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For the past 120 years, El Paso Electric's mission has been to serve our community as a trusted energy provider. Now as we look ahead, we remain committed to being the utility partner that you expect and deserve.

By **building trusted partnerships** with our customers and community we can ensure affordability, reliability, and transparency.

Partnering with local educational institutions help us to **propel the growth of our region** by developing a workforce ready with the skillset for a future economy.

**Leveraging technology** allows us to embrace innovation and modernize our grid to meet the region's energy needs.

Providing green energy options means we can **lead environmental sustainability** and lower our carbon footprint.

**Driving a culture of empowerment** leads to professional growth, diversity, and accountability for our employees.

These are the core tenets that will lead us through the future. This is how we are **transforming the energy landscape**.



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# All About Progress 321

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## Progressing Our Region

Progress321 is a group of purpose-driven professionals dedicated to making the region the best place to live, work, and create. We bring together emerging leaders with established trailblazers and foster meaningful, actionable progress in our area. We are three cities joining forces to promote the progress and synergy of El Paso, TX, Ciudad Juárez, Chih. and Las Cruces, NM. Progress321 is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and supporting organization of the El Paso Community Foundation.

### Progress321 is committed to its mission of:

- *Connecting* visionaries who share a passion for developing the potential of our region
- *Gaining Access* to leaders and innovators who have regional, national, and global influence
- *Empowering* Progressors to make our region the best place to live, work, and create

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# P321 Monthly Programming



### P321 ROULETTES

P321 Roulettes allow our Progressors the opportunity to sit down and share a casual meal with a local trailblazer. Each Lunch Roulette has inspired our members to become agents of action and progress. We appreciate our guests sharing their personal and professional journeys in a small, conversational, and no-pressure setting.



### EXCLUSIVE PANELS

We curate panel discussions to allow you to hear from industry experts and connect on important topics. Industry leaders dig deep into topics driving our region's economic development and quality of life.



### P321 POTPOURRIS

P321 Potpourris are offered exclusively to our members. Take the opportunity to engage with fellow Progressors in a hodgepodge of activities. Registration is always required and space is limited.



### COFFEE CHAT CONNECT

Coffee Chat Connect is open to P321 current members and prospective members. Join us for coffee and to chat all things P321 with P321 staff and Board members.



### POWHER HOUR

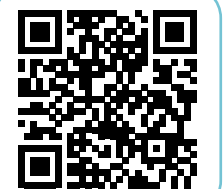
Our newest initiative, PowHER Hour will be launching in Fall 2022! Progressors will get to engage with a female leader in our region over breakfast.

### Progress321 Membership Levels:

- 29 & Under Progressor: \$240 annual contribution
- 30 + Progressor: \$500 annual contribution
- Expat Memberships: \$150 annual contribution
- Corporate Partner (6 annual memberships): \$2,500 annual contribution

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# El Paso Everywhere

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## Dedicated to Celebrating our Community

El Paso Everywhere is a three-day conference whose events are held at significant locations throughout El Paso, Texas, Ciudad Juárez Chihuahua, Mexico, and Las Cruces, New Mexico.

We proudly invite El Pasoans who moved away to come back and experience the people and projects actively transforming our region. Launched in 2019, El Paso Everywhere showcases the unique culture of three states, two countries, and one beautiful region.



SEPTEMBER 2022

# President's Welcome

**Dear Expats, Welcome home!**

It is an honor and pleasure to welcome you to the Progress321 El Paso Everywhere 2022 Class III Expat Connect initiative.

We proudly present this experienced-based weekend with its partners, including our title sponsors, Microsoft and El Paso Electric. Progress321 was founded in 2014 by a group of "purpose-driven professionals" who saw the potential for our city to evolve by harnessing what makes this community unique.

This weekend you will learn detailed perspectives about how our region has developed over the past ten years and where the future is taking us. We hope you are immersed in the inner workings of local revitalization efforts, reconnect with your hometown, are surrounded by fellow former residents, make meaningful connections with your fellow expats and locals, and become inspired to make a difference.

