



” **– Jobs for the Future**

UTEP may well be the institution that best exemplifies the dream of those who started the early college movement in 2001 - that large cohorts of low-income students would have a low-cost, accelerated pathway to the bachelor's degrees.

“I am a bilingual multimedia journalist and social media producer. I began my career in journalism after taking a newspaper class at EPCC, where I began publishing articles for the student newspaper *Tejano Tribune*. While at UTEP, I worked for the student newspaper *The Prospector* and the online magazine *Borderline*. In college, I interned as a social media and web producer at the Spanish-language newspaper *La Opinion de Los Angeles*, in Los Angeles, California, and served as a digital producer for the coverage of the El Paso chapter of the PBS documentary *Cancer: The Emperor of All Maladies*, directed by Ken Burns. I graduated from UTEP in May 2015, with a bachelor degree in multimedia journalism and a minor in creative writing. After graduation I interned with The Dallas Morning News and the Spanish-language publication *Al Dia* Dallas as a multimedia reporter and social media and web producer. In Summer 2016, I am interning at the Mott Haven Herald in The Bronx, New York, as part of the Knight-CUNY Summer Internship. My goal as a multimedia journalist is to improve inclusion and diversity in the newsroom, and to produce fair coverage of misrepresented communities. If it wasn't for my experience writing for the college newspaper while I was still in high school, I cannot say I would have discovered my passion for journalism so easily.”



Vaney Alderete – Valle Verde ECHS, EPCC, and UTEP Graduate

“Being an Early College High School graduate has allowed me to take advantage of several opportunities. As an undergraduate student, I had the opportunity to partake in lab research and work in a neuroendocrine lab. I took advantage of the opportunities that the Career Center at the University offers and worked for a financial literacy program within UTEP. I was able to help students older than me learn about credit, savings, budgeting, and paying for college. After I graduated with my Bachelor of Science degree, I wanted to continue to help others in an accelerated pathway. I now work at the University of Texas at El Paso as the Program Manager for A-PRIME TIME – a program that allows students the opportunity to complete their Bachelor's and medical degrees in as few as six years. I love my career and the opportunities I have had because of my experience with the ECHS program.”



Juan Bolaños – Mission ECHS, EPCC, and UTEP Graduate

“I was lucky enough to be a participant of the very first UTEP ECHS explorers trip to London and Paris. While abroad, I had the chance to travel with other Early College High School graduates who I had not met before. We toured around many castles and historical areas, including Buckingham Palace, the Eiffel Tower, the London Eye, the Louve, and many others. I never thought that I would have an opportunity like that; it was truly a once in a lifetime experience. From having a tour guide since the moment we landed to the last minute we spent in Europe, we were shown the most fascinating areas in the two cities during our stay and had the opportunity to explore the cities as well. I would most definitely recommend this trip to any Early College High School graduate who has dreamed of visiting any place outside of the country, and I would do it all over again if I could!”



Beatriz Rodriguez – Northwest ECHS, EPCC, & UTEP Graduate

ECHS Student Success

TOP SEVEN MAJOR CATEGORIES

NUMBER

1. | BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE

(Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Cellular & Molecular Biochemistry, Environmental Science, Forensic Science, Geological Science, Mathematics, Microbiology, Physics, and Pre-Science)

362

(23.5%)

2. | ENGINEERING

(Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Engineering Leadership, Industrial Engineering, Lower Division Electrical Engineering, Lower Division Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Metallurgical & Materials Engineering, and Pre-Engineering)

299

(19.4%)

3. | HEALTH SCIENCE AND NURSING

(Health Promotion, Kinesiology, Pre-College of Health Sciences, Pre-Nursing, Pre-Occupational Therapy, Pre-Pharmacy, Pre-Speech/Language Pathology, and Social Work)

267

(17.3%)

4. | PSYCHOLOGY

156

(10.1%)

5. | BUSINESS

(Accounting, Economics, Finance, Marketing and Management, and Pre-Business Administration)

128

(8.3%)

6. | CRIMINAL JUSTICE

72

(4.7%)

7. | COMMUNICATIONS

(Communication Studies, Digital Media Production, Electronic Media, Media Advertising, Multimedia Journalism, and Organizational and Corporate Communications)

60

(3.9%)

**EL PASO REGION XIX
EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL**

The University of Texas at El Paso



ECHS TO UTEP

- ☆ Mission ECHS
Northwest ECHS
Transmountain ECHS
Valle Verde ECHS
- ★ Cotton Valley ECHS
Clint Early College Academy
- ★ Burges ECHS
Montwood ECHS
Socorro ECHS

