

New Online Graduate Degree Programs

Professionals wishing to continue their higher education with a flexible schedule can now consider pursuing register for new online and traditional graduate degree programs at TAMIU.

The university now offers six new online graduate degrees: MBA in English, MBA in Spanish, Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction, Master of Public Administration, Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Master of Arts in Language, Literature and Translation.

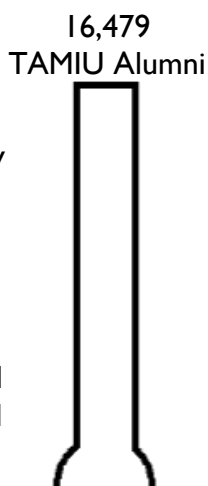
Traditional degrees include: MS in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner, MA in History and Political Thought; MSED in Educational Administration among others. TAMIU is in the works to offer a Master of Public Health Program in the near future.

Registration for courses open Monday, April 1. The admission application deadline is Tuesday, April 30 but applications will be accepted thereafter with a late application fee until Tuesday, September 3. Financial aid is also available through scholarships, fellowships and assistantships.

For more information, please call the Office of Graduate Studies and Research, at 326.3020, e-mail graduateschool@tamiu.edu, visit offices in the Student Center, room 124, or click [here](#).

\$10 Makes a Difference

Universities are judged, in part, by the percentage of alumni who participate in annual giving. This year, TAMIU has received gifts from only 3.6% of the TAMIU Alumni population. The level of our annual giving thermometer needs to increase in order to be competitive with other universities. Your gift, whether large or small, is crucial to creating opportunities at our beloved campus. Contribute to ALL4TAMIU today with a gift as small as \$10. Your gift will help improve TAMIU's national ranking, which **enhances the value of your diploma**. To make your gift online, please visit our secure website [here](#).



Interested in helping behind the scenes at AutMus Fest? Join us for our meeting on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. in WTC 126.

The Official TAMIU Ring!



Order your official TAMIU Ring at the Spring 2013 Graduation Fair! The Fair will be held at Senator Judith Zaffirini Student Success Center, room 101, March 18-19, from 12-6p.m. For more information please visit our [website](#) or call (956) 326-GIVE.

Partner with TAMIU's A.R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business Internship Program!

By providing real-world opportunities and experience to students in form of internships, your business can gain benefits such as:

- Bringing new and innovative ideas
- Short-term support and increase in productivity
- Low cost with a high quality opportunity
- Gives back to the community

For more information click [here](#) or contact Leiza Nochebuena at 956-326-2822 or via

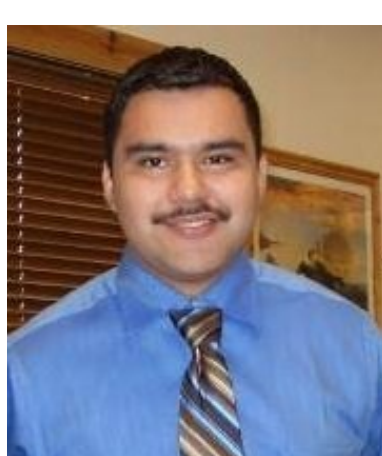


TAMIU ALUMNI

The TAMIU Alumni Association is seeking nominations for president elect. If you are interested for this position please contact us at alumni@tamiu.edu.

Alumni on the Look!

TAMIU Alumnus ranked #1 at Thurgood Marshall School of Law!



"A few years ago, TAMIU asked me "What do you want out of life?" said Rodolfo Morales III. "I really loathed this question because I was too busy worrying about my classes to focus on the bigger picture of life. But now I find great value in this inquiry." Rodolfo earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a Minor in Criminal Justice. Afterwards, he was selected among 16 across the state for the Senator Gregory Luna Legislative Scholar Fellows Program. Now, he is enrolled in the Thurgood Marshall School of Law where he is ranked #1 in his class.

"The following three things have been a large part of my success: 1) the support of others, especially my family, 2) self-discipline, and 3) keeping a focus on my passion," shares Rodolfo, "Ten-hour study sessions, many cups of coffee, and a love of learning have helped me achieve my goal in graduating at the top of my class," he adds. His mother, Marissa Morales '02 '07, also motivated him since

she enrolled at TAMIU at the age of 32 while she raised two kids and maintained a job. She completed her Bachelor and Master in Bilingual Education and became a successful educator. Also, losing his grandmother impacted him while he attended his second year of law school. He told her he would be ranked the highest in class. "I know she is proud of me," Rodolfo said.

