

Honoring the Teachers

*Texas Regional Collaboratives for Excellence
in Science and Mathematics Teaching*

UTPA REGIONAL SCIENCE COLLABORATIVE



"Teachers who are enthusiastic, interested, and who speak of the power and beauty of scientific understanding, instill in their students some of those same attitudes. At all stages of inquiry, teachers guide, focus, challenge, and encourage student learning."

-National Science Education Standards

**The University of Texas-Pan American
Ballroom
1201 W. University Drive
Edinburg, Texas**

Thursday, February 26, 2009
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

PROGRAM

WELCOME

John W. McBride, EDD.

Project Director, UTPA Regional Science Collaborative

Martha Tevis, Ph.D.

Associate Project Director, UTPA Regional Science Collaborative

TEXAS REGIONAL COLLABORATIVES STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES

Kamil A. Jbeily, Ph.D.

*Executive Director, Texas Regional Collaboratives
The University of Texas at Austin*

GREETINGS AND REMARKS

Leticia Konigsberg

*Educational Program Coordinator
Communications & Community Relations
El Paso Corporation*

James P. Barufaldi, Ph.D.

*Rubén Hinojosa Regents Professor and Director
Center for Science and Mathematics Education
College of Education, The University of Texas at Austin*

GUEST SPEAKER

Solomon Torres

District Director for Congressman Hinojosa

GREETINGS VIA VIDEO

The Honorable Rubén Hinojosa

U. S. House of Representatives

RECOGNITION CEREMONY

*Presentation of Certificates of Achievement as evidence of dedication
to life-long learning and commitment to the teaching profession.*



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TEACHERS HONORED

Arturo Alaniz
Paula Alejandro
Bisruti Bhatta
Irma Castillo
Casandra Cavazos-Pearson
Melissa Diaz
Jim Disbro
Cassandra Disbro
Michelle Disbro
Tina Gall
Adan Garcia
Ben Garza
Eli Garza
Marlin Garza
Roger Gomez
Yvonne Gomez
Anna Gonzalez
Norma Gonzalez
Oscar Gonzalez
Sandra C. Gonzalez
David Gutierrez
Rachael Hernandez-Reynolds
Erica Huerta-Salazar
Hilda Huron
Kim Keebaugh
Lisa Krienke
Janie Leal
Nora Luna
Gilbert Maldonado

Carmen Martinez
Jennifer Martinez
Josefa Martinez
Michelle Martinez
Chris Mitchell
Cindy Mitchell
Norma Montes De Oca
Irma Moreno
David O'Donnell
Jesse Perez
Fran Prukop
Julie Reynolds
Susan Ramirez
Nelda Rios
Maricelo Romero
Gina Saenz
Dan Saenz
Marissa Saenz
Gloria Serna
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Tim Sears
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Steven Schnider
Cindy Torres
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Life-long learning:

**A person who doesn't continue to learn is no better off
than a person who cannot learn.**



"Effective professional development respects and nurtures the capacity of teachers; is planned collaboratively with teachers; develops content and pedagogy; enhances leadership; is long-term, sustained, and of high intensity; and is evaluated on the basis of its impact on teachers and students."

-Excerpts from *Principles for Professional Development*, U.S. Department of Education