



TSC FOUNDATION

Annual Report



2018-2019



Student Highlight

Itzel Martinez **Student Government Association President**

Itzel Martinez has a clear vision for her future, which includes earning a doctorate degree in physical therapy. This fall, she will pursue those dreams because of the support from her family, fellow classmates, and community.

Her journey to this significant milestone has been fueled by her hopes and dreams, as well as those of her family, especially her parents. "They are community leaders who instilled in me a strong sense and love of family, education, community, and service," Martinez said. She says her parents overcame adversity due to their limited education and their journey to success motivates her to aim high and stay focused on her education and career goals. Martinez certainly took that inspiration to heart when she became the TSC Student Government Association (SGA) President, focusing her energy on advocating for student success and community engagement. "I really felt that I was making a difference through the SGA, and I learned about the needs and hardships of college students."

As a first-generation college student, Martinez is mindful of the hardships of students that work, attend college, and are finding their way. At one point in her college journey, she held two jobs, working long hours in retail and balancing the pursuit of her studies. "I was working until midnight and then coming home to do my homework. I was doing this to save money to purchase my books for school." She received a scholarship from the TSC Foundation, which allowed her to quit one of her jobs and keep her student-worker job at TSC. Because of this, she could focus on her courses while becoming financially stable. Ultimately, it helped her improve her grade point average and stay on track. She credits her parents and siblings for supporting her. "My parents, my siblings, and my community helped me focus on my education goals," Martinez said. "They support and grounded me, especially in getting an education, and I feel like people are lifting me up."

"TSC was my first option," Martinez adds that her professors and the entire TSC community also provided the extra encouragement she needed to succeed in college. "I want to say thank you to the TSC Foundation because your support means that you believe in me, your encouragement motivates me to do better, and the scholarship made my academic achievements possible."

Martinez is looking forward to transferring to a university to earn a Bachelor's degree. Her momentum is unstoppable as she aligns her motivation and vision. "Because of my time at TSC, I have the courage to want to earn a doctorate degree."

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TSC Foundation Impact



"I would like to thank the TSC Foundation for the scholarship that was provided to me. It really boosted my confidence and my excitement to go to school."

- Jonathan Osorio



From 2017-2019,
TSC Foundation awarded
\$249,000
in student scholarships



7,130
was the total number
of students in fall 2018



\$1,950
total cost of in-district tuition
& fees for students taking 15
semester course hours in 2018-19
(does not include costs for books, housing, supplies)



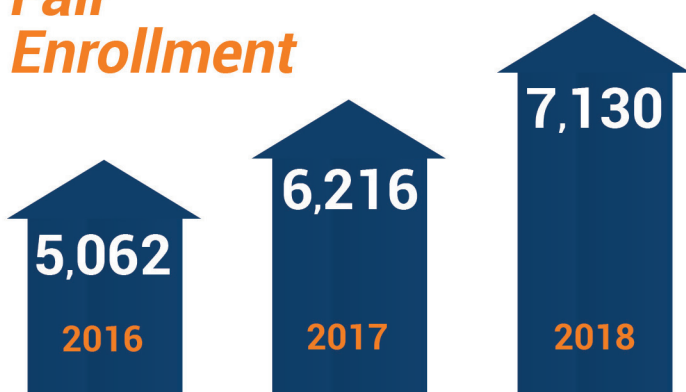
147
students received
scholarships from TSC
Foundation in 2018-2019

TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE: A CATALYST FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Nestled along the booming Texas-Mexico border, Texas Southmost College is the epicenter of Brownsville's workforce education. TSC has trained generations of the region's skilled workforce through educational programs that provide quality and affordable training.

The College also offers customized workforce training to meet the growing demand of current and emerging industries. These specialized training programs create pathways toward rewarding careers, provide tools for advancement within an exciting career, and can also lead to a certificate or associate degree. TSC's Continuing Education programs offer lifelong learners the opportunity to take classes to hone creativity, learn new skills, make career changes, or explore new areas of interest.

Fall Enrollment



By partnering with local, state, and federal agencies, TSC collaborates with employers to help them leverage their resources by accessing economic development incentives to train their employees, which results in improved productivity and the creation of good-paying jobs. TSC also works closely with area school districts to ensure that high school students pursuing Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in high school have a pathway to complete their training in college and can easily transition into the workforce with advanced, technical training. This level of partnership and investment enhances training and learning experiences, resulting in a better-prepared workforce.



Pictured Left to Right: Clayton Brashear, Dr. Jesús Roberto Rodríguez, Dr. Tara Rios, J.J. De Leon, Eva Alejandro, Trey Mendez, Adela G. Garza, Dr. Tony Zavaleta, Dr. Gustavo Stern, and Art Rendon.

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