

RESOLUTION HONORING THE UTPA PHARMACY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the University of Texas – Pan American (UTPA) and the University of Texas Austin Cooperative Doctoral Pharmacy Program (CDPP) offers a six-year curriculum leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy degree, with 66 students currently enrolled, the program has proven itself both strongly effective and successful, with its graduates achieving a 100% passing rate on the North American Pharmacist Licensure Exam (NAPLEX) and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (MPJE).; and

WHEREAS, since the program’s inception in 2001, the CDPP has graduated 75 students from the program; and 82% of the graduates have returned to work in the RGV, which speaks volumes about the passion the students have for this region; and

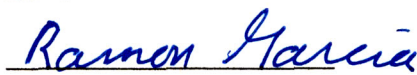
WHEREAS, the goals of the CDPP include the following: to address the pharmaceutical care needs of the underserved in the Rio Grande Valley and Laredo Regions; nurture student interest in pharmacy as a professional career; enhance the accessibility of a pharmacy education to students residing in the Rio Grande Valley and Laredo regions; diversify the profession by educating more pharmacists who are sensitive to the unique needs of the region; and to research border issues; and


WHEREAS, Examples of *Excelencia* is a national initiative that systematically identifies and honors programs boosting Latino enrollment, performance and graduation with evidence of effectiveness; the CDPP submitted a brief history of their program to Examples of *Excelencia*, along with examples of perceived need, program activities, long-term goals, and evidence of the program’s value, which provides insight into successful programs and key program characteristics essential to Latino student success; and

WHEREAS, UTPA/UT Austin CDPP was selected from among 165 programs from 22 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to receive the 2013 Examples of *Excelencia* Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby honor and recognize the University of Texas – Pan American and the University of Texas Austin Cooperative Doctoral Pharmacy Program for receiving their distinguished award.

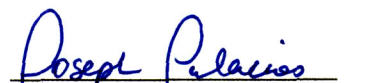
Approved this 5th day of November, 2013.

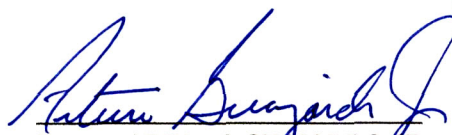

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