We are fortunate to have such a wonderful and talented group of expats, and your presence shows your commitment to making a difference in our region. It's time to shine and use your talent, knowledge, networks, and adoration to keep up the drive for our magnificent community.



**Gracie Cain Viramontes**  
Progress321 Board President  
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## WHEN PRESENCE MATTERS



# 2022 EPE Chairs & Planning Committee

El Paso Everywhere is brought to you by Progressors. A special thank you to this year's committee members.

### 2022 CHAIRS

- Stephanie Hernandez, Chair**  
Don Jose Mexican Grill, Jofaro LLC
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### 2022 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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# Get the digital skills you need to get back to work



## Helping people impacted by COVID-19 learn the skills for in-demand roles in a more digital economy

**Why digital skills? Why now?**

COVID-19 has created a global economic crisis, forcing tens of millions of people around the world out of work. Some of the jobs lost will not come back, or at least not fast enough to meet demand. Those that do come back will look different, requiring more digital skills as companies race to change the way they work to respond to and recover from the pandemic. Other jobs will become more "tech-enabled," requiring job seekers to have some level of digital fluency to be able to pursue them.

In the post-COVID world, all people—especially those from the hardest hit industries and the most vulnerable communities—will need to learn new skills to rejoin the workforce prepared for technical and tech-enabled roles that will be in even greater demand going forward.

**It's time to accelerate efforts**

Microsoft has been committed to closing the skills gap for decades, but now is the time to accelerate efforts and build partnerships that help job seekers worldwide reskill and rejoin the workforce.

**That's why Microsoft has committed to help 25 million people worldwide who have lost their job due to COVID-19 to reskill for in-demand roles in a more digital economy.**

Together, we can help people who have lost work gain the skills they need to pursue the jobs of today and tomorrow.

**Get started**  
Ready to get back to work? Start your journey at [aka.ms/JobSeeker](https://aka.ms/JobSeeker)



# Bienvenidos a Casa

**Class III, Welcome to the third installment of El Paso Everywhere!**

This annual initiative has grown to be one of our most successful forms of connecting our expats back to the region they've once called home. The excitement to showcase all the incredible things El Paso, Las Cruces and Cd. Juárez have to offer is positively overwhelming. As we all have had to adapt to our new normal atmosphere and ever-changing world, we can confidently say our region has thrived and acclimated to our current standard. The post-pandemic environment we are currently navigating has truly shown the resilience of our home: The Borderplex.

Our local leaders, Progressors, entrepreneurs, and citizens have achieved many accomplishments. To name a few: the opening of El Paso's newest highrise, the WestStar Tower, the Amazon Fulfillment Center on Eastlake Boulevard, Spaceport America, Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine in Las Cruces, and the expansion of TechHUB in Ciudad Juárez.

Our region is at the forefront of innovation and global investment with the City of El Paso and UTEP's latest \$40 million dollar grant for the 250 Acre Advanced Manufacturing District and Microsoft's introduction of the program "TEALS" (Technology Education and Literacy in Schools) making Ciudad Juárez its first city to host the program outside of the U.S. and launching it to the rest of the world. The binational cross pollination of industries in the aerospace, automotive, biomedical, culinary, and computing fields have propelled our region to the forefront of global recognition, accentuating the rich, vast capabilities of our people, our leaders, and our culture.

The air is filled with excitement, passion, and desire to elevate ourselves even further, with an array of projects that are well underway. We hope during your visit, you will hear first-hand of these developments and get to meet some of the people behind them. We are extremely honored to welcome you all back home and cannot wait for you to see what we have in store; Bienvenidos a casa!



*Stephanie Hernandez*  
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# Itinerary

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

915 DAY FESTIVITIES (4:00PM – 9:00PM)

### HAPPY HOUR AT HUSH HUSH

- Guests Check-In 4:00 PM
- Complimentary Cocktails brought to you by Deep Eddy Vodka

Guest Speakers: Johnny Escalante, Co-Founder of J&K, County Commissioner David Stout, and Scott Adkins, Founder of P321 | PyroCom Systems Inc.

