



UTRGV ATHLETICS

2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT

#RALLY THE VALLEY

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

CHASSE CONQUE

Greetings from UTRGV Athletics! I want to personally thank you for your interest in and support of UTRGV Athletics. As I begin my fourth year at UTRGV, I am enthusiastic about our future and proud of the young men and women that represent you, our university, and the Rio Grande Valley through Division I competition.

As you read this report, you will have the opportunity to learn more about how our student-athletes experienced significant success in competition, in the classroom, and in the community.

Some of the highlights include our first home baseball game against the #6 Texas Longhorns in 51 years, when we welcomed a program record crowd of 6,418. This was just part of our best attended baseball season in over 30 years, as we ranked eighth among the 22 NCAA Division I baseball programs in Texas with a season attendance of 37,220. This was in-part due to a strong commitment by our fans, who purchased more than 1,500 ticket packages, a program record. Our baseball team finished with 33 wins, marking the third-straight complete season in which we have won 30+ games, the first time that has happened three seasons in a row since the 80's.

The Texas game was just one of several signature events, as we had the opportunity to host two basketball events on South Padre Island, including a sold out men's basketball doubleheader that featured Texas Tech, and three games at Bert Ogden Arena, the Valley's premiere basketball arena. These games helped us to sell a record number of basketball season tickets, part of our nearly \$300,000 in ticket revenue, a department record. In addition to a record year in corporate sponsorships, we celebrated another all-time high in philanthropic giving totaling \$1.2 million from our generous donors.

Our student-athletes continue to excel academically, posting a cumulative departmental grade point average of 3.29 and combining for 130 Academic All-WAC honors.

When it comes to community service, I could not be more proud of our young people. Our student-athletes combined to rank eighth in the nation in total community service, completing nearly 2,500 hours, while eight programs ranked in the top 10 of teams within their sports. Outside of this community service, we took our commitment to the entire Rio Grande Valley community seriously, hosting soccer and tennis matches and youth clinics in Brownsville.

As you review this report, I hope you are as impressed as I am with the success of UTRGV Athletics and the growth we have witnessed over the years, as well as the coming growth with \$30 million in facilities enhancements in addition to preparations for the start of football and women's swimming & diving programs. As we continue to grow Division I athletics in the Valley, I am confident the success we experience together will only enhance the brand and identity of our region.

Thank you for your loyal and continued support of our student-athletes and coaches. You are critical to helping us #RallyTheValley!

V's Up!



Chasse S. Conque
Vice President & Director of Athletics

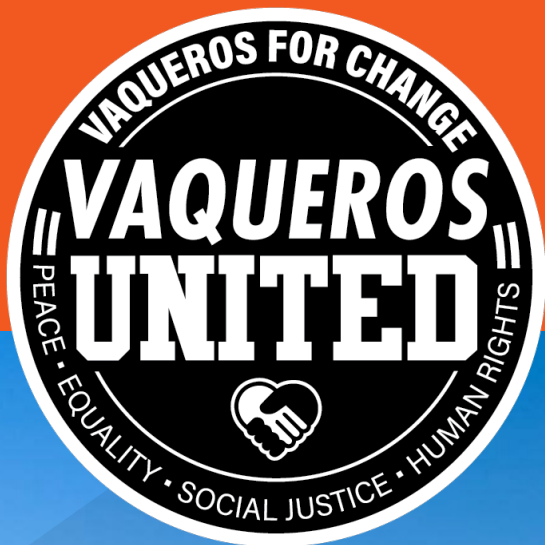


RISEUP

RESPECT • INTEGRITY • SUCCESS • ENGAGEMENT

UTRGV Athletics will create a first-class student-athlete experience that fosters a culture of RESPECT, growth, and INTEGRITY, and supports our student-athletes in achieving SUCCESS in both the classroom and in competition.

We will be inclusive and #RallyTheValley as we inspire pride, create excitement, and ENGAGE our campus community and our region as the Rio Grande Valley's Division I team.



Vaqueros United is a collaborative effort between UTRGV Athletics and the UTRGV Student-Athlete Advisory Committee that strives to motivate our community in continuing meaningful conversations of peace, equality, social justice, and human rights through the utilization of our public platforms.





