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UTPA is ranked first in the U.S. for preparing bilingual teachers.

UTPA is second in the U.S.A. in the number of bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics.

Students enrolled in the Baylor pre-medical program at UTPA honors program receive conditional admission to medical school.

100% of the Law School Preparation Institute students who apply are accepted to at least one law school.

UTPA offers 55 bachelors degree programs, 42 masters programs, 2 doctoral programs, and 1 cooperative doctoral program.

UTPA has the only Physician Assistant Studies Program in Texas outside a medical school.

UTPA was one of 11 universities in the nation selected to receive a \$200,000 grant over five years from Microsoft to enhance the computer science program.

UTPA's Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Development, CEED, has assisted over 50 South Texas businesses in acquiring more than \$8 million in capital resources for start-ups and expansions.

UTPA is the only institution in the United States with direct access to Mexico's Border Census Data.

The Society of Hispanic Engineers (SHPE) student chapter has received the Large Chapter Outstanding Chapter of the Year award.

National Wildlife Federation recognized UTPA as an exemplary school for its efforts to develop an environmentally sustainable campus.

Japanese High Schoolers Visit Austin for Intensive English Language Study

TIEC is hosting a group of 32 students and three teachers from Nihon University-Mishima Senior High School in Japan.

The students arrived March 18, 2004 and will depart April 3, 2004.

The program consists of six hours per day of English language instruction at TIEP, plus cultural activities, including a day trip



(l-r) Arai, Shotaro and Kikuchi, Ryuta show their American spirit.



(l-r) Kawamura, Tomomi and Ito, Yuka wear their cowboy hats at the orientation.

to San Antonio, a barbecue at a local park, a get-together with American students who are studying Japanese at Austin High School, and a one-night homestay.

To enhance their communication skills, students also seek required information from local businesses in Austin and report it to their classes.

New TIEP Study Abroad Program Scheduled to Begin

TIEC has developed a new 9- to 12-month non-degree study abroad program for non-U.S. undergraduates.

The TIEC Study Abroad Program, which begins in August 2004, will provide English as a second language instruction and cultural orientation for non-degree-seeking students at the Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP), in Austin, Texas.

This will be followed by four to six months of undergraduate coursework in a range of undergraduate disciplines at a participating TIEC-affiliated university.

While studying at TIEP, students will receive individual advising.

They also will have opportunities for experiential learning and local community-service involvement through internships.

"Austin is a wonderful place to learn the English language," commented Mr. Shigeru Atsumi, the lead teacher. "My students learned a lot of language and culture."

"When we return to Japan," he added, "many things which were taught will be useful."

This is the fifth group of students from Nihon University-Mishima Senior High School to study at TIEP since 2000.

Meeting Notice:

The Executive Committee of the Texas International Education Consortium will meet on April 13, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. in the TIEC Offices in Austin, Texas.