

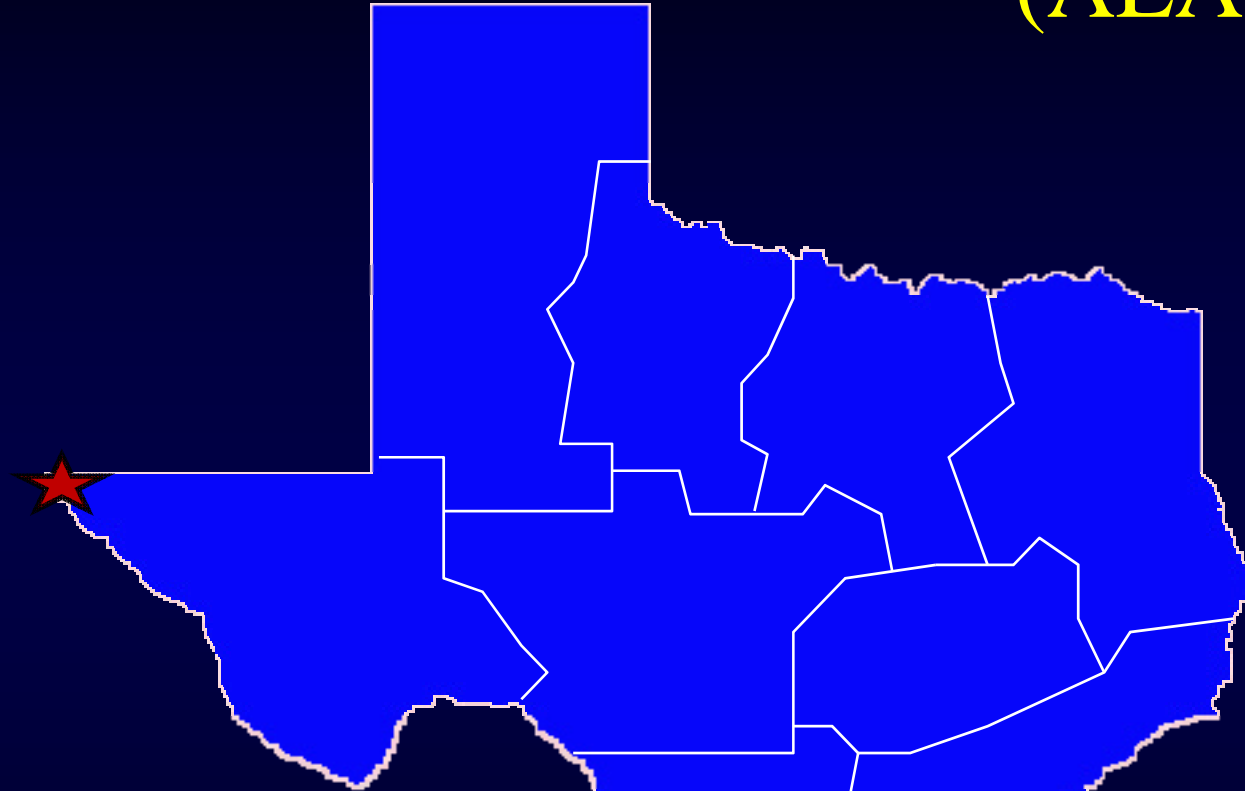


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Accelerating Latino Student Success (ALASS)