4:00 PM – 5:15 PM

### BASEBALL GAME NIGHT AT SOUTHWEST UNIVERSITY PARK

- Complimentary Cocktails brought to you by Cazadores Tequila
- Borderland Land Fiesta Buffet included from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Guest Speaker: Brad Taylor, VP of MountainStar Sports Group

5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

BORDERPLEX DAY: EXPLORING EL PASO TX & CD. JUÁREZ, MX (7:30 AM – 10:00 PM)

### EXPAT REGISTRATION AT EL MIRADOR ROOFTOP AT THE HOTEL PASO DEL NORTE

- Complimentary headshot brought to you by Emajj

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM

### KICKOFF BREAKFAST & EXPAT INTRODUCTION AT EL MIRADOR TERRACE

Guest Speakers: Mike Guerra, Founder of P321 | Guerra Investment Advisors, Kelly Tomblin, CEO of El Paso Electric, and Lisa Sanz EVP-CFO/COO WestStar Bank.

8:00 AM – 9:45 PM

### CD. JUÁREZ TOUR

- Guests Check-In 10:15 AM at the lobby of Paso Del Norte Hotel

Destinations in the Juárez Region include: Paso Del Norte International Bridge, Kentucky Bar, Mission de Guadalupe, Technology HUB, Viva Mexico Restaurant & Cordova International Bridge

Guest Speakers: Omar Saucedo, TechSpark Community Engagement Manager, Adair Margo, Former First Lady of El Paso Texas & Founder of The Tom Lea Institute, Ricardo Mora, CEO of Technology HUB, Jose Mario Sanchez, President of COPARMEX, Hector Gutierrez, President Southwest Maquila, and Veronica Gonzalez, Director of Juárez Resiliente

10:15 AM – 4:15 PM

### BREAK

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM

### EL PASO STREETCAR TOUR

- Guests Check-In 5:45 pm at the lobby of Paso Del Norte Hotel

Guest Speaker: City Representative Peter Svarzbein

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM

### ALFRESCO FIESTA NIGHT AT ARTS FESTIVAL PLAZA

- 2 Cocktails & heavy hors d'oeuvres Included
- Mercadito, live music, 360 PhotoBooth, Don Vicente tequila tasting

Guest Speakers: Mayor Oscar Leeser, County Judge Samaniego, Andrea Hutchins, CEO of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce, and Jose Garcia, President & CEO Destination El Paso

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

### LAS CRUCES TOUR (8:45 AM – 2:15 PM)

### LAS CRUCES TOUR

- Guests Check in at 8:45 AM at the lobby of Hotel Paso Del Norte
- Breakfast Boxes by Don Jose Mexican Grill

Destinations in the Southern New Mexico Region include: Las Cruces City Hall, Arts & Farmers Market, D.H. LesCombes Winery & Bistro, Pecan Grove Highway

Guest Speakers: Mayor Miyagishima of Las Cruces, Eric Montgomery, Regional Director for Governmental Affairs El Paso Electric, and David Lopez, President & CEO Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance

8:45 AM – 2:15 PM

### BREAK

2:15 PM – 5:15 PM

### ONE REGION ONE TABLE: DESERT DIAMONDS AT THE MILLION AIR

- Complimentary Transportation included for Class III Homecoming 2022. Check-In at 5:15 PM at the lobby of Hotel Paso Del Norte

5:15 PM – 12:00 AM

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

FAREWELL ACTIVITIES (9:45 AM – 2:00 PM)

### BEHIND THE SCENES SOUTHWEST UNIVERSITY PARK TOUR

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

- Guests Check in 9:45 AM at the lobby of Hotel Paso Del Norte

### FAREWELL BRUNCH AT DEADBEACH BREWERY

- Guests Check in 11:00 AM at DeadBeach Brewery Patio
- Complimentary TOMA! Red Beer Sponsored by DeadBeach Brewery
- Brunch Buffet & Beer Flight is served at 11:15 AM

