Welcome!

¡Bienvenidos!
Dr. Jesse Pisors
Vice President for University Relations and Advancement
Dr. Lizbett Tinoco

Assistant Professor of English
Department of Language, Literature, and Arts
Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the land we are on, the Yanaguana, named for the life-giving waters of the San Antonio River. Indigenous peoples have lived in this area for approximately ten thousand years, and this long, rich history deserves telling. We pay respect to the elders past and present and future, and the many Indigenous people here today, including the Tap Pilam Coahuiltecan Nation and the Esto’k Gna/Carrizo-Comecrudo Nation. We recognize this region as home to the Payaya, Coahuilteca, Lipan Apache, and Comanche, as well as other diasporic peoples from Mexico, the Southern Plains, and the Eastern United States. A growing number of American Indians from a range of nations live here now, as Texas has the fourth largest population of American Indians in the United States. We thank the protectors of this land we all share.

Founded to serve the city’s Southside, Texas A&M University-San Antonio is situated on or near the ranchlands of the former Spanish Missions San Francisco de la Espada and San Antonio de Valero. We acknowledge the physical and cultural violence of colonialism as well as the vast contributions of Indigenous people to San Antonio. Indigenous peoples built and sustained the San Antonio area mission communities, and many of their descendants continue to maintain the vibrancy of these communities. We acknowledge the complex history of the US university system, which has expanded access to education but which has also profited from the dispossession of Indigenous land and from the labor of enslaved people. In the face of this history, we commit to decolonial work and to accountability, dialogue, and collaboration that honors the Indigenous ancestry of this land and its inhabitants. We pledge to learn about and act in solidarity with Indigenous struggles for social justice.
Dr. Mary Kay Cooper

2022-2023 Staff Council President
Director, Alumni Affairs
2022 Staff Awards

Rising Professional Award
Dr. Kathryn Knowles
Director of Quantitative Reasoning

Outstanding Professional Award
Lionel Cassin
Executive Director, Information Technology

On a Mission to Excellence Award
Jarrick Brown
Assistant Director, Student Involvement

Jaguar Excellence Award: Human Resources Division - C.A.R.E.S. Program
Martha Olivos-González | Christina Gomez | Deepshikha Vyas
Angela Reyes | Gloria Diaz | Kevin Castro | Valeria Delarna
Dr. Leonard Love

2022-2023 Faculty Senate President
Associate Professor of Management
Dr. Mohamed Abdelrahman

Provost and Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs
An Academic Vision

Office of the Provost
A Compelling & Exciting Story

• Serving the Underserved
• Diverse, Cultured and Exciting Place
• Balanced Teaching, Research, Service and Engaging Place
• Build a model of an admirable higher-education institution
Success & Equity
An Academic Vision

- Innovative Curricula
- Student Engagement
- Professional Development
- Equity
  - Success
  - Innovation
  - Collaboration
- Policies, Rules & processes
- Scholarship & External Funding
Faculty Award Winners

Distinguished Teaching
Dr. Ruby Daniels
Instructional Assistant Professor, Department of Management and Marketing

Senior Scholarly Research or Artistic Achievement
Dr. Karen Burgard
Associate Professor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Junior Scholarly Research or Artistic Achievement
Dr. Katherine Espinoza | Dr. Philis M. Barragán Goetz
Assistant Professor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction | Assistant Professor, Department of Communication, History, and Philosophy

Distinguished Service
Dr. Stephanie Black
Associate Professor, Department of Marketing and Management
FALL 2022 CONVOCATION
¡Excelencia!
“Time has a wonderful way of showing us what really matters.”

Margaret Peters  
Civil Rights Activist  
1936-2022
What really matters?
I'm choosing to be uplifted by a mosaic of generosity.
In solemn remembrance
Laying the foundation for Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Sen. Frank L. Madla

Greg Garcia

Brent Snow
Dr. Lawrence Scott

Assistant Professor
Department of Educator & Leadership Preparation

2022 Chancellor's Medallion for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Jarrick Brown

Assistant Director
Student Involvement

Central Outstanding Advisor of the Year
and Markley Award
Enrollment Management

Vanessa Torres, Sarah Burchett, Brandy McLelland, Courtney Baxter, Anthony Perez, Angel Garza, Amy Tijerina, Vanessa Quiroga

American Marketing Association's Marketing Excellence Award in Higher Education/K-12, Future Jaguar campaign
Dr. Megan Wise De Valdez

Associate Professor
Department of Life Sciences

2022 Piper Professor
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2022 Piper Professor
15,378 Alumni

$166.3 Million in economic value to Bexar County
7,367* students enrolled

*As of Aug. 15
Celebrating 1 year of excelencia!

