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**PROGRAM**

*Presentation of Colors and National Anthem*
Bel Air High School Color Guard

*Invocation*
Rabbi Ben Zeidman
Rabbi, Temple Mount Sinai
Board Member, Project ARRIBA

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

*Special Team Member Recognition*
Yvonne Castillo, Program Developer
Recognized by Roman Ortiz
Chief Executive Officer

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

*Participant Voices*
Diana B. Esquivel, Physical Therapy Assistant, EPCC
Introduced by Priscilla Estrada, Case Manager III

Andrea DeMay, Registered Nurse (BSN), UTEP
Introduced by Herminia “Mimi” Duran,
Senior Case Manager

**SPR & SUM 2018**

*Featured Investor*
The County of El Paso

Featured Investor Recognized by Burt Blacksher
Senior Executive VP & CLO, WestStar Bank
Past Chair, Project ARRIBA

*Keynote Speaker*
Vince Perez, County Commissioner
Precinct 3, County of El Paso

Introduced & Recognized by
Justin Chapman, President
Southwest Community Development for
Hunt Companies, Inc.
Chairman, Project ARRIBA

*Presentation of Graduates*
Roman Ortiz,
Chief Executive Officer

Rose Quade–Bonar Scholarship Fund Recipient
Betsabe N. Garcia-Puente,
ESL to Pharmacy Tech, EPCC
Recognized by Roman Ortiz
Chief Executive Officer

*Closing Remarks*
Roman Ortiz, Chief Executive Officer
Keynote Speaker

Vince Perez
County Commissioner, Precinct 3

Vince Perez was elected Commissioner representing the people of Precinct 3. It embodies more than 200,000 residents in El Paso, Socorro, Horizon, San Elizario and the majority of unincorporated communities in El Paso County such as Fabens, Tornillo, Montana Vista, Agua Dulce, Sparks, and several municipal utility districts east of Loop 375.

Vince is an activist for reforming the county's criminal justice system and to reducing high taxpayer costs for jailing low-income, low-risk individuals, and those with mental health conditions in the jail system. Advocating for key reforms to improve accountability in budget management, Vince fights to strengthen transparency and financial oversight over elected and non-elected departments in the County's government. He is passionate about improvements to county parks, public transit, new road, water and waste water infrastructure, and increased access to health care in the most impoverished and fastest growing areas of the County.

Vince successfully passed initiatives to provide new bus services along the historic mission trail, plus secured funding for new National Park Service signs that demarcate the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail, from San Elizario to Anthony, Texas. Prior to public service as Commissioner, Vince served as Communications Director for the 16th Congressional District of Texas in Washington, D.C.

Vince is a proud Bel Air High School graduate. Earning his undergraduate degree from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and his graduate degree in Government from Georgetown University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

He is engaged to his fiancée, Claudia. They will be married in November.
Investor Recognition

About the County of El Paso

The County of El Paso is one of Project ARRIBA’s original funders dating back to 1999 with an initial investment of $250,000. During this time, the County of El Paso has invested $1,925,000 to support workforce and economic development efforts in El Paso for County residents.

This partnership has resulted in a pathway to the middle class for a population typically underrepresented in higher education. Project ARRIBA provides the educational, financial, and social supports system needed to prepare for, access, persist in, and complete a post-secondary education in a demand occupation that pays a family-sustaining, living wage.

To-date, over 1,350 program graduates have attained a higher education and realized economic mobility and self-reliance and are adding $710.2 million dollars in income to the local economy. In addition, graduates are estimated to pay an additional $171.31 million in taxes over the remainder of their work years due to their higher earning potential. For every dollar invested in the program, $24 is returned back to the El Paso community.

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”.

Spring & Summer 2018 Grads

Child Development
Blanca Luna-Hernandez

Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Brian Bolton
Daniel Salcedo

Licensed Vocational Nurse
Maria Arellano
Litely Gamez
Nicolette Gomez
Jaime Gonzalez-Mendoza
Desiree Hernandez
Ana Robles
Teresa Rosas
Alma Soto
Latonia Williams-Lester

Physical Therapy Assistant
Erika Gamboa
Diana Mendoza-Esquivel
Jose Montes

Radiology Technology
Jennifer Amador
Jennifer Gonzalez
Zenia Hernandez

Registered Nurse (ADN)
Sayra Diaz
Jennifer Harmon
Ashly Lopez
Monica Lopez
Marie-Fleurette Mannix
Mercedes Maynes
Isabelle Meijers
Ayla Porras

Registered Nurse (BSN)
Carla Quintana
Melissa Ramirez
Valeria Ramirez
Esther Sanchez
Alicia Thompson
Ramona Weber

Renewable Energy
Braulio Castaneda

Surgical Technology
Stephanie Gomez
Erika Morales