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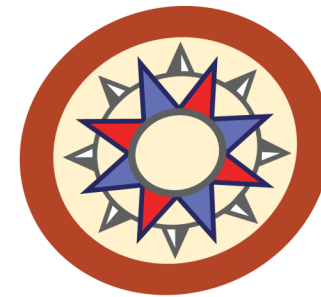
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PROJECT ARRIBA

FALL 2019

38TH GRADUATION
CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 19, 2019

PROGRAM

Presentation of Colors and National Anthem

Eastwood High School Army
JROTC Color Guard

Invocation

Adriana Garcia
Lead Organizer, EPISO & Border Interfaith
Board Advisor, Project ARRIBA

Welcome

Special Guests, Board & Team

Roman Ortiz,
Chief Executive Officer

Special Team Member Recognition

Priscilla Estrada, Senior Case Manager
Recognized by Roman Ortiz
Chief Executive Officer

Roman Ortiz, CEO
Recognized by Burt Blacksher
Treasurer & Past Chair

History of Project ARRIBA and Civic Engagement

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

Participant Voices

Margaret Waithera, Registered Nurse
El Paso Community College
Introduced by Priscilla Estrada,
Senior Case Manager

FALL 2019

Participant Voices

Marion O'Veal-White, Registered Nurse, BSN
The University of Texas at El Paso
Introduced by Mimi Duran,
Senior Case Manager

Keynote Speaker

Rep. Joe Moody
District 78,
Texas House of Representatives

Introduced & Recognized by
Burt Blacksher
Treasurer and Past Chair
Project ARRIBA

Presentation of Graduates

Olivia Lucero,
Director of Accounting

Rose Quade-Bonar Scholarship Fund Recipient

Erica Uratsu,
Registered Nurse BSN, UTEP

Recognized by Olivia Lucero

Closing Remarks

Roman Ortiz,
Chief Executive Officer

INVESTORS 2019

Amazon Smile Program	Hunt Family Foundation	Temple Mount Sinai
		Texas Innovative Adult Career Education Grant Program
Bank of America	JPMorgan Chase Foundation	Texas Workforce Commission Wagner Peysner
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El Paso Electric	Peace Lutheran Church	Wells Fargo Bank
GECU	Robert D. Earp (EPCF)	WestStar Bank
Harold & Diane Zeidman	Rocky Mountain Mortgage	Workforce Solutions Borderplex
HISCO	Stern Foundation (EPCF)	

20th Anniversary Dinner & Fundraiser

Burt Blacksher, Board Member	GECU	Strategic Communications Consulting Group
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Burt Blacksher	Katy Medina	Sherry Robb
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David & Patricia Marquez

Rose Quade-Bonar Scholarship Fund

Nancy Rodriguez, Graduate	Sinai Perez, Graduate	Diana Esquivel, Graduate
	Rev. Dr. Ed Roden-Lucero, Board	

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rep. Joe Moody District 78, TX House of Reps.



Joe Moody represents Texas's District 78, a mixed urban and rural district covering much of northern El Paso County. Joe is Speaker Pro Tempore of the House—the number two job in the chamber—as well as vice chair of the powerful Calendars Committee and a member of the committees on Business and Industry, Redistricting, and Criminal Jurisprudence. He's also co-chair and founder of the bipartisan Criminal Justice Reform Caucus.

Joe is a lifelong El Pasoan who followed the example of public service set by his father, longtime District Judge William Moody, and his mother, El Paso schoolteacher Magdalena Morales-Moody. Joe married Adrienne Riley in 2011, and they have two young sons: William and Preston.

Joe grew up in politics and became actively involved in campaigns at a young age. In 2008, he decided to take on the challenge himself and entered a Texas House race which proved to be one of the most hotly contested statewide. His election at age 27 made him the youngest state representative in Texas.

Although his legislative work has touched on topics from veterans' issues and mental health to education and equality, Joe's passion has been criminal justice. He's devoted attention to rightsizing penalties (especially as an advocate for marijuana decriminalization), opposing capital punishment, preventing wrongful convictions, promoting diversion and reintegration, and improving both access to justice and indigent defense outcomes. Joe has also filled critical gaps in our laws on domestic violence, stalking, human trafficking, and sexual assault.

Joe has previously held the chair of the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee and numerous vice chair appointments, and he's served as general counsel for the House Democratic Caucus. His work has earned him numerous accolades from groups like the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, the Texas District and County Attorneys Association, the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas, the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, and Equality Texas. Texas Monthly named Joe one of the state's best legislators in back-to-back sessions—2017 and 2019—a rare recognition by the magazine.

Outside of the Texas Legislature, Joe is an attorney. He served as a prosecutor for many years at the El Paso County District Attorney's Office before entering private practice; he's a managing partner at Moody & Sahualla in El Paso, a firm focused on criminal defense and criminal appeals and currently Senior Counsel at WestStar Bank.

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FALL 2019 GRADS

Licensed Vocational Nurse

Nancy Devora

Anilu Flores

Anahi Martinez-Soto

Rosa Rivas

Kenya Singleton

Marissa Torres

Jesus Valdez

Registered Nurse

Vanessa Chavez

Ruby Cline

Cassandra Hernandez

Jessica Hernandez

Priscilla Marrufo

Luis Miramontes

Jendy Parchment

Raquel Perez

Leslie Rodriguez

Karisma Salazar

Margaret Waithera

Registered Nurse - B.S.N.

Alexandra Arciniega

Michael Armendariz

Javier Camacho

Marisol Gonzalez

Rebecca L. Gonzalez

Patricia Maese

Marion O'Veal-White

Valarie Reyes McCoy

Bianca Robinson

Andrea Saenz

Melinda Soto

Andrea Varela

Tanya Vazquez

Diesel Mechanic

Alec Muniz

Evan Muniz