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PROJECT ARRIBA
Fall 2016
32nd Graduation Celebration
December 15, 2016
PROGRAM

Presentation of Colors and National Anthem
   Eastwood High Jr. ROTC Color Guard

Invocation
   Rev. James Brzezinski
   Pastor, St. Francis on the Hill Episcopal Church
   Director, Project ARRIBA

Welcome
   Special Guests, Board & Team Recognition
   Roman Ortiz, Chief Executive Officer

   Special Team Member Recognition
   Patrick Perez, Program Support Analyst
   Recognized by Roman Ortiz
   Chief Executive Officer

   Participant Voice
   Elizabeth Reyes, LVN
   Introduced by Priscilla Estrada, Case Manager III

   History of Project ARRIBA and Civic Engagement
   Rev. Dr. Ed Roden-Lucero
   Pastor, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
   Vice-Chair, Project ARRIBA

   Participant Voice
   Michelle Rodriguez, LVN
   Introduced by Isela Loera, Senior Case Manager

   Participant Voice
   Griselda Morales, Registered Nurse (BSN)
   Introduced by Mimi Duran, Senior Case Manager

FALL 2016

Featured Investor
   The Kenneth P. Gifford Foundation
   William Stafford Thurmond
   President of the Foundation Board

   Investor Recognized by Eduardo Rodriguez, Esq.
   Owner, Strategic Communications Consulting Group
   Past Chair, Project ARRIBA

Keynote Speaker
   Joe Wardy, Chief Executive Officer
   The Hub of Human Innovation

   Introduced & Recognized by Rev. Dr. Ed Roden-Lucero
   Pastor, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
   Vice-Chair, Project ARRIBA

   Presentation of Graduates
   Roman Ortiz, Chief Executive Officer

   Rose Quade—Bonar Scholarship Fund Recipient
   Randy Polanco, RN Student at EPCC
   Recognized by Roman Ortiz
   Chief Executive Officer

   Closing Remarks
   Martha Rochford
   Retired, Wells Fargo Bank
   Chairwoman of the Board, Project ARRIBA

This class brings our total successes to 1,211 graduates!
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Adriana Garcia
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El Paso Del Norte Lions Club
El Paso Electric Company
El Paso Independent School District
Eloiso & Dolores De Avila
Esmeralda Adame, Graduate
Frank Garcia

3rd Annual Fundraiser and Dinner
HACEP
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Saint Francis on the Hill Episcopal Church
Selina Aguilar, Graduate
Strategic Communication Consulting Group
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Yolanda Garcia

Jim R. Phillips Endowment Fund
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Wells Fargo Bank

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Martha Rochford

Rose Quade-Bonar Scholarship Fund
Roman Ortiz, Staff
Nina Perez, Graduate

El Paso Giving Day
Leonel Ruiz
Priscilla Estrada, Staff

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Rev. James Brzenzinski, Board Member

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Joe Wardy

Born and raised in El Paso, Texas, Joe Wardy graduated in 1976 from the University of Texas at El Paso with a bachelor’s in management and finance, which prepared him for a long and distinguished career in business, public office, and community service.

After 30 years in the transportation and logistics industry, Joe Wardy was elected as Mayor of El Paso in 2003 where he led the way for the referendum to move El Paso to a City Manager form of government, created the neighborhood association process, and passed $110 million-dollar bond.

In 2006, he became the CEO/President of ReadyOne Industries, where he led the effort to save the company from closing and retaining the government contracts for disabled workers that saved 1,200 jobs. In 2008, he became Vice President of Strategic Development for Stagecoach Cartage and Distribution. In 2012, he was hired as the President/CEO of the Visiting Nurse Association of El Paso. The organization was the only non-profit provider of Medicaid and Medicare home health services in the El Paso community and has over 850 employees. In January 2016, he became the President/CEO of The Hub of Human Innovation, a business incubator, working to help develop entrepreneurship and innovation in the El Paso region.

For the past 40 years, he has been active in numerous community and industry organizations. He currently serves on the UTEP Development Board and on the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority Board and previously on the Sierra/Providence Governing Board. He continues to participate supporting our youth as a high school football official.

Joe and his wife Delores have been married for 35 years and are parents of two sons and have two grandsons.
The Kenneth P. Gifford Foundation

The Kenneth P. Gifford Foundation of El Paso was established in 1979 in memory of Kenneth P. Gifford, a long-time businessman and bank executive. The foundation’s emphasis lays in helping organizations concerned with the care for the aged and youth in El Paso, Texas. The foundation also supports a scholarship program for students attending college who might not otherwise be able to afford a higher education at El Paso Community College and at the University of Texas at El Paso. The Kenneth P. Gifford Foundation believes in investing in human capital and empowering people with a higher education and the workforce skills needed to be successful. To date, the foundation has invested more than $1.5 million in various nonprofit organizations in El Paso.

The Kenneth P. Gifford Foundation has partnered with Project ARRIBA since 2005 to promote the program’s workforce development efforts in the El Paso region. Their funding, leveraged with other federal, state, and local dollars, has led to over 1,200 El Pasoans being equipped with the skills needed to access high-demand, living-wage careers. Job placed graduates no longer depend on government welfare programs but rather are estimated to add $710 million dollars in income to the local economy. Project ARRIBA provides a great return on investment; in fact, the latest impact study prepared by the Institute for Policy and Economic Development at UTEP revealed that for every dollar invested in the program, $24 is returned to El Paso.

Rose Quade-Bonar Scholarship Fund

Graduates, don’t let the investment that was made in you stop with you.

Invest in Project ARRIBA—
Invest in someone else’s future!

Go to projectarriba.org and click the DONATE button to “pay-it-forward”.

FALL 2016 GRADS

Licensed Vocational Nurse

Arturo Angeles
Thalia Barboza
Marie Conover
Nancy Garcia
Cynthia Reyes
Elizabeth Reyes
Michelle Rodriguez

Registered Nurse - A.D.N.

Julia Calzadias
Julianita Garcia
Victoria Juarez
Janeth Lopez
Jazmine Marquez
Daniel Parada
Guadalupe Pena
Cynthia Reiser
Jessica Salazar
Cynthia Solis

Respiratory Care Technology

Andrew Avila

Registered Nurse - B.S.N.

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