September 12-16
Data Administration Task Force

- Refine and establish our data governance structure
- Optimize our data sources and storage
- Make improvements to data reliability and accessibility

Jessica Loudermilk, Chair, Chief of Staff
Deanna Brocker, Deputy Chief Information Officer
Craig Elmore, Associate Vice President for Finance & Controller
Bill Griffenberg, Chief Information Officer
Brandy McElland, Vice President for Enrollment Management
Jane Mims, Assistant Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness
Rachel Montejano, University Registrar
Steve Taraszewski, Director of Institutional Research
Reed Vesey, Director of Assessment & Communications, Student Success & Engagement
Dr. Bill Bush

Inaugural Director
University Honors Program

Professor of History
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - SAN ANTONIO CAMPUS SITE WAS BUILT ON LAND THAT ONCE WAS CONVEYED BY SPANISH AND MEXICAN LAND GRANTS AND TRAVERSED BY SEVERAL BRANCHES OF EL CAMINO REAL DE TIERRA AFUERA DEL ORIENTE (ALSO KNOWN AS EL CAMINO REAL DE LOS TÉRMINOS) AND OTHER TRADING ROUTES. THE FIRST INHABITANTS OF THE AREA WERE NATIVE AMERICANS WHO, AT THE TIME OF DISCOVERY BY SPANISH EXPLORERS, WERE COAHUILENCS. THE EARLIEST GRANT FOR THIS SITE WAS MADE TO MISSION SAN JOSÉ Y SAN MIGUEL DE AGUAYO IN 1720, FOLLOWED BY A GRANT MADE TO MISSION SAN FRANCISCO DE LA ESPADA, FOUNDED IN 1731 FOLLOWING ITS TRANSFER FROM EAST TEXAS. EVENTUALLY, INTERSECTED WITHIN THESE MISSION LANDS WERE MANY PRIVATE SPANISH AND MEXICAN LAND GRANTS MADE TO SOLDIERS AND CITIZENS OF BÉXAR. VAQUEROS DROVE THOUSANDS OF CATTLE FROM THE MISSION AND PRIVATE RANCH HEROES EASTWARD TO LOUISIANA IN SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND BERNARDO DE GALVEZ'S BATTLES AGAINST THE BRITISH ALONG THE GULF OF MEXICO AND MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

Rec Center expected groundbreaking spring 2023!
University Health advancing healthcare equity on the South Side
Health Advisory Committee

CHAIR: Dr. Vijay Golla, Vice Provost for Research & Graduate Studies

Dr. Debra Feakes, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Stephen Lenz, Professor & Chair, Department of Counseling, Health, and Kinesiology
Dr. Mirley Balasubramanya, Professor & Chair, Dept. of Mathematical, Physical, and Engineering Sciences
Dr. Marvin Lutnesky, Professor & Chair, Department of Life Sciences
Dr. Bryan Bayles, Research Assistant Professor, Department of Life Sciences
Dr. Davida Smyth, Associate Professor, Department of Life Sciences
Dr. Megan Wise De Valdez, Associate Professor, Department of Life Sciences (Faculty Senate representative)
Dr. Ho Huynh, Associate Professor, Department of Life Sciences (Faculty Senate representative)
Kathy Funk-Baxter, Vice President for Business Affairs & CFO
Employee Engagement Task Force

Dr. Mary Kay Cooper  
Co-chair

Dr. Sandra DeGrassi  
Co-chair
¡Con Excelencia!
Special Thanks to the DEI Task Force:
Dr. Elizabeth Murakami, Assistant to the President for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
Dr. Esther Garza, Presidential Faculty Fellow for DEI (Co-Chair)
Dr. Adriana Contreras, Associate Vice President & Executive Director of the Mays Center (Co-Chair)
Martha Gonzalez, Chief Human Resources Officer
Dr. Reba Sims, Assistant Director for Family Engagement
Curt Meyer, COAS, Lecturer Department of Language, Literature & Arts
Dr. Berenice de la Cruz, COEHD, Assistant Professor of Applied Behavior Analysis
Dr. Bryan Bayles, COAS, Research Assistant Professor Life Sciences
Dr. Adrianna Santos, COAS, Associate Professor of English
Dr. Rani Muthukrishnan, Director of Research Compliance
Video - Redlining
The full Redlining video will be shown at a PCOE event on September 27.

Details to come!
"a model to replicate across the nation"

Miguel Cardona
U.S. Secretary of Education
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education Miguel Cardona speaks with representatives of the Edgewood ISD and Texas A&M University-San Antonio communities during a visit to the Gus Garcia Middle School powered by Texas A&M University-San Antonio (October 7, 2021).
Vanessa Torres

Assistant Vice President, Enrollment Management
Dr. Adriana Contreras

Associate Vice President and Executive Director of Mays Center for Experiential Learning and Community Engagement
Fall 2022 Events

AUGUST
17 - First Year Jaguar March
24 - President's Picnic

SEPTEMBER
8 - PCOE: Join the conversation, moving forward and beyond for Inclusive Excellence!
12-18 - HSI Week
23 - W@W: Virtual Session by Ellevest
27 - PCOE: Redlining and A&M-SA
28 - Power Hour: Strategic Plan Progress Report & 2022–23 Priorities

OCTOBER
3 - W@W Luncheon
9-15 - Jaguar Spirit Week
15 - Future Jaguar Day
15 - Fall Fest
18 - PCOE: Critical Conversations on Identity
20 - Dream Maker Gala

NOVEMBER
5 - A&M-SA Day at the Zoo
18 - Thanksgiving Celebration
29 - Lights of Esperanza
30 - Power Hour: TBD

DECEMBER
18 - Fall Commencement

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, January 12, 2023 | Spring 2023 Convocation