClass?

"When I hear #FirstClass, I see students opening up their admission letters, taking a photo holding the poster, and being proud that they're admitted to UTRGV."

What's the application update? "So far we've received 10,015 first-time in college freshmen applications. We've admitted 6,336 students, and 19% of the admits are in the top 10%."

-Debbie Gilchrist



Director Spotlight: Debbie's Dialogue

Tell us about the admissions process this year: I think the holistic review process allowed us to really look at the characteristic of each individual student versus just a few things, like a test score. It allowed us to give opportunities to students who may not have been admitted before, and it allowed us to give students a chance who may not have had a chance before.

What's it like working with your team? I couldn't have asked for a better team. It's been a long road, but they're excited! We have a good team with a certain dynamic. I can already see it, and this is a good group. I honestly couldn't ask to work with anyone better in Student Enrollment ... Jeff, Arnold, Griselda and Carlo. Maggie is also a very strong leader.

What are you most excited about for UTRGV? I think the most exciting thing about UTRGV is the expectation that this will transform the Valley. I think in the caliber of applications we've received, there are people applying here that haven't applied before. There is a lot of hope. A lot of people are looking at UTRGV as a new beginning. It's exciting for the whole region.

What's it like travelling between Edinburg and Brownsville? Personally, it's been exciting for me to be able to travel to Brownsville. I get to meet all the wonderful people that work there. It's nice to be in a new office, and it has a very homey vibe. It's fun to change up my week and routine.

What are your thoughts on the new Student Services Center? I think, honestly, the Student Services Center is a great idea. I'm glad to be a part of it, and I'm just excited. It will change the way we do everything. It will take a while to get it the way we want it, but I have no doubt at all that we'll get it there. It will make UTRGV different and make us stand out.

How do you spend your free time? Most of the time, I'm with my family and my 9 year old niece. She taught me about Pinterest, so now I'm totally hooked on that. I also like British mystery books, country, pop, and rock music.

What is something people may not know about you? Led Zeppelin is my all-time favorite rock and roll band. They're the best in the world. I saw Robert Plant play some Zeppelin songs in Vegas, and it was the highlight of my life. Also, my favorite food is Whataburger. You need to get a #1 with cheese. That's the classic...and French fries.

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Construction Update: Renovations & Renderings

The Facilities team is working hard to construct the new Student Services Centers. Below are the Edinburg renderings and construction photos. On Page 3 are both the Brownsville and Edinburg floorplans. Brownsville campus updates are slated to begin in the next 2 weeks! Similar furniture, flooring, and designs will be used at both campuses so students will have the same experience at either campus.

-Maggie



Edinburg SSC Counter



Edinburg SSC Counter Waiting



Edinburg Front Entrance



Edinburg Front Desk

Meet the Admissions Team!

Director of Undergraduate Admissions: Debbie Gilchrist
Administrative Assistant II: Grisel Portilla
Associate Director: Marybel Franco
Admissions Specialist: Marie Martin
Admissions Specialist: Tirso Nava
Admissions Specialist: Marlen Diaz
Admissions Specialist: Isabel Santos
Admissions Specialist: Rosario Corona
Undergraduate Admissions Manager: Jorge Teniente
Admissions Officer: Patricia Montemayor
Admissions Officer: Janet Amador
Assistant Director: Maria C. Trevino
Document Imaging Specialist: Rogelio Munoz
Records Technician: Francisco Ramirez
Admissions Officer: Tatiana Carrillo

Hiring Update: Building Our Team

Building the new Student Enrollment team is critical to the success of UTRGV and our students' success. Every single person matters on this team. No matter what your job title or description, we all fit together like a puzzle. If a piece of that puzzle is out of place or missing, the overall picture is incomplete. I want you all to know how much I appreciate your hard work and dedication, especially during this time of transition. Our team is coming together week by week, and I cannot wait until our team is complete!

