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UTRGV Grads' Film on Winning Streak:

Wins Seven Accolades

Jose and Mario Zamarripa, who graduated from UTRGV in the Spring 2023, wrote, produced and directed a film short, entitled *A Long Way to Go*, which has won seven awards this year. The awards are:

- Best Performance, *Thriller/Suspense Festival*, Toronto, Canada
- Best Cinematography Awards, *Los Angeles Cinematography Awards*
- Best Thriller, *Monthly Future Film Awards*, Kej Makedonija, Macedonia
- Best Thriller and Best Directors, *Birsamuda International Film Awards*, Ooty, India
- Best Thriller, *Gothamite Monthly Film Awards*, New York, NY
- Best Thriller, *1st Monthly Film Festival*, Serbia.

“Feels great,” said Jose Zamarripa.

His twin brother, Mario, added: “It’s awesome. The hard works is paying off and it’s good to get some recognition. “

Moreover, The South Texas International Film Festival (STIFF) selected the brothers to take part in the festival’s Pitch Competition, in which they will pitch for the production of a television series based on *A Long Way to Go*.