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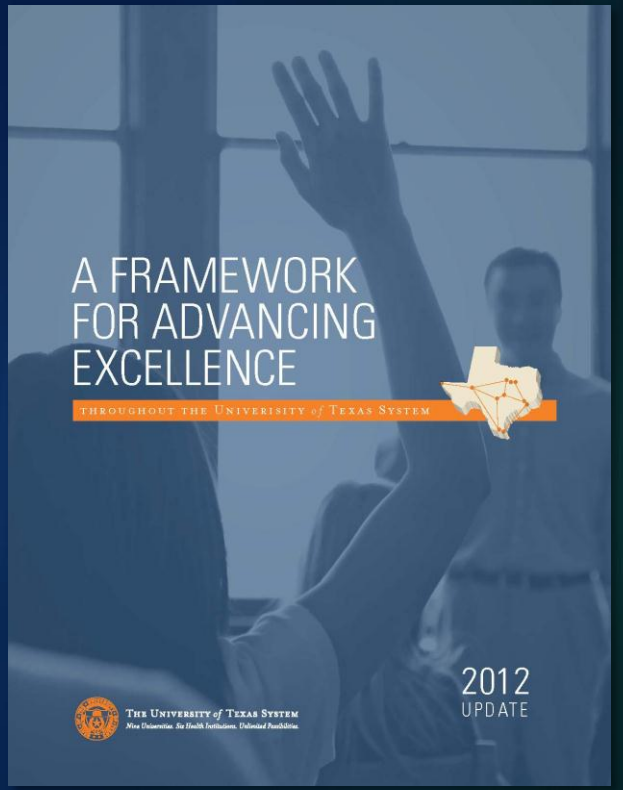

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Student Success and Access

Overarching Goals for Student Success and Access

1) Increasing the number of degrees conferred
2) Improving student access

- Improving four-year graduation rates
- Strengthening enrollment management plans
- Reducing financial impact on students and their families, while developing financial disclosure statements

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- Setting tuition policies centered on student success
- Improving student advising
- Expanding blended and online learning

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29,062

Undergrad degrees in 2012

38,128

Undergrad degrees by 2025

31.2%

Increase of undergrad degrees by 2025

Student Access & Success

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U. T. Pan American: Four-Year Graduation Rates Performance Targets

Source: THECB (most recent data); IPEDS (BCG, Aspirational data); Calculations by The U. T. System Office of Strategic Initiatives.
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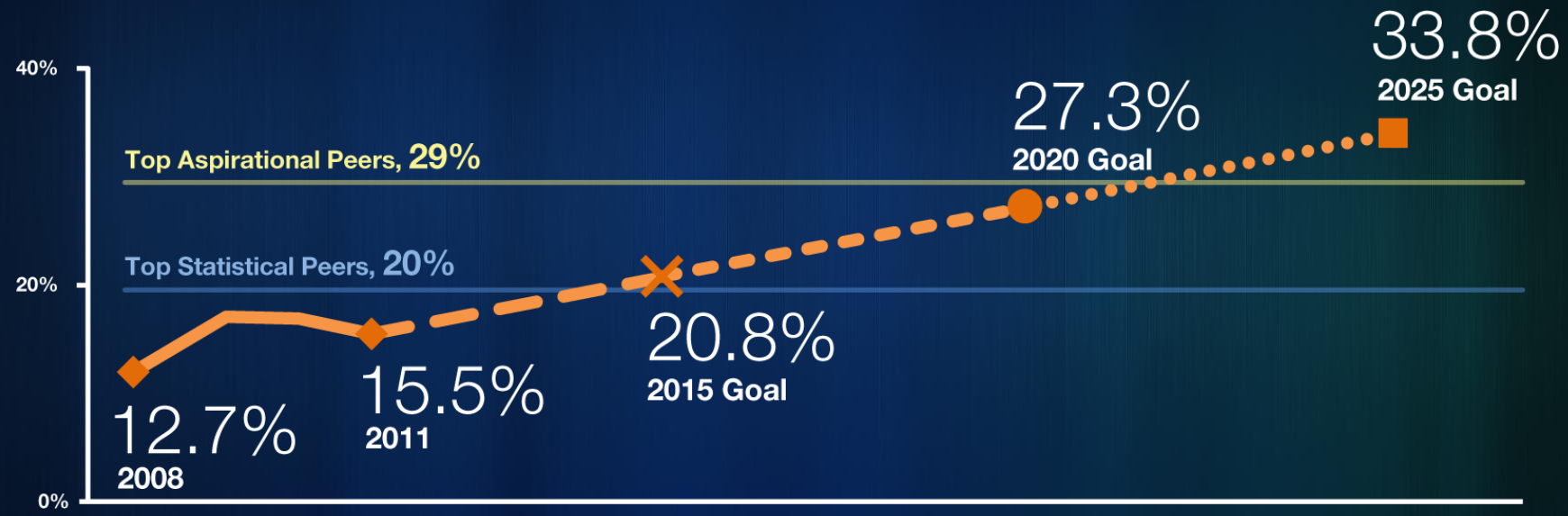