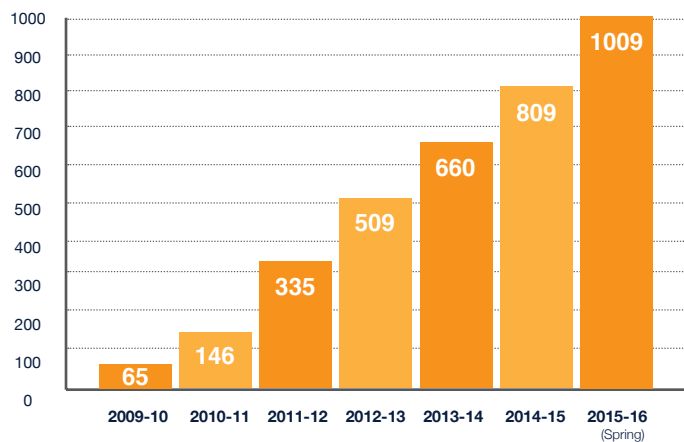
WHAT ARE THE ECHS MODELS?

ECHSs enable high school students to earn an Associate's Degree at the same time or prior to receiving their high school diploma from an ECHS campus. The program promotes access to a higher education and an opportunity to participate in a vigorous academic program particularly to low-income underrepresented students.

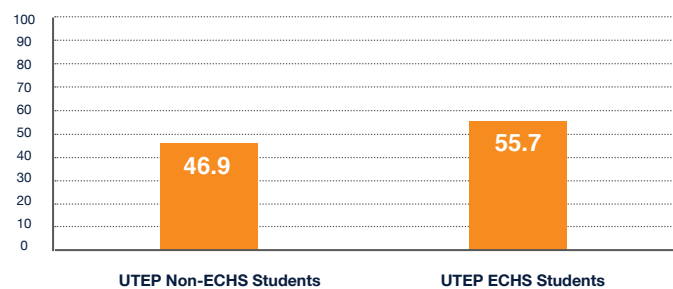
There are three ECHS models in the El Paso Region:

- ☆ **El Paso Community College (EPCC) Campuses:** The first four ECHSs are located on EPCC campuses.
- ★ **Stand Alone:** The next two ECHSs are stand alone buildings not on EPCC campuses.
- ★ **School within a School:** The newest established ECHSs (currently three going on six) are located within traditional high school campuses.

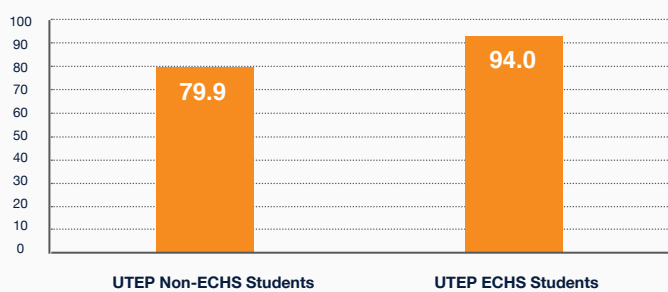
Unique Headcount of ECHS Students Enrolled at UTEP per Academic Year



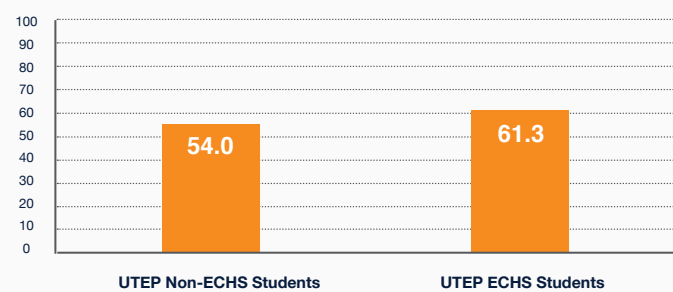
UTEP Students Majoring in STEM Degrees (including Health Sciences & Nursing) in Fall 2015 (%)



UTEP Hispanic Student Enrollment in Fall 2015 (%)



UTEP Female Enrollment in Fall 2015 (%)



EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"EPCC continues to build community partnerships with our K-12 partners as evidenced by our growing Early College High Schools and our growing Dual Credit enrollment program, providing educational opportunities to high school students in El Paso County. We continue to build strong relationships with both our community partners and higher education partners."

-Dr. William Serrata, EPCC President

Fall 2015

Enrollment: 28,740
56.2% Female, 43.8% Male
29.7% Full-Time, 70.3% Part-Time

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

"UTEP is proud to be ranked among Washington Monthly Magazine's Top 10 Universities for the third year in a row, and remain ranked number one for the fourth year in a row for social mobility. We are successfully transforming, pursuing a quest for excellence while strengthening our commitment to access, and thereby creating a new higher education model that is not only working in our setting, but attracting widespread respect and emulation."

-Dr. Diana Natalicio, UTEP President

Fall 2015

Enrollment: 23,397
86.4% Undergraduate, 13.6% Graduate
54% Female, 46% Male
61.4% Full-Time, 38.6% Part-Time

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