



Dr. Ricardo Romo University President

One of the most decorated athletes in San Antonio history, Dr. Ricardo Romo returned to his roots and is making UTSA one of the most highly-regarded universities in the region.

In February 2002, President George W. Bush appointed Romo to serve on the 21-member President's Board of Advisers on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The group advises the President on issues and challenges facing many of the country's historically black institutions of higher education, including an expanding need at all institutions for additional scholarships.

Romo was inducted into the San Antonio Sports Hall of Fame on Oct. 8, 2001 along with former UTSA Athletics Director Rudy Davalos, Robert Quiroga, Charley Parker and Nelson Wolff.

Beginning his eighth year as the President of the University of Texas at San Antonio, Romo has made education a top priority. Under Romo's direction, UTSA ranks fourth nationally among U.S. colleges and universities in the number of bachelor's degrees to Hispanic graduates, according to a survey by *Hispanic Outlook* magazine.

Romo holds a master's degree in history from Loyola Marymount University and a doctorate in history from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).

He began his university teaching career at California State University at Northridge, then taught at UC San Diego. In 1980, Romo returned to his undergraduate institution, the University of Texas at Austin, to teach history. Before he assumed the UTSA presidency, he served as vice provost for undergraduate education at UT.

Romo has earned national respect as an urban historian and is best known for his 1983 book, *East Los Angeles: History of a Barrio*. Now in its eighth printing, the book details the growth of

the largest Mexican-American community in the United States and describes its contribution to Southern California's early 20th-century development.

From 1987-93, Romo directed the Texas office of the Tomas Rivera Center, housed at Trinity University in San



Dr. Romo with Members of the 2001 San Antonio Sports Hall of Fame, from left to right: Robert Quiroga, Rudy Davalos and Nelson Wolff.

Antonio. The Center is a national organization that evaluates the impact of governmental policies on Latinos.

As an athlete, Romo gained fame while competing for San Antonio Fox Tech High School. He won the mile at the University Interscholastic League (UIL) Class 4A state meet as a junior and senior in 1961 and '62. He also won the 1961 UIL Cross Country Championship.

Romo won the mile run at the 1964 and '66 Southwest Conference Track and Field Championships and became the first Texan to run a mile in less than four minutes, clocking a time of 3:58.8 at a meet in Los Angeles. He earned All-America honors in 1966 and finished third in the mile at the NCAA Championships. He also earned a bronze medal in the mile for the U.S. Track & Field Team at the Commonwealth Games.

Romo met his wife, Harriett, when they were students at UT-Austin, where she earned an undergraduate degree in elementary education. She holds a doctorate in sociology and is a UTSA associate professor of sociology.

Their son, Carlos, graduated from Stanford University in 1999 and their daughter, Anadelia, is a doctoral candidate at Harvard University.



President Romo speaking at the 2006 UTSA Sports Banquet



Lynn Hickey UTSA Athletics Director

Lynn Hickey has made student-athlete welfare one of her top priorities as she continues to work to bring the UTSA Athletics Department to the upper echelon of the NCAA Division I standings.

Under Hickey's direction the last seven years, UTSA has claimed two Southland Conference all-sports championships while consistently winning both team and individual awards in all 16 sports sponsored by the university. In fall 2004, the department announced the addition of two new sports, women's golf (began competition in 2005-06) and women's soccer, which begins play this fall.

Hickey has led the charge for UTSA and its hosting of numerous NCAA Championship events. UTSA has served as host institution for the 2001 NCAA Men's Basketball Midwest Regional, the 2002 Women's Final Four, the 2003 Men's Basketball South Regional, the 2004 Men's Final Four, the 2005 Women's Volleyball Championship and the 2006 Women's Basketball South Regional. This year, the university will host the 2007 Men's Basketball South Regional. Future championship events include the 2008 Men's Final Four and the 2010 Women's Final Four. When the calendar is turned to 2010, UTSA will have hosted 11 NCAA Championship events in a 13-year period.

Hickey has been honored nationally for her hard work at UTSA. She was named the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators 2005 Division I-AAA Administrator of the Year. Hickey earned her second national award in June 2006 as the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA)/GeneralSports TURF Systems Division I-AAA West Region AD of the Year (ADOY). She also was selected to and completed the Masters Leadership Program of San Antonio and Bexar County.



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"UTSA is very fortunate to have an athletic leader with both the administrative and coaching experience of Lynn Hickey," UTSA President Dr. Ricardo Romo said. "Lynn not only is a leader who can take our athletic program to the next level, but she is also well respected nationally and serves as an excellent role model for all student-athletes at this university."

In serving as the fourth athletics director in UTSA history, Hickey assumed the lead athletics role at one of the youngest NCAA Division I universities in the country (UTSA began athletic competition in 1981). The only female Division I athletics director that oversees both men's and women's sports in the state of Texas, she served as President of the Southland Conference in 2002-



Lynn with Former San Antonio Mayor Ed Garza (left) and Dr. Ricardo Romo (right)

04 and currently is the SLC's representative to the NCAA Championship/Competition Cabinet.