CAMPUS LIFE





Gabriel and his dad, lucky winners of the UTRGV Cowboys Game Tour giveaway! Enjoy the game and above all RELAX.. We know the road! [#goutrgv](#) [#rgvtours](#) [#relaxweknowtheroad](#)



UTRGV BASEBALL VS. TEXAS



UTRGV hosted the #6 Texas Longhorns for the first time in 51 years in front of a single-game program record over-capacity crowd of 6,418.





BASKETBALL BY THE BEACH

UTRGV men's basketball hosted the inaugural UTRGV South Padre Island Battle on the Beach, featuring men's basketball games between UTRGV and Northern Arizona as well as Texas Tech and Incarnate Word, at the South Padre Island Convention Centre.

The women's basketball program hosted the second annual UTRGV South Padre Island Classic, a four-game tournament featuring UTRGV, UTSA, Liberty and Grand Canyon.



UTRGV BASKETBALL AT BERT OGDEN ARENA



UTRGV Athletics continued its partnership with Bert Ogden Arena by hosting a doubleheader featuring women's basketball vs. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi as part of the South Texas Showdown, presented by Navy Army Community Credit Union, and men's basketball vs. Texas Southern, as well as the homecoming game between men's basketball and Sam Houston.

UTRGV HOMECOMING



UTRGV ATHLETICS IN BROWNSVILLE



8/13/2021
UTRGV Women's Soccer Free Youth
Clinic @ Brownsville Sports Park



8/21/2021
UTRGV Men's Soccer Exhibition Match
@ Brownsville Sports Park



8/24/2021
UTRGV Ad Chasse Conque
@ Picnic with the President



9/17/2021
National Cleanup Day
@ Brownsville Campus



11/30/2021
UTRGV Coaches and Athletics Staff
@ Breakfast wrangler

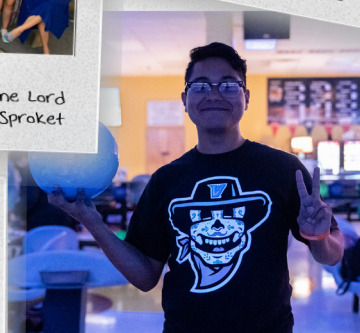


10/7/2021
UTRGV Men's Basketball
visit Brownsville Campus

9/16/2021
Coaches Derek Matlack and Lane Lord
@ Alumni Mixer at the Broken Sprocket



11/1/2021
UTRGV Men's and Women's Golf
Free Clinic @ River Bend Golf Course



11/2/2021
Free Play for UTRGV Students
@ Galaxy Bowling



3/14/2022
UTRGV Women's Tennis Free Clinic
@ Brownsville Tennis Center



11/6/2021
UTRGV Women's Tennis Free Youth
Clinic @ Brownsville Tennis Center

THE FUTURE OF UTRGV ATHLETICS



UTRGV Athletics is making an investment of \$30 million to upgrade existing athletics facilities that will impact all current 16 sports over the next three years, including enhancements to the UTRGV Fieldhouse, UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex, Orville Cox Tennis Center, UTRGV Baseball Stadium, and weight room, and the building of a new golf facility at McAllen's Champion Lakes Golf Course.



UTRGV FIELDHOUSE



**UTRGV SOCCER AND
TRACK & FIELD COMPLEX**



WEIGHT ROOM

ORVILLE COX TENNIS CENTER



**GOLF PRACTICE FACILITY
AT CHAMPION LAKES GOLF COURSE**



HISTORIC SUPPORT



37,220

BASEBALL SEASON ATTENDANCE*

*BEST IN OVER 30 YEARS

LARGEST CROWDS

@ UTRGV BASEBALL STADIUM

1. 6,418 (VS. TEXAS, 4/26/22)

2. 3,604 (VS. TEXAS STATE, 2/1/03)

3. 2,687 (VS. SAM HOUSTON, 5/13/22)

4. 2,418 (VS. GW, 2/18/22)

5. 2,174 (VS. TEXAS TECH, 2/27/18)

