What most excites you about UTRGV? U Central! It’s a wonderful model that centralizes the administrative functions students have to access in order to graduate. U Central is one aspect of the incredible educational opportunities available to our students, and this is a very historic and exciting time for the region.

What are your thoughts on U Central? It has definitely been extremely busy! We’ve had a lot of great support from the entire Student Enrollment team. This new setup will ensure students have access to tools and resources, in-person, online, and on the phone, so they can complete many transactions in a way that’s convenient. Our highest priority is to make sure the services we are providing are high-quality and help students achieve success.

What have students been saying? The students I’ve visited with have been excited about the new approach and model we’re taking. They understand the value and benefits U Central brings, and the support it offers. We have started on our journey to implementing an innovative model that will be a national example other institutions can look to.

Tell us a bit about your team. This is an exciting team to be a part of. They are highly trained in cross-functional areas, and come from many different areas within higher education and enrollment services. The enthusiasm and passion for helping students is exciting to see.

How do you spend your free time? I like staying active and being outdoors. I’ve been practicing martial arts since 2003, and I practice 2-3 times a week. I also do a lot of reading. Mainly topics within higher education, like student diversity, leadership, and organizational structure. I also enjoy bike riding and Spanish saber fencing.

What kind of music do you like? I enjoy all types of music. I grew up with Rock and Roll. My eldest son is a senior at St. Edward’s University, my second eldest son is a freshman at UTRGV, and my daughter is in high school, so I’m exposed to all different types of music.

What’s something people may not know about you? I love South Padre Island. It’s a great place to go out and enjoy the sun, the sand, and the fresh air.

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Check out these photos from the first few weeks of school and our Halloween Contest Winners!

First week of School, to see more, explore the UTRGV Facebook Page.

Congratulations to our Halloween contest winners:
Phil Olivarez! Brownsville Admissions Team!

#FirstClass: Fun Photos

Meet the U Central Team!

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Enrollment Generalist, Edinburg: Gilbert Morin
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall commencement will be held Saturday, December 19, 2015 at the following locations and times:

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The U Central website is up and running, so be sure to check it out!