UT El Paso & El Paso Community College District

Texas A&M International & Laredo CC

UT Pan American & South Texas College

UT Brownsville & Texas Southmost College



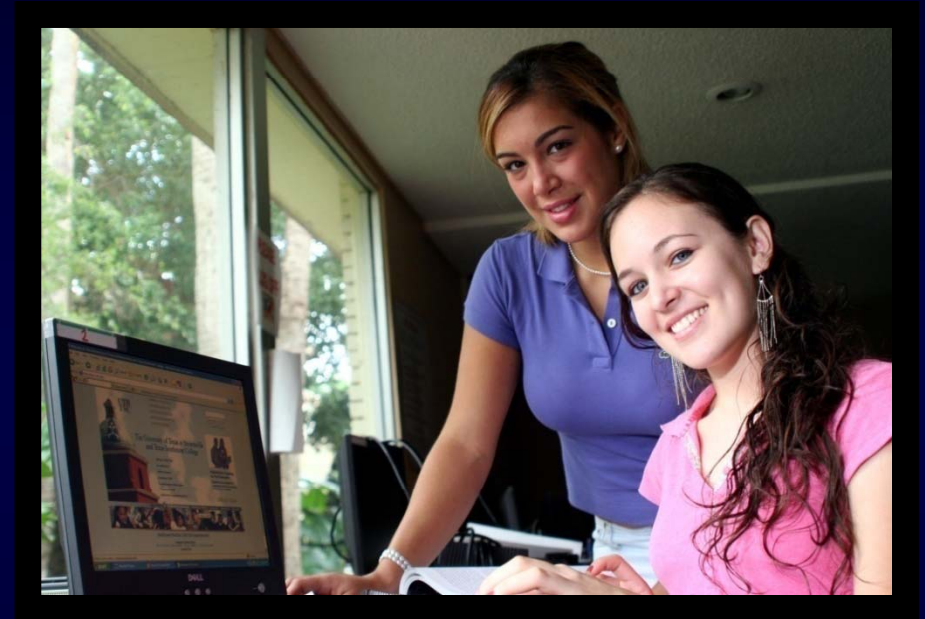
Success – Degrees Attained 2000-2005

	Associate	Bachelor
United States	+ 23 %	+ 16 %
UTB / TSC	+ 73 %	+ 30 %

Increasing Support for Border Institutions



93% Hispanic
61% Female
24 yrs – Average age
61% attend part time
62% First Generation
Baccalaureate graduates



Hispanic Outlook Rankings

Rank

- # 4 Bachelor Degrees in Multi /
Interdisciplinary Studies
- # 6 Colleges Enrolling the most Hispanics
- # 8 Bachelor Degrees in Mathematics
- # 8 Bachelor Degrees in Protective Services
- # 10 Bachelor Degrees in Computer Science
- # 19 Bachelor Degrees awarded to Hispanics