THIRD-STRAIGHT
BASEBALL
SEASON WITH 30+
WINS
EXCLUDING 2020 SEASON



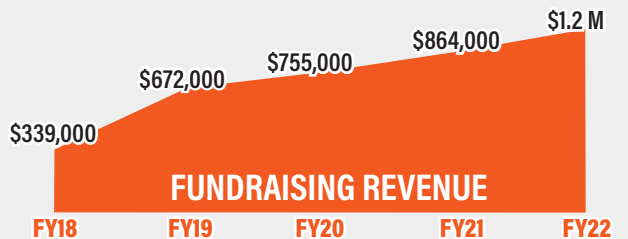
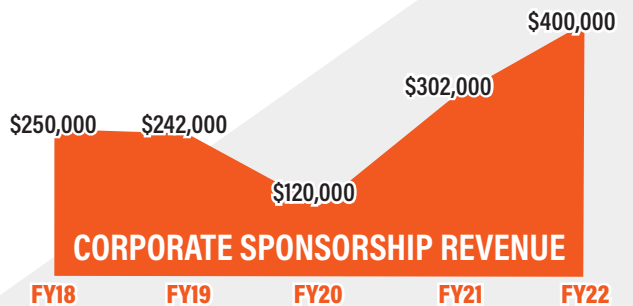
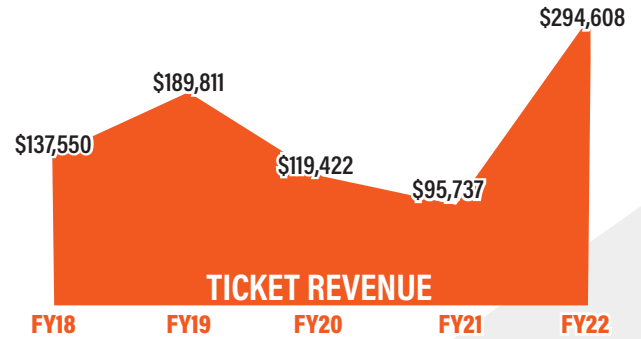
**FOURTH BEST IN
PROGRAM HISTORY

7,225

VOLLEYBALL SEASON ATTENDANCE**

1,238

10TH LARGEST CROWD IN PROGRAM
HISTORY FOR UTEP MATCH



IN THE CLASSROOM



3.29

DEPARTMENT GPA



92%

GRADUATION SUCCESS RATE

TEAMS WITH HIGHEST GPA



3.62 WOMEN'S TENNIS



3.55 MEN'S GOLF



3.55 MEN'S SOCCER



3.53 VOLLEYBALL



IN OUR COMMUNITY

2,433

TOTAL COMMUNITY
SERVICE HOURS



150

OPPORTUNITIES
ATTENDED

TOP MEN'S TEAMS



422 HOURS

BASEBALL



128 HOURS

GOLF

TOP WOMEN'S TEAMS



332 HOURS

TENNIS



142 HOURS

GOLF



**UTRGV RANKED 8TH
IN COMMUNITY SERVICE
IN THE NCAA IN 2021-22**



COMPETITIVE EXCELLENCE

BASEBALL



By winning 33 games, the Vaqueros have now won 30+ games in three-straight complete seasons for the first time in more than 30 years.

Shattered program record for best 3-round score by shooting 890, including a program-record 288 in the final round, at the Islander Classic in February. Julie Lucio led the Vaqueros with a 219, the second-lowest score in program history.



WOMEN'S GOLF

Justin Johnson earned All-WAC Second Team honors by averaging 18.8 points, 7.3 rebounds and 2.4 assists while shooting 48.9% from the field during WAC play.



MEN'S BASKETBALL



CROSS COUNTRY

Abraham Chirchir punctuated his storied career by earning All-Region honors for the third time and finishing 17th at the NCAA Regional Championships.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Hit program-record 245 3-pointers, including 36 during a 3-game winning streak from the season finale through the second round of the WAC Tournament, the second-highest 3-game total in program history.

Emily Zapata finished her career as the program's all-time leader in goals (30), points (69), shots (246), shots on goal (116), and game-winning goals (15), while ranking fourth in assists (9).

WOMEN'S SOCCER



Posted season-best third place finish at New Mexico State's Herb Wimberly Intercollegiate in October, including a ninth-place individual finish by Leonardo Novella, who shot a 3-under 69 in the opening round.