Student Access & Success

Student Academic Advising

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The University of Texas-Pan American

Financial Information

- MyEdu
- Productivity Dashboard
- Task Force on Student Debt

Blended and Online Learning

- $50 million to support the new Institute for Transformational Learning
- Dr. Steven Mintz to become the first Executive Director on Sept. 1

Finish@UT

- Nearly 1,600 students enrolled at U. T. Arlington, U. T. El Paso, and U. T. Permian Basin
- U. T. Brownsville will join this fall

www.finishatut.org

U. T. Arlington: Institution's Cost to Degree

Source: Calculations by The U. T. System Office of Strategic Initiatives.

$37,000
2007

$33,000
2011

12%
Decrease

$10,000 Degrees

Now offered at U. T. Arlington and U. T. Permian Basin.

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Faculty, Administrators, and Staff Excellence

Faculty Recruitment and Retention

- Allocated $20 million for the 2012 Science and Technology Acquisition and Retention (STARs) program
- Goal is to recruit nationally recognized faculty members
- Recruited 43 new STARs faculty members this year – 21 at our academic institutions and 22 at our health institutions

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STARs – Return on Investment at Academic Institutions

$50 million
Invested since 2007

+

Research grants
and matching funds
from U. T. institutions

=

$417 million
R.O.I. in 2012

Regents' Outstanding Teaching Awards

- Authorized $20 million to recognize outstanding teaching by academic and health faculty members
- Awards are $25,000 each

Faculty Initiatives Completed

- Strengthen annual faculty reviews ✓
- Post-tenure review ✓
- Improve teaching evaluations ✓
- Peer reviews ✓
- Conflict of Commitment policy, Conflict of Interest policy ✓
- Analytics ✓
- Incentive-base compensation plan *
- Enhance roles of department chairs *

Research

Total Research Expenditures

$2.25 billion
2009

$2.54 billion
2011

11.4%
Growth Rate by 2013

Horizon Fund Project

Cerevast Therapeutics, Inc: A life sciences company that plans to market an ultrasound device that will disrupt blood clots and restore blood flow in the vasculature of the brain after an acute stroke.

Chancellor's Technology Commercialization Advisory Cabinet

Research

Emerging Research Universities

U. T. Arlington

U. T. Dallas

U. T. El Paso

U. T. San Antonio

Research Universities and the Future of America

Report outlining 10 strategic actions the nation should take to preserve top-quality American research universities.

Research

Productivity and Efficiency

Organizational Reviews

Plans to review each U. T. institution and the U. T. System Administration every five years to evaluate productivity and efficiency.

Space Utilization Efficiency Work Group

Criteria to monitor and improve how our classrooms, high-end research equipment, libraries, and administrative spaces are being used. An initial presentation is expected in early 2013.

Strategic Information Technology Infrastructure Investments

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U. T. System Technology Plan

A technology roadmap to support research, education, patient care, operational functions, and blended and online learning for the next three to five years.

U. T. El Paso: Bachelor's Degree Production Targets

SourceTHECB (most recent data); IPEDS (BCG, Aspirational data); Calculations by The U. T. System Office of Strategic Initiatives. Note: Targets are preliminary.

Strategic Information Technology Infrastructure

Productivity Dashboard

https://data.utsystem.edu/

Enhance Philanthropic Success

Philanthropic Success

- Approved $10 million in funding for Strength in Numbers Initiative
- Philanthropic business plans completed for all 15 institutions
- U. T. institutions raised more than $1 billion – one of the best fundraising years in the history of the U. T. System

Ph.D. Programs

The Health of Texas

TIME Pilot Projects

A-PRIME Accelerated, Professional, Integrated Medical Education	U.T. Brownsville U.T. El Paso U.T. Pan American	U.T. Health Science Center - Houston U.T. Medical Branch Galveston	On schedule
FAME Facilitated Acceptance to Medical Education	U.T. San Antonio U.T. Health Science Center - San Antonio		On schedule
PACT Partnership in Advanced Clinical Training	U.T. Dallas U.T. Southwestern Medical School		Ahead of schedule
SHAPE Southwestern, Houston, Austin Partnership in Education	U.T. Austin U.T. Medical School-Houston U.T. Southwestern Medical School		Ahead of schedule

