Hat: Vaquero/a style hat – came from Mexican cowboys working in the Southwest. Low crown prevents hot air from accumulating and wide brim protects from the sun. This hat is considered to be the iconic hat of the Vaquero/a. And can be seen in historic and modern depictions of this persona. Low crown prevents hot air from accumulating and wide brim protects from the sun. The hat features a large, thick brim and a flat crown.

Scarf: Represents the working vaquero/a, it is worn by both men and women for both work and play. Also known as wild rags, they were worn for warmth in cold temperatures, and for protection from sun, wind, and dirt. The scarf is a two-tone orange and gray with the image of the half-rider, showcasing an athletic representation.

Vest: Modern rendition of a medium dodge city style vest. The Vaquero vest has a lower neckline and lapels with custom UTRGV “V”s buttons. Buttons are a visual representation of “V” Nation which embody pride for the university and the student body. The back of the vest will include the athletic symbol of the “V” to promote school spirit at any event.

Belt Buckle: Round silver-plated belt buckle outlined with roping trim represents the reata (lasso) of a Vaquero/a. The floral/brush pattern symbolizes nature and local vegetation as well as the natural beauty found across the Rio Grande Valley. The UTRGV Rockin’ R logo is the focal point that connect all entities in the region together.

Gloves: The gloves focus on the future. With the RGV looking into being home to a manufacturer of advanced rockets and spacecraft, the Vaquero gloves are a representation of what is to come to the region. The gray color symbolizes the future possibilities in the area of STEM.

Pants and Shirt: An homage to the working man and woman; the white shirt represents goodness, purity, understanding, the beginning of something new (UTRGV), as well as humility and protection. He/She will be respected throughout the region and the nation and will represent all as hard working and determined to accomplish the path in front of them. The dark pants represents the modern-day Vaquero/a, with a ready-made style of pant he/she is ready for any occasion.

Boots: A modern rendition of the classic cowboy boot, this one of a kind Stockman style boot will feature design elements that are unique to the region and the university. The boot will feature a snip toe shape. The blue stitching along the boot represents the flowing Rio Grande River which embodies the ever-changing growth in our region and connects the USA and Mexico. The boot handles showcase three stars in blue, orange and green. The blue star represents the legacy of UT Brownsville, the green star represents the legacy of UT Pan American and the orange star represents the union of both to create UTRGV in the 21st century. The orange boot cuff shown is an accessory piece that will be part of the costume to hold the spurs that the Vaquero/a will wear. This will allow for easy removal of spurs for various occasions and is a safety precaution/feature.

The colors used in the pieces are a visual representation of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.