MEN'S GOLF



MEN'S SOCCER

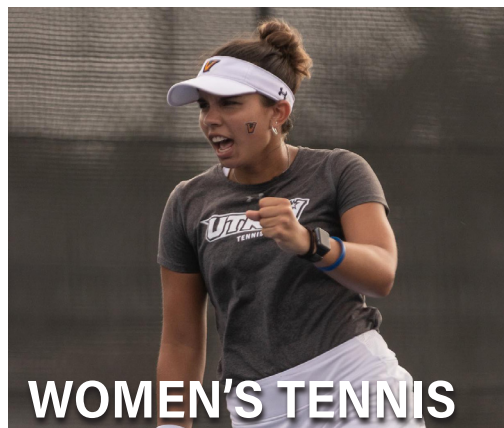
Reshaun Walkes became the highest MLS Draft pick in program history, getting selected by Toronto FC in the third round (59th overall). An All-WAC Second Team selection, Walkes led the Vaqueros in points (25), goals (9), assists (7), shots (37), shots on goal (25), and game-winning goals (2).

Aviana Goode punctuated her career by breaking the program record and posting the fifth-best time in the 60-meter hurdles while recording the second, fifth, and eighth-best high jumps in program history.



INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Recorded first winning season in four years, winning 11 matches, including a .600 winning percentage during WAC play. The Vaqueros dominated at home, going 4-1.



WOMEN'S TENNIS



MEN'S TENNIS

Carlo Izurieta earned an impressive 4-6, 7-5, 1-0 (10-6) singles victory over #24 Texas A&M's Mathis Bondaz after forcing a tiebreaker at doubles.

VOLLEYBALL



Made first National Invitational Volleyball Championship (NIVC) appearance and second NCAA Division I postseason appearance as the Vaqueros went 17-10 (.630), their winningest record in three years.



OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Ricardo Mendoza wrapped up his career by earning the silver medal in the 800-meter run while Julian Trevino posted the third best javelin in program history at the WAC Championships.



MEDIA REACH

37,775
TOTAL FACEBOOK LIKES



917,788
FACEBOOK REACH

34,266
TOTAL TWITTER FOLLOWERS



10,248,025
TWITTER IMPRESSIONS

29,694
TOTAL INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS



574,068
INSTAGRAM REACH



**EARNED
MEDIA**

ADVERTISING VALUE EQUIVALENCY
\$4.2 MILLION



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59,249
SESSIONS PER MONTH



38,546
UNIQUE VISITORS
PER MONTH



135,758
PAGEVIEWS PER MONTH

ENHANCED CAMPUS LIFE COMING TO UTRGV

UTRGV students overwhelmingly voted to support the start of football, marching band and women's swimming and diving programs and the expansion of the spirit program during a referendum in November. A total of 5,784 UTRGV students, the largest turnout ever for a UTRGV student vote, with 3,497 (60.46%) students voting in favor.



EXPANDED SPIRIT PROGRAMS

FALL 2024



FIRST YEAR OF COMPETITION FOR WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

FALL 2024



FIRST YEAR OF MARCHING BAND

FALL 2025



FIRST YEAR OF FOOTBALL

FALL 2025



"This is an exciting time to enhance the UTRGV experience for the entire Rio Grande Valley. Their support to expand and create new programs will amplify the campus spirit and leave a lasting legacy for future Vaqueros and alumni."

*Dr. Guy Bailey
UTRGV President*



UTRGV ATHLETICS AND CITY OF PHARR CO-HOST 2023 WAC SWIMMING & DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS



UTRGV Athletics and City of Pharr will be co-hosting the 2023 Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Swimming & Diving Championships Feb. 22-25 at the City of Pharr Natatorium.

The institutions competing in the 2023 WAC Swimming & Diving Championships include Air Force, California Baptist, Grand Canyon, Idaho, New Mexico State, Northern Arizona, Northern Colorado, Seattle U, UNLV, Utah Tech, and Wyoming.

"We're excited to be able to give our community an immediate opportunity to experience high caliber Division I swimming & diving as we build toward the launch of our own program in 2024. The City of Pharr Natatorium is one of the top swimming & diving facilities, not just in Texas, but in the country, which will allow us to both grow the sport in the Valley and continue to attract top competitions such as the WAC Championships."