Guest Speakers: Gabe Montoya, DeadBeach Master Brewer & Co-Owner, Jason Hunt, Co-Owner DeadBeach Brewery, Elizabeth Triggs, Director of Economic Development for the City of El Paso, and Bob Wingo, President & CEO at Sanders/Wingo

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM



# Industry & Development

## HEALTHCARE

### THE BURRELL COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

The Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine utilizes the latest technologies and learning methods to ensure success in the classroom and future professional practice. Led by highly experienced professionals from osteopathic, allopathic and general higher education, the College is committed to impacting the workforce needs and access to quality medical services in the region. A large network of physicians has been developed for the clinical years of education, with students rotations available throughout New Mexico, Tucson (AZ), El Paso (TX), and Rockledge (FL). ([bcomnm.org](http://bcomnm.org))

### EL PASO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

El Paso opened its first and only not-for-profit dedicated children's hospital in 2012. El Paso Children's Hospital has served over 100,000 unique patients—one in two El Paso children. Specialty care and physician recruitment are on the rise. Children from all over the United States and foreign countries (including and outside of Mexico) now come to El Paso for specialty care.

### THE HOSPITALS OF PROVIDENCE (TENET)

Providence Hospital opened in 1902. At The Hospitals of Providence, they consider themselves part of the fabric of the city. They are 5,300 employees strong partnering with 900+ physicians to move health forward for the entire community. From East, West and Central El Paso to Southern New Mexico and West Texas, they've got the healthcare needs of the entire region well covered. Their area hospitals are regional destinations for high-quality care, with offerings that include world-class surgery, heart care, orthopedics, neurology, pediatrics and women's health, just to name a few.

As part of their focus on quality, The Hospitals of Providence recently launched a significant investment in service line expansions, technological advancements, aesthetic remodeling and online tools to enhance the patient experience. ([thehospitalsofprovidence.com](http://thehospitalsofprovidence.com))

### IMMUNIZE EL PASO

Immunize El Paso is a vital healthcare resource for immunizations serving those who do not have a traditional medical home or are otherwise unable to obtain timely immunization. They operate three brick-&-mortar clinics housing half a dozen immunization outreach teams that canvass West Texas and Southern New Mexico. For over 25 years, Immunize El Paso has worked in partnership with the El Paso Department of Public Health, the Texas Department of State Health Services, various health advocacy groups & area school districts by coordinating immunization projects throughout the borderland. ([immunizeelpaso.org](http://immunizeelpaso.org))

### MEDICAL CENTER OF THE AMERICAS

The Medical Center of the Americas Foundation is tasked with developing a growing hub of innovation for the Paso del Norte region's health care and biomedical industries. They're best known for the 440-acre Medical Center of the Americas campus in the heart of El Paso, Texas, but their reach and partnerships extend across cities, states, and international borders.

The MCA exists to ensure that the health care needs of the Paso del Norte region are met by facilitating the growth of an entire "life sciences ecosystem"—from delivering health care education and training for our region's workforce to commercializing biomedical research and innovations. ([mcamericas.org](http://mcamericas.org))



(Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine: [bcomnm.org](http://bcomnm.org))

### THE PAUL L. FOSTER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER EL PASO

The mission of the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine is to provide exceptional educational and development opportunities for our diverse learning community, advance knowledge through research and innovation, and serve the needs of our border region and beyond. The TTUHSC El Paso PLFSOM received more than 2,500 applications for its charter class. On July 9, 2009, the 40 students chosen from the applicant pool took their place in history. ([El Paso Inc.](http://El Paso Inc.))

### VA CLINIC

Endeavors, a national nonprofit serving people in crisis will build a new Veteran Wellness Center (VWC) and Cohen Veteran Network Military Family Clinic. The nonprofit bought 10 acres of land located at 12135 Pebble Hills Boulevard. The wellness facility is designed to fill the gap in mental health and wellness services for Veterans and their families, regardless of service, discharge status or family relationship. ([kfoxtv.com](http://kfoxtv.com))

### WILLIAM BEAUMONT ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

William Beaumont Army Medical Center is one of America's largest and most complex health care institutions, and the

world's preeminent military health care delivery operation. Their MHS saves lives on the battlefield, combats infectious disease around the world, and cares for 9.5 million beneficiaries in one of the nation's largest health benefit plans. As of July 11, 2021, WBAMC moved into the new facility located at 18511 Highlander Medics St., Fort Bliss, TX 79918. ([elpasoheraldpost.com](http://elpasoheraldpost.com), [kvia.com](http://kvia.com))

### WOODY L. HUNT SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso (TTUHSC El Paso) is the only health sciences center along the U.S.-Mexico border that provides the opportunities and environment for direct intellectual and interpersonal exchanges among nursing, medical and graduate research students on one campus.