Licensure Exams

- Nurses
- Teachers

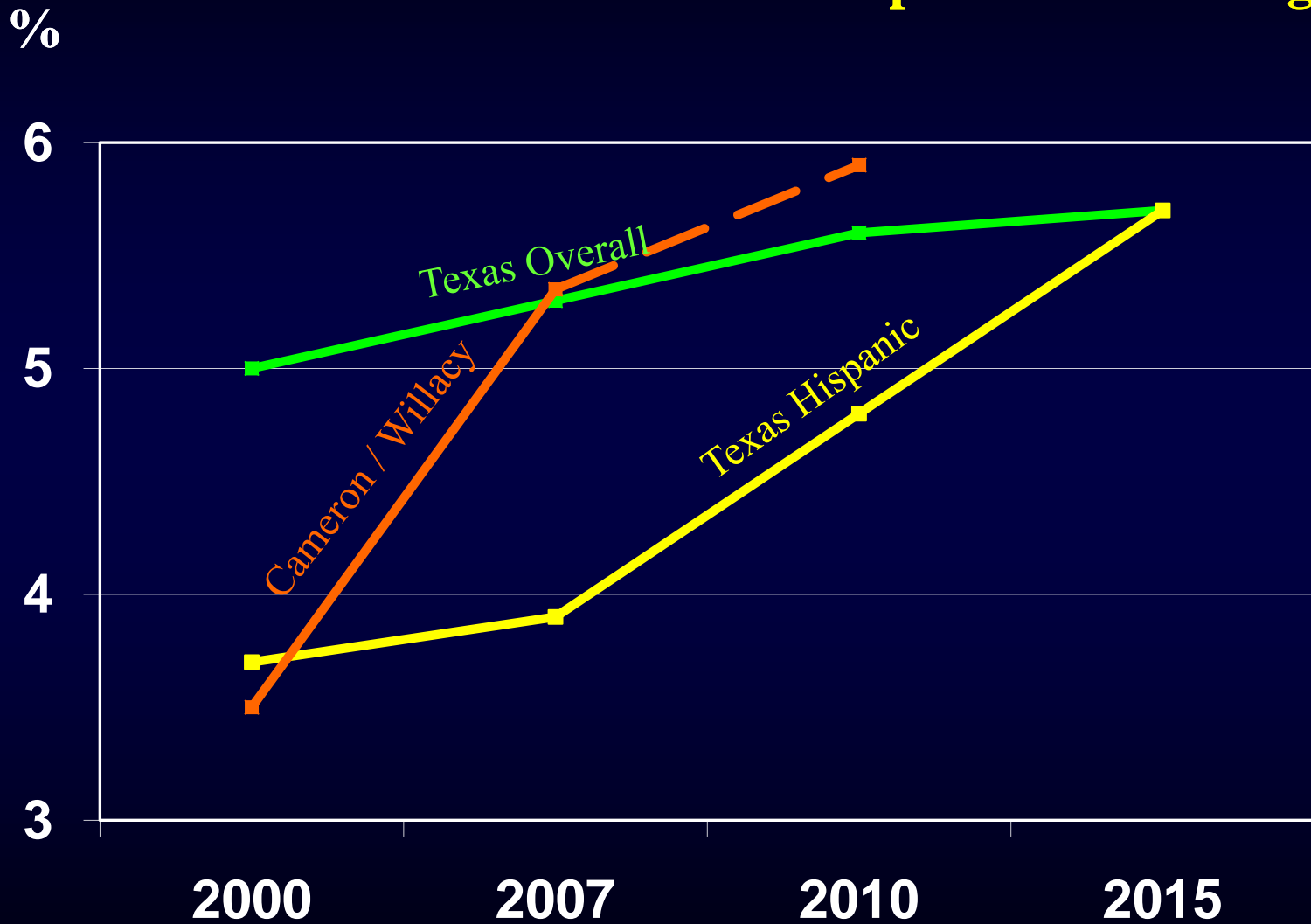
Research Expenditures

- Aerospace
- Biomedical



Closing the Gaps: Exceeding the Target

Percent of Population in College



Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP)

Fundamental Policy Change

Students must maintain:

Cumulative GPA of 2.0 and

Cumulative completion rate of 70%

Probation:

Does not meet cumulative, but meets term SAP standards

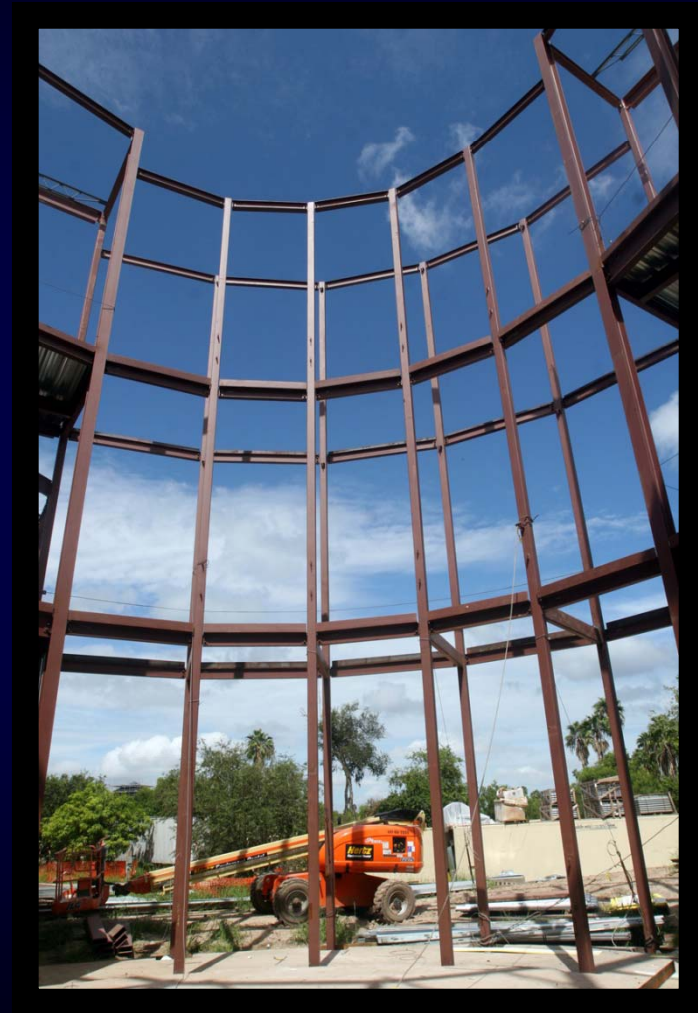
Suspension:

