# ITEPEUGE

Talented students

Enriching experiences

Lifelong success

Student and Faculty Engagement December 11, 2020

Virginia Fraire Louie Rodriguez



**UTEP.EDU/EDGE** 

# 25,177

**Fall 2019 Enrollment** 

49%
1st Generation

81%





73% Pell eligible



\$91 MILLION annual research expenditures

**22** DOCTORAL PROGRAMS



## The UTEP Approach

- To balance equal and intersecting commitments to access and excellence
- To be intentional about serving the students who we enroll
- To maximize the strengths of people, place, culture, and collaborations



### Common Agenda: Vision, Mission, and Goals

- Vision: The UTEP EDGE will be a national framework for holistic student success in higher education.
- Mission: Strengthen and optimize networks of administrators, faculty, staff, and students who work collectively to continuously advance UTEP student success.
- Goal: To graduate students who have a competitive advantage.









Communication

Entrepreneurship





Confidence

Social Responsibility





Critical Thinking

Teamwork



Global Awareness



### Operationalizing the Edge: **Faculty and Student Engagement**

01

Integrate assetbased approaches into curriculum, programs, and advising.

02

Increase delivery of and participation in high impact **practices** and activities that lead to student success.

03

Promote student engagement in and understanding of the value of reflective **practices** inside and outside the classroom.

04

**Embed** professional preparation and readiness in curricular and cocurricular activities.



# Introducing Students to the UTEP Edge

- Begins in UTEP's K-12 outreach
- Formal introduction at New Student Orientation sessions
  - Including transfer students and parent sessions
- Commitment to reinforcing these concepts



## Points of Reinforcement for **Students and Faculty**

- Holistic advising model
- Freshman seminar course
- Classroom and office hours
- High-impact practices



#### **Reflective Practices**

- Embedded in all high-impact practices and in the classroom
- Particularly important in serving our demographic
- Makes the learning visible and relevant for our students



## EDGE EXPERIENCES



RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY



STUDENT EMPLOYMENT



**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** 



CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE



**CREATIVE ACTIVITIES** 



LEARNING COMMUNITIES



**INTERNSHIPS** 



STUDENT LEADERSHIP



STUDY ABROAD / STUDY AWAY



FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE



### **Contact Information**

Virginia M. Fraire, Ph.D.

**Associate Provost** vmfraire2@utep.edu

Louie Rodriguez, J.D.

Associate VP for Student Affairs Irodriguez35@utep.edu