Chasse Conque
UTRGV Vice President and Director of Athletics

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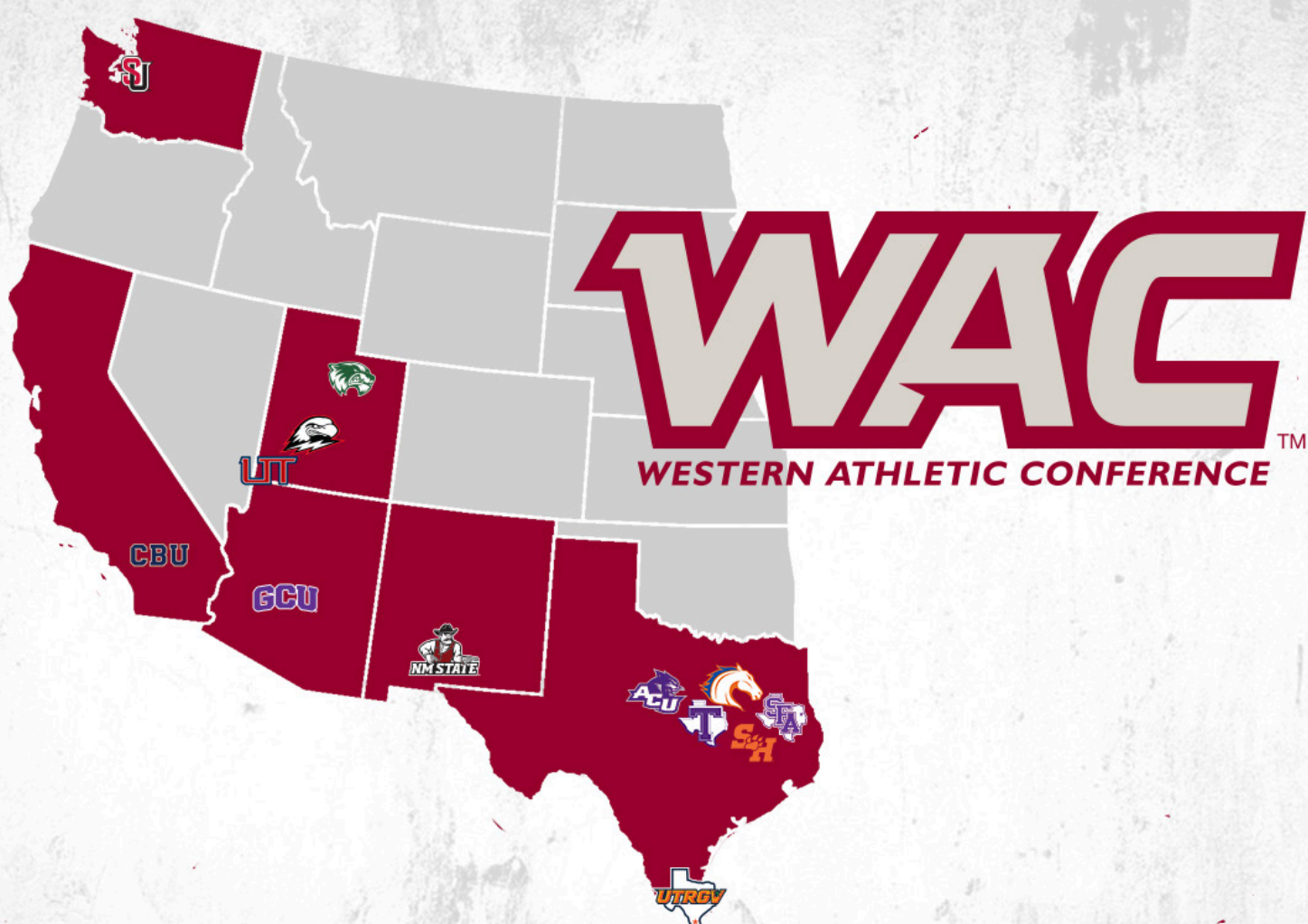
Bubba's
33



UNDER ARMOUR.



UT Health
Rio Grande Valley



The V Club is the opportunity for alumni, fans, former student-athletes, coaches and friends to join together to invest in UTRGV Athletics.

Donations to the V Club allow donors to make a difference in the lives of over 250 student-athletes by providing them with the resources and opportunities needed to excel in the classroom, in competition, and in the community.

For more information, or to join the V Club, send an email to vclub@utrgv.edu, call (956) 665-4069, or visit GoUTRGV.com/VClub.



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