"It has been an exciting seven years," said Hickey, who served on the Women's Basketball Rules Committee the last four years, the last two as Chair. "We have made some good strides to bring the program to prominence nationally. San Antonio is an outstanding city and is a tremendous asset to the unlimited potential of the UTSA athletics program."

Hickey came to San Antonio from Texas A&M University, where she served as senior associate athletic director/senior woman administrator since 1994. At Texas A&M, her responsibilities included event management and marketing and promotions for 16 of the university's 19 Division I sports. She also represented the Big 12 Conference as a member of the NCAA Championship Cabinet.

From 1984-94, Hickey served as head women's basketball coach for Texas A&M. She directed the 1993-94 Aggies basketball team to the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16, becoming the lowest-seeded team to ever reach that milestone. Texas A&M finished the year ranked No. 19 in the CNN/USA Today Top 25 poll. Following the season, Hickey relinquished her coaching duties to accept the promotion to senior associate athletic director. She finished her coaching career with an overall mark of 279-167 in 15 years of collegiate coaching.

Before her stint at A&M, Hickey was head women's basketball coach at Kansas State University from 1979-84. She averaged more than 23 wins per season in posting a 125-39 (.762) record over five years and led the Wildcats to five consecutive NCAA Tournament berths. She was inducted into the Kansas State Athletics Hall of Fame in September 2004.

A native of Welch, Okla., Hickey graduated summa cum laude from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., with a bachelor's degree in education. She was an All-American for OBU's nationally-ranked basketball team and a member of the USA National Team in 1973. Hickey and her husband, Bill, have one daughter, Lauren Nicole.

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Southland Conference

“The Southland Conference (SLC) serves to unite its members in celebrating academic success, achieving competitive excellence, promoting positive values and developing community relationships within a framework of efficiency, integrity and personal dignity.”

Now in its fourth decade of existence, the Southland Conference was formed on March 15, 1963, when administrators from Abilene Christian College, Arkansas State College, Arlington State College, Lamar State College of Technology and Trinity University met at the Baker Hotel in Dallas.

In its four decades of academic and athletic accomplishments, the SLC has witnessed many changes in college athletics and the league has adjusted and transformed as necessary to continue to achieve at the highest competitive levels.

Current Southland Conference members in Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas include the University of Central Arkansas, Lamar University, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Northwestern State University, Sam Houston State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, Stephen F. Austin State University, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Texas State University, the University of Texas at Arlington, and the University of Texas at San Antonio.

All told, the member institutions of the Southland encompass more than 150,000 current students and an alumni base of close to 700,000. Famous alums from Southland Conference schools include former U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson (Texas State), CBS news anchor Dan Rather (Sam Houston State), U.S. Central Command general Tommy Franks (UT-Arlington), NBA executive Joe Dumars (McNeese State), ABC news and sports anchor Robin Roberts (Southeastern Louisiana), country music star George Strait (Texas State) and actor Lou Diamond Phillips (UT-Arlington).

The cities of the Southland are diverse and dynamic, ranging from international business and cultural centers such as the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex and San Antonio, to the historical cities of Nacogdoches, Texas, and Natchitoches, La., to the home of the modern oil boom, Beaumont, Texas, to the unique Cajun French cultures found in the Louisiana cities of Thibodaux and Lake Charles. Southland Conference institutions also draw large numbers

of students from the metropolitan areas of Houston, New Orleans, Austin and Shreveport.

The Southland sponsors 17 championship sports, all at the NCAA Division I level. The eight men’s sports include baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, tennis and track & field. The women compete for nine championships in basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track & field and volleyball. The conference champion earns automatic qualification to NCAA postseason play in baseball, basketball (men and women), football, golf (men), soccer (women), softball, women’s tennis and volleyball.

The Southland has a proud history in volleyball as UT-Arlington has represented the conference eight times in the NCAA Tournament, advancing all the way to the NCAA Volleyball Final Four in 1989.

The conference has increased sponsorship and championship opportunities for female student-athletes in recent years, adding women’s soccer in 1997 and women’s golf in 2002 as league sports.

The SLC has repeatedly demonstrated its commitment to the academic and athletics success of its student-athletes.

With the F.L. McDonald Postgraduate Scholarship Award, the league annually honors one male and one female scholar-athlete with a stipend for postgraduate study. The Scholar-Athlete Award is given to

each institution’s male and female student-athlete with the highest grade-point average. Also, student-athletes with grade point averages above 3.0 are honored on the conference’s all-academic teams.

In addition to providing expanding opportunities for student-athletes, the Southland Conference and its member institutions are actively involved in various community outreach programs. Many of these programs provide positive life skills training such as academics, citizenship and leadership to school-aged students in local communities.

The Southland Conference has also been active in the NCAA Youth Education through Sports (YES) program and is committed to providing thousands of youngsters the opportunity to receive instruction from Southland student-athletes and coaches in numerous YES clinics.