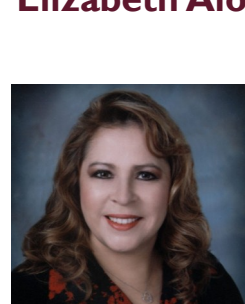
After graduation, he plans to give back to Laredo and practice law.

"There are many individuals and organizations in Laredo who I feel indebted too because they provided mentorships and monetary assistance along my academic journey... My success is a testament to what community commitment and investment in education can do for an aspiring student," said Rodolfo, "I intend to utilize my legal degree to pursue public office. As a public leader, I will use my influence to fight for the causes for the most vulnerable in Texas. Laredo is in need of leadership, and I hope to contribute in governing our city at some point in my life."

Overall, his education at TAMIU and being part of the D.D. Hachar Honors Program prepared Rodolfo to have thoughtful reflection.

"It allowed me to write and communicate effectively. My success is intimately tied to the effort that was required and expected of me in the Honor's Program. A person does not know their potential until they are challenged," said Rodolfo, "Thank you, TAMIU for challenging me everyday. My life has more meaning and direction because of your faculty and staff. I am especially grateful to my mentor, Dr. Peter Haruna for his words of wisdom and guidance."

Elizabeth Alonzo '03



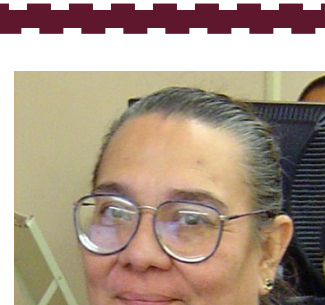
Elizabeth has been working with the City of Laredo for 25 years and is the Executive Director for the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation. Here, she offers safe, decent and affordable housing to the community. She is also a Board Member of Neighbor Works Laredo, Inc., a non-profit organization designed to develop affordable housing opportunities and promote home ownership pride to strengthen communities.

Elizabeth earned a Master of Public Administration. She considers education to be very important and the key to success. She also says, "When your name is called out to walk across the stage it is one of the best feelings of accomplishments a person can feel."

Esther Buckley Memorial Scholarship

"From my earliest memories as a child, I have always been a teacher...because I feel that God's work for me lies in helping students to graduate..." Laredo Educator Esther Buckley had once said. Help us keep Esther's dreams a reality for other students; donate to the Esther Buckley Memorial Scholarship by clicking [here](#).

Esther Buckley '75 held a Bachelor of Arts degree and obtained a Masters of Science degree in Secondary Education with a certificate in Supervision from then Texas A&I University at Laredo. She was working towards a doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction at Texas A&M University at College Station at the time of her passing.



New Degree? New job? New accomplishments? Married? New additions to the family?

Let us know how you are doing!

E-mail your accomplishments or stories you'd like to share with the TAMIU community!

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You got benefits!

TAMIU graduates are entitled to numerous benefits and privileges.

Some of them are:

- Lifetime E-mail Account
- Library Services
- Check Out Books
- Access to Computer Labs
- TAMIU Bookstore Discounts
- TAMIU Alumni One Card
- Free Parking
- Free Entrance to Regular Season Athletic Events
- Entry to REC Center (Small Fee Associated)

Additionally, the Office of Career Services offers

FREE services to our alumni, including:

- Résumé Writing
- Career Counseling and workshops
- Information on Job Openings
- Access to Dusty Works
- Mock Interviews
- Participation in the Annual Job Fair/Opportunities to meet recruiters.

[Download](#) the **TAMIU app** for TAMIU news, events, images, directory access, social media, maps, faculty, shop, audio, and tools are available for smartphones and iPad.

Visit the Alumni Relations Office KL 262 or e-mail alumni@tamiu.edu for more information.



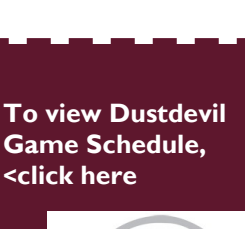
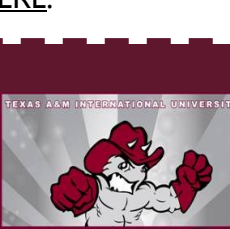
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

AS ALUMNI, YOU ARE PART OF OUR LEGACY. CONTINUE EMPOWERING YOUR COMMUNITY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS!

E-mail your accomplishments or any other news you would like to share with the rest of the growing TAMIU community.

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