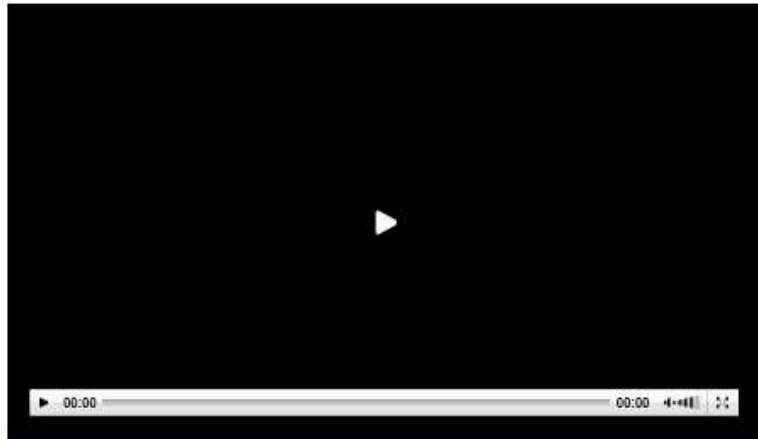


UTPA STEM PROGRAM RECEIVES \$3.1M GRANT

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UTPA received an over \$3-million grant, with the goal to increase the presence of female Hispanics in science, technology and engineering fields.

At this morning's event, University of Texas Pan-American officials say that there is a severe underrepresentation of Hispanic women in those fields, and that the \$3.1-million grant will contribute to having role models for future generations.

Cristina Villalobos is one of two females with a Hispanic background, out of the 35 people that works in the UTPA Mathematics Department.

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