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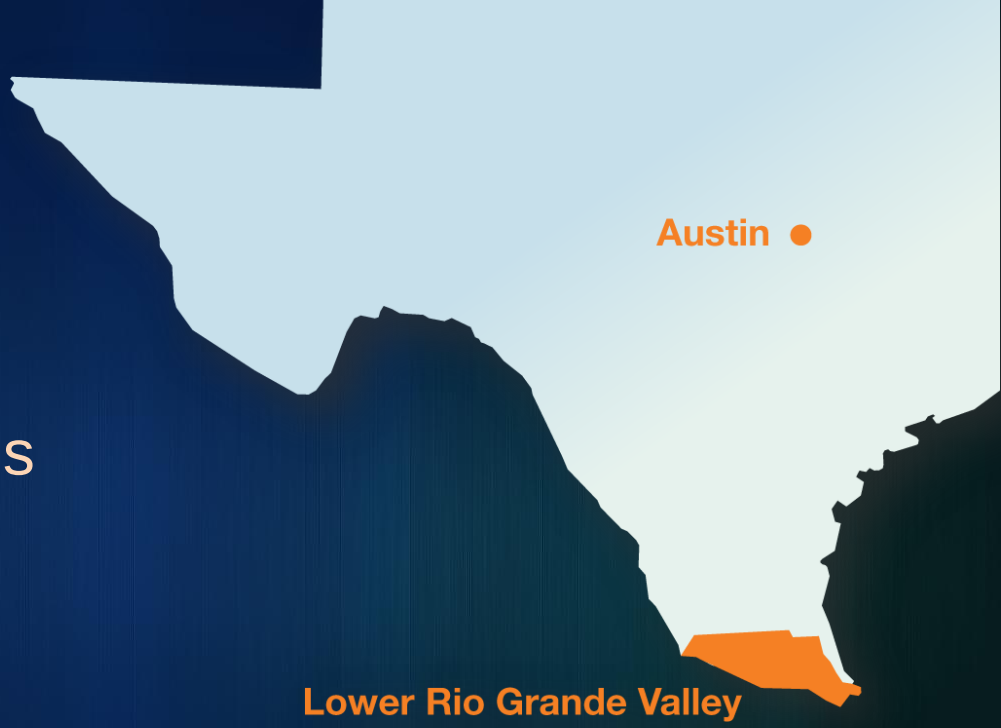
Path Toward Medical Schools in Austin and the Lower Rio Grande Valley



Ph.D.

Health of Texas

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Systems Engineering to Improve Patient Safety and Quality

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Health of Texas

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Expanding Educational and Health Opportunities in South Texas

Education & Health in South Texas

Vista Summits

Third Vista Summit will take place November 2012 in Edinburg.

UTeach

- Provides curricula, technical support, and training for teachers in STEM fields
- First class of students will start Fall 2012 – 70 students enrolled at U. T. Pan American and 52 students at U. T. Brownsville, with many more on a waiting list

Simulated Teaching Hospital

South Texas Research Network in Obesity and Diabetes

Clinical research units that focus on biomedical research at Laredo, Harlingen, Edinburg, and Brownsville.

Expand STARs for South Texas

- Use STARs funding for STEM teachers and researchers in South Texas and the Lower Rio Grande Valley
- U. T. Brownsville and U. T. Pan American approved to recruit 8 STARs faculty members

U. T. Brownsville

Movement toward establishing U. T. Brownsville as a comprehensive four-year university.

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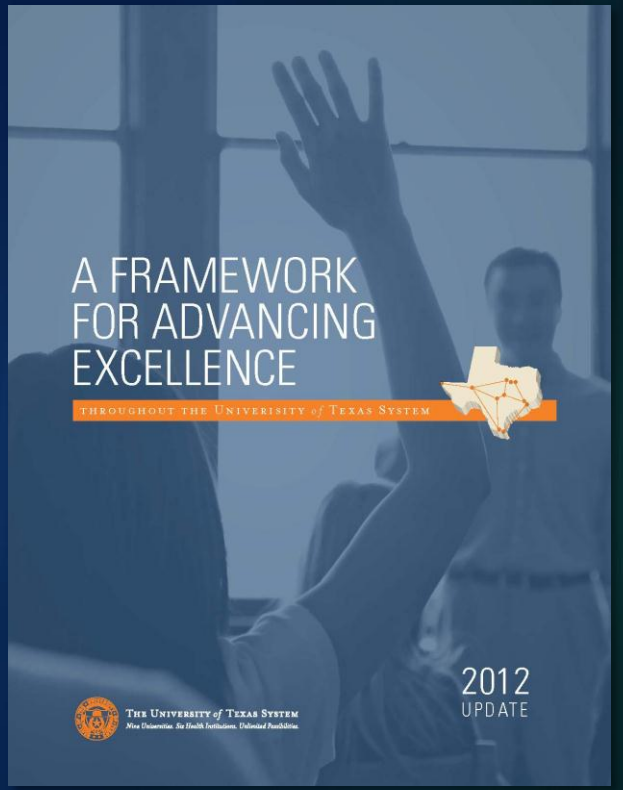

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