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COUNSELOR UPDATE

BROWNSVILLE - EDINBURG - MCALLEN - HARLINGEN - SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

February 2021

GOING ORANGE

Admitted Student Reminders

- FAFSA and Verification
- Proof of Meningitis Vaccination
- TSI
- Dual Credit
- **New Student Orientation Opens March 2021**



JUMPSTART PROGRAM

UTRGV Student Success

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What is JumpStart?

- 5-week Summer Bridge experience designed to prepare our students for success in their first year of college.
- Students are enrolled in developmental coursework based on their area(s) of need: 3 hours of integrated reading/writing and/or 3 hours of math.
- Students are also enrolled in a corresponding Fall 2021 English 1301 and/or math course that is directly connected to their summer class(es), which will help them apply what they've learned and be even better prepared to do well. This also ensures a great faculty member for those courses in the Fall semester.

JUMPSTART PROGRAM

Our JumpStart Scholars have a supportive team behind them!

- Our very best faculty are recruited to teach in this program
- Students in this program are much more likely to return for their second year of college
- Guidance from peer mentors and personal tutors provide critical support
- Students are connected with a network of UTRGV academic & campus resources, including Financial Aid, the Library, the Learning Center, Writing Center, and more
- Participation in summer classes helps students connect with their peers early so they have a built-in network of support when the Fall semester begins

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What do students need to know?

- Summer 2021 (Semester II), **July 8 - August 13**
- No Tuition Costs: BUT it's important that they fill out BOTH their [2020-2021 FAFSA](#) and [2021-2022 FAFSA](#), in order to ensure they can qualify for additional financial aid. The priority deadline to submit the [2020-2021 FAFSA](#) application is **June 1, 2021**.
- Tailored Orientation Dates in **May**
- Upcoming Information Sessions during Spring Break both **virtual** and **in-person**.

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Need more info?
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Counselor Portal

- **Applicant Status Report**
- **Accepted TSI Status**
- **Accepted Not Signed up for Orientation**
- **Fall Verification**
- **Missing Texas Grant Workshop**
- **Financial Aid and Scholarship Offers**

New Student Orientation

- **Sign Up Starts in March**
- **Completely Online**
- **2 Back-to-Back Days**
 - **Day 1: Advising & Registration**
 - **Day 2: Live and Asynchronous Sessions**

New to ASSIST

- Processes added to ASSIST are now completed completely online
 - Title IX Authorization
 - Texas Grant Eligibility and Acknowledgement
 - Other Actions Items
 - Ex: Registrant Responsibility
- Banner 9 Registration

Spring Events

Scholarship Recognition

- Invitation packets coming soon! Social Media and Video.

Admitted Student Saturdays

- March 6 and April 24
- Interactive UTRGV experience. Connect with current students, departments and more.

Next Steps Sessions- Monthly

- Afternoon and evening sessions to assist students on missing documents and next steps.

Discover Junior Days

- March 12, April 23
- Preview Days designed for Juniors and Sophomores to help begin the college search.

Application and FAFSA Help

- One on one appointments available for students and families for assistance with the Application and FAFSA/TAFSA
- Virtual appointments available Monday-Friday
- In Person Options available Fridays and Saturdays

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/UniversityofTexasRioGrandeValley@utrgv.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Vaquero Connection

- www.utrgv.edu/recruitment
- Listserv and [Newsletter](#)
- Counselor Portal
- Find you Recruiter
- Counselor Update Events and Materials

Save the Date

- March 24 or March 25
 - BS Integrated Health Sciences
 - Special Guest: Dr. Rey Ramos

TACRAO College Fair

- **Spring 2021 Opportunities**
 - April – High School Juniors
 - May – High School Sophomores/Freshmen
- **Fall 2021**
 - **RGV Week – October 4 – 8, 2021**
 - Virtual platform vs In-person fair
 - Jesus Buitron – TACRAO Coordinator RGV Week
 - Planning for Fall 2021 begins April

Questions