Does not meet cumulative nor term SAP standards

SAP Intervention Strategies

- Campus-wide information campaign
- Faculty and staff participation in mentoring
- Outreach to organized student cohorts
- Expanded tutoring at Learning Assistance Center
- Students on probation:
 - Implementation of success contracts
 - Mandatory pre-registration advising

Leveraging Resources



Student Success Center

Tuition Revenue Bond



Tandy Building circa 1958

State of the art one stop service center:

- Advising
- Tutoring
- Counseling
- Business Services
- Visitor's Center





Exceptional Items Request

Health Professions Shortage	\$ 5.00 M
Coastal Studies Center	\$ 1.50 M
Center for Public Policy, Communication, and the Law	\$ 1.50 M
Research Center for Master Teaching of Mathematics and Science	\$ 1.50 M

Source: FY 2010-2011 UTB LAR

SLICE OF LIFE ★ LA FERIA

Hard worker

Jorge Hernandez spent summers in Ohio fields

By DANIEL PERRY
Special to the Star

Some children spend summers at the beach, on an athletic field or at the closest amusement park.

But for 21-year-old Jorge Hernandez, summers meant traveling with his family to Ohio to work in cucumber fields.

Hernandez, a junior communication and sociology major at The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, first traveled northward when he was 5.

"I don't think I saw it as work," he said. "I knew my parents were working. To me, it was fun because we would play in the fields and

UTB/TSC was the only university Hernandez applied to because of its proximity to his hometown of La Feria. But, he also liked what he heard about the university's College Assistance Migrant Program. The organization reaches out to migrant students to aid their transition from high school to university life.

While in Ohio, his family lived in a small wooden house in a camp near the farm fields with other seasonal working families. Hernandez would usually miss the start of school each

August because of the work clearing the land, picking weeds, planting and picking the vegetables.

"Everyone knew each other well," Hernandez said. "We shared the same experiences, living conditions. Sometimes, it seemed like a support system with everyone else doing the same thing you do."

Hernandez's last summer traveling to Ohio was in 2003, when he was a sophomore at



Jorge Hernandez stands in front of a field not unlike those his family used to work as migrant workers. He now attends the University of Texas-Brownsville/Texas Southmost College.

La Feria High School. "As I got older, it was tiring," he said. "The experience was more vivid - you knew the hardship of going at that age."

Hernandez enjoyed his time in La Feria and now lives in San Benito.

"We moved within La Feria a lot," he said about his family. "We lived in about 10 different houses because my parents

rented. It's a very quiet, very conservative town."

Hernandez joined the university's migrant program as a freshman. Now he is a peer mentor who works with incoming freshmen to give them support and answer their questions about the services offered such as academic advisement, peer tutoring, career placement and opportunities to get

student housing and stipend scholarships. "We all pretty much share the same backgrounds, the same experiences," he said.

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