The Following Faculty and Staff Were Awarded Grants in November. View details on the Research website’s reports page.

- School of Medicine:
  - Dr. Michael Escamilla
  - Dr. John Thomas

- College of Engineering & Computer Science:
  - Dr. Constantine Tarawneh
  - Dr. Mahmoud Quweider

- College of Sciences:
  - Dr. Richard Kline

- Research, Graduate Studies and New Program Development:
  - Annelies Lottman

THE NEWSROOM

Have you seen this month’s research stories and other publications that featured UTRGV researchers?
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VIRTUAL FINAL PITCH-ADOPT A STARTUP AT UTRGV
This year’s Adopt a Startup/New Venture Creation competition featured collaborations of teams of students from Dr. Sylvia Robles’ (COBE) class and Dr. Noe Vargas’ (Engineering) class, to create Sustainable Business Models for the innovative products and services they developed and presented. 1st and 2nd place winners received several months of incubation services offered by the UTRGV Entrepreneurship and Commercialization Center, and 1st place also won a Kauffman FastTrac program.

LAUNCH OF THE ENACTUS SUSTAINABILITY AMBASSADORS (SOAR) PROJECT - The Enactus UTRGV team is proposing to work in collaboration with the UTRGV Office of Sustainability, The Workforce Solutions of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, and Team Mario to develop and execute a project to provide lessons on sustainable living and leadership practices and career readiness to a group of 10-15 young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Watch: End of year presentations from the MSA ambassadors for sustainability club. These very talented students present their work as six teams. The video is available on our youtube channel.

CENTER FOR ONLINE LEARNING AND TEACHING TECHNOLOGY (COLTT)

COLTT WINTER BREAK SUPPORT
Dear faculty, COLTT will be providing Instructional Design support during the Winter Break M-F 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., closed Dec 24th and 25th. Blackboard 24/7 Technical Support remains the same. For assistance, please contact us at (956) 665-5327, or submit a Support Case via our Ask COLTT Portal.

SAVE THE DATE: EXCELLENCE IN ONLINE LEARNING VIRTUAL CONFERENCE MARCH 25-26
The theme for this year’s virtual Excellence in Online Learning Conference, to be held March 25-26, 2021, is “Elevating Instruction for the Digital Learner.” Don’t miss the opportunity to participate in sessions, hear from peers sharing their experiences, and learn more about all the resources available to you. Connect with fellow educators to gain insight and ideas to incorporate in your own online or hybrid courses.

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GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

94 international students graduated this Fall. IASS provided each with a graduation memory stole of the flag from each student’s home country. Congratulations, graduates!

In early December, we had our Breakfast of Champions (with precautions) during finals week. We provided students with vouchers to use at either La Morenita Bakery in Edinburg or Stripes in Brownsville so they could safely fuel for finals in a COVID-19 alternative to our traditional gathering.

December Financial Assistance Webinar Sessions
New and current graduate students virtually attended the sessions to learn more about Financial Aid as a graduate student and other forms of financial assistance. UTRGV Graduate College will host additional Webinar sessions in January. For more information, please call (956)-665-3661 or email gradsuccess@utrgv.edu.

President Graduate Research Assistantship (PGRA) Recognition Ceremony for Fall 2020 Graduates
On Saturday, December 5, 2020, the Graduate College held the Virtual President Graduate Research Assistant Recognition Ceremony for Fall 2020 PGRA recipient graduates and their family, friends, and faculty. At this ceremony, Dr. Parwinder Grewal and UTRGV President Dr. Guy Bailey recognized and celebrated all the accomplishments of PGRA graduates during their time at UTRGV. Each PGRA graduate had the opportunity to be recognized with a personalized slide that included a photo and message.

UTRGV Graduate College Recruitment
With the Spring 2021 Semester approaching soon, it is important to submit your graduate application before the December 30th application deadline. Many of our programs offer rolling admissions and are still accepting applications. Visit www.utrgv.edu/grad to find a complete list of available programs including program admission requirements. If you need assistance with your application, you can schedule an appointment with a graduate recruiter at www.utrgv.edu/grad or contact GradCentral at gradcentral@utrgv.edu. The December 30th deadline is approaching soon. Don't wait, Apply today at www.utrgv.edu/gradapply!

Sharing A Thanksgiving Meal, Safely
Dr. Michael Dobbs, Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer Professor and Chair Department of Neurology, sponsored a Thanksgiving meal for 25 international students. The meals were distributed via contact-less pick-up at his home address. Students shared that they appreciated the event and hospitality via emails to our office, such as Fariha from Bangladesh, who wrote: “Thank you so much for your kindness! To host Thanksgiving and to make us feel at home in this time of pandemic is truly admirable!”

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You did it!
CONGRATS, ALDO!
Alda Bonetelos
Mexico
B.S. in Computer Science

You did it!
CONGRATS, KAITLYNN!
Kaitlynn Lavalle
Canada
M.S. in Agriculture, Environ, & Sust. Studies