It is the fourth university in the Texas Tech University System and is comprised of three schools: the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, the Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing and the L. Frederick Francis Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

Their physicians, clinics and partnering hospitals provide over \$33 million in free health care services to the El Paso community every year. ([elpaso.ttuhs.edu](http://elpaso.ttuhs.edu))

## TRANSPORTATION

### GLIDE

Glide Your City is a locally owned scooter startup which began operations in April 2019 in the Downtown/UTEP area. They have positioned themselves as the “friendly” micro-mobility company, working closely with municipal entities and residents before launching, and incurring extra expenses such as hiring ambassadors to make sure scooters look neat and are put away each night. (KVIA, El Paso Inc.)

### STREETCAR

The El Paso streetcar system links the International Bridges, downtown retail areas, convention center, ballpark, Cincinnati Entertainment District, and the University of Texas at El Paso, among other area attractions. Approximately 4.8 miles of track, 27 streetcar stops, street improvements and a vehicle maintenance and storage facility near the existing Sun Metro Downtown Transfer Center. (crrma.org)



(El Paso Streetcar, @elpasostreetcar)

### SUNCYCLE BIKE SHARE

SunCycle is El Paso’s own B-cycle program, a next generation bike-sharing program. It is a zero-hassle, zero-emissions way to get around town. This program meets the transportation, health, and environmental needs of our communities. (crrma.org)

## TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Below is a short list of El Paso Projects. Before a project is built, a study must be done to determine if it will fill a transportation need, will not negatively impact the surrounding area and fits the department’s overall plan. During the study phase, potential projects are analyzed to determine if they are cost-effective while also efficiently improving mobility. Some of these projects have moved beyond the study phase and are under construction. (txdot.gov)

**Borderland Expressway** – Proposed construction would complete a route around the northeast side of El Paso.

**Downtown 10** – Downtown 10 From Executive Center Boulevard to Loop 478 (Copia Street). The proposed project entails the I-10 reconstruction and widening the existing main lanes, providing continuous frontage roads with pedestrian and bicycle amenities, constructing retaining walls, bridges, and ramps, and reconfiguring cross streets.

**I-10 Connect** – Improve access from I-10 to Loop 375 (Border Highway) and provide access to Bridge of the Americas Port of Entry.

**I-10 from Antonio to Mesa** – Interstate Highway 10 (IH 10) is one of the most important arteries in the region in terms of mobility and movement of freight and international trade. TxDOT proposes to upgrade the roadway to mitigate congestion by improving operations and adding capacity. It will improve operation, circulation and safety.

**Montana Avenue Freeway** – Montana Avenue in East El Paso will become a six-lane freeway with frontage roads in a two- or three-phase project. The entire freeway will eventually run from Yarbrough/Global Reach drives to Zaragoza Road. A portion of the road finally opened to public commuters on March 9th. (elpasocartransport.com)

**Spur 1966** – A new connection between Schuster Avenue on the UTEP campus and Paisano Drive via a bridge over I-10.

**US 67** – Develop a corridor plan for 142 miles of US 67, from I-10 west of Fort Stockton to the Presidio/Ojinaga Port of Entry on the US/Mexico border.



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## MAJOR CONSTRUCTION/ RENOVATION

(Select Projects)

### AMAZON FULFILLMENT CENTER

Amazon's huge, El Paso distribution center is even larger than the company previously reported. The five-story fulfillment center, where hundreds of workers fill orders for Amazon.com customers, has 2.6 million square feet of space, not 625,000 square feet as Amazon officials previously reported.