Filled SE Positions	Unfilled SE Positions
102	27

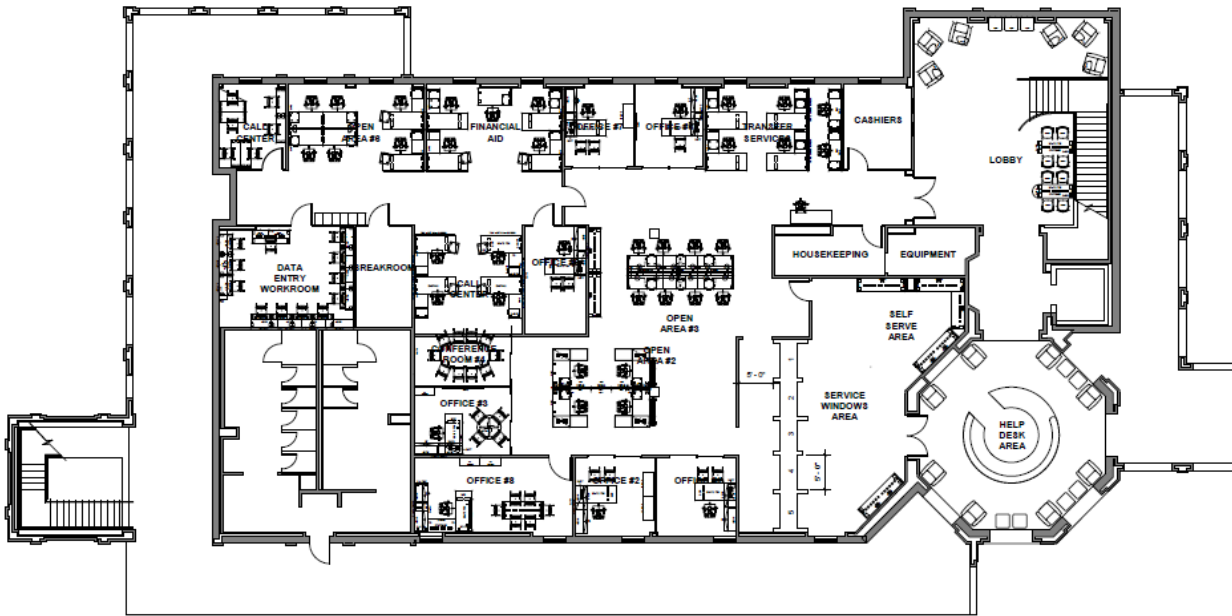
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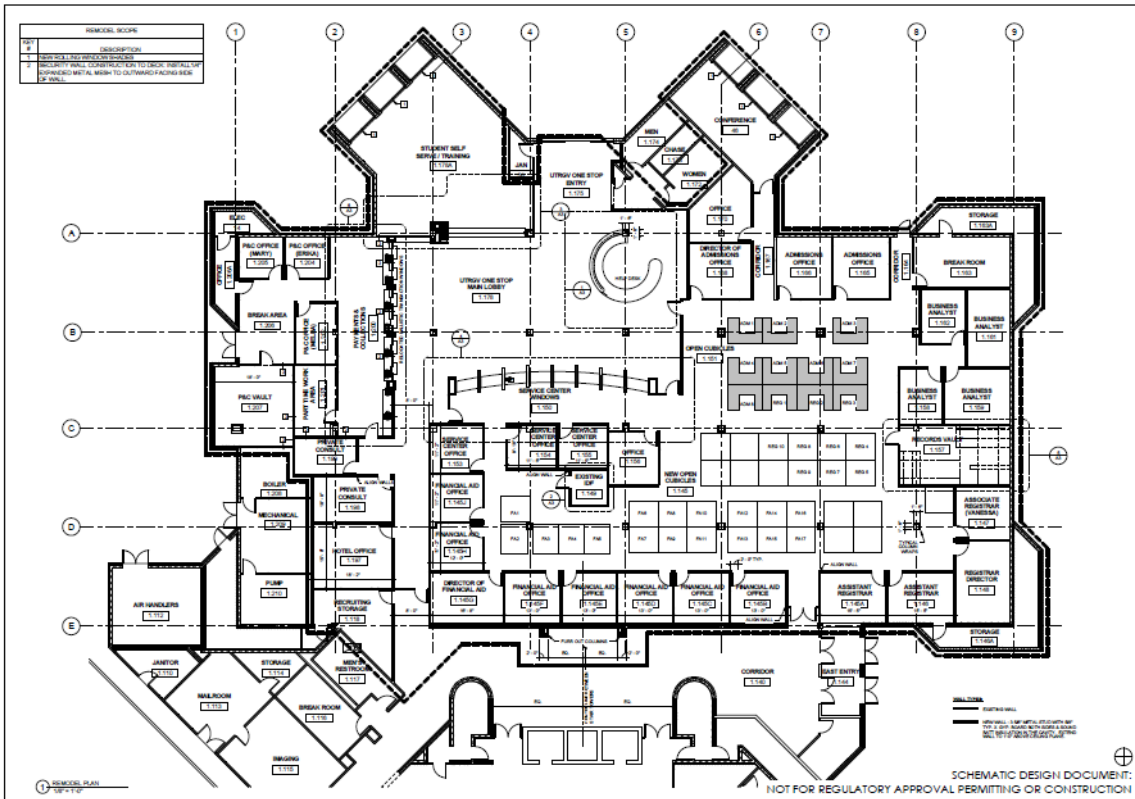
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**Brownsville
U-Central Floorplan**



**Edinburg Campus
Floorplan**