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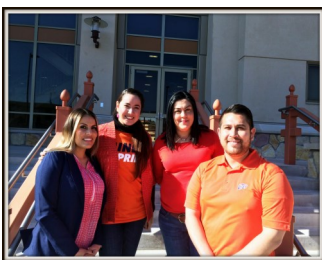
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We have received the applications for our first class of scholarship students. We'll begin the review process next week and welcome them into the program over the summer. For the 2015-2015 AY (the first year with students), we will have 60 students on full scholarship and we currently have 196 applications for those slots! Course development for the research foundations course and the research driven courses is under-way, as are our plans for the entering freshman bootcamp and peer mentoring program.

New Staff



We have hired a group of excellent staff people to help make BUILD a success. I have listed their names, titles and contact information below, for your reference.

Administrative Assistant: Yoliet Vela Garcia, yvela@utep.edu

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BUILDing SCHOLARS Website



We are diligently working on the 1.0 version of the BUILDing SCHOLARS website, which should go live within the next 2-3 weeks. The URL will be buildingscholars@utep.edu. The website will have information and links to apply to each of our programs, information about you, our partners, and much more. Stay tuned.

Supermentor Program, 2014-2015



As you know, the Supermentor Program is currently underway. The mentee's first progress report is due March 31 and the mentor stipends will be released after that. The inaugural class includes five faculty mentees from University of Texas at El Paso, Northern New Mexico College, El Paso Community College, and Texas Southern University and five supermentors from University of Texas at Austin, University of New Mexico Health Science Center, Clemson University, and UT Southwestern Medical Center. Thanks for your continued support of this program!

Supermentor Program, 2015-2016



We are already in the process of ramping up for the second year of the Supermentor Program. From now on, the program will run from July 1 to June 1.

Please watch for recruitment emails, which will come later this semester.

Summer Research Program 2016



There are 15 spaces for students from your institutions to attend the Summer Research Program through BUILDing SCHOLARS. These spots include a stipend, living expenses, research training workshops, and one-on-one mentoring on a research project. We are starting to prepare recruitment materials and will share them with you during the next academic year (2015-2016).

Summer Sabbatical 2015



We are reviewing applications now for the first Summer Sabbatical program, and we will make decisions by March 1. This way, the selected faculty (who may be from your institution) will have plenty of time to prepare for their 10 week summer program.

NIH/CEC Site Visit



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of Health

As you heard from Lourdes, the CEC (Center for Evaluation and Coordination) is coming to UTEP on May 12. You'll be asked to attend this meeting remotely (unless you are in El Paso already) and we'll be in touch with the details as they become available.

First Face-to-Face Meeting



We are planning the first face-to-face meeting between all partner PIs at UTEP for October 2015. We'll cover your travel expenses through our award.

Thank-you again for your support of our program!

Please contact Sara Grineski segrineski@utep.edu if you have any questions!

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