That makes it the largest industrial building in the El Paso area. It's one of the largest Amazon fulfillment centers in the United States, said Daniel Martin, an Amazon spokesperson. The facility, opened in late 2021, is located at 12101 Emerald Pass Drive, near Eastlake Boulevard and Interstate 10, in a booming area of far East El Paso County. (elpasotimes.com)

### ASCARATE PARK

#### Healing Garden Memorial

Twenty-three names etched in bronze are now an enduring part of the history of El Paso. Struck down two years ago by a racist gunman with an AK-47, these fallen El Pasoans on Tuesday, Aug. 3 2021 were memorialized at Ascarate Park as a testament to the strength of their spirit, their families and of their hometown. The Healing Garden will act as a beacon of El Paso's culture, strength, and unity that cannot be weakened by hate, El Paso county officials said during the unveiling and dedication ceremony. (elpasoinc.com)

#### Moms On Board (MOB) All-Inclusive Park

After working successfully with City Council, MOB turned its efforts towards a partnership with the County to bring an All-Inclusive Park to Ascarate Park. County leaders approved the project and the building of two additional all-inclusive playgrounds at Gallegos Park and Risinger Park. MOB has completed its fundraising, and the County is in the process of completing the three all-abilities playground construction. The ultimate goal is to make Ascarate Park a destination park for the El Paso region. MOB plans to continue working with the County on other additions for Ascarate Park! (mobep.org)

### BLUE FLAME BUILDING

In July 2021, the blue flame atop the former El Paso Natural Gas building in downtown El Paso was shining bright once again. It was a \$36 million project to completely redevelop the iconic 18-story building that first opened in 1954. The building was converted from office space into a mixed-use development that features 120 affordable apartments. The refurbishing project used both tax incentives for historically designated buildings and affordable-housing tax credits, together with private financing. (kvia.com)

### HOTEL PASO DEL NORTE

The 351-room, Marriott Autograph Collection hotel officially re opened in October 2020. The hotel features the elegant Dome Bar, with its 25-foot-wide, 107-year-old, stained-glass dome, a rooftop pool and bar on its 10th floor, the Sabor Mexican restaurant, the 1700° Steak House, and Dulce bakery cafe, according to a hotel press release. It has 33,000 square feet of ballrooms and other meeting spaces. (elpasotimes.com)

### HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

As a High Performing public housing authority (PHA) that assists more than 40,000 El Pasoans, Housing Opportunity Management Enterprises (HOME) has become the 14th largest PHA in the United States and the largest in the State of Texas. Our annual operating budget of \$91 million provides 6,100 public housing units, 495 Section 8 New Construction units, 1,288 tax credit and non-subsidized units, and 5,600 Housing Choice Vouchers (rental assistance to private owners). (ephome.org)

### LA NUBE

La Nube, opening 2023, will be a space where imagination, like the clouds above, can take any shape. El Paso's new hands-on center of imagination, exploration, and creativity was designed for children and adults to embrace their natural curiosity and learn through play. With nine themed learning experiences spread across four stories and 70,000 square feet of space, there are endless opportunities for you to discover something new. Plan your visit and spark your imagination. Opening early 2023. (la-nube.org)

### LOLA ROSE

Coming Soon to West El Paso! An Immersive restaurant/lounge experience nestled in the Cimarron Hills of El Paso, featuring a vibrant modern menu, cocktails, and late night vibes. Follow lolarose\_ep on Instagram for updates.

### MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

Approximately 72% of El Paso voters approved the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) as one of three Signature Projects of the 2012 Quality of Life Bond. The Mexican American Cultural Center will provide residents and visitors with a dynamic space for the creation, exhibition and celebration of Mexican American art and culture. The MACC will be co-located at the El Paso Main Library in the heart of the El Paso Downtown Arts District and in close proximity to existing tourist and cultural amenities. (elpasotexas.gov)



(MACC rendering, exigoarch.com)

### THE PLAZA HOTEL PIONEER PARK

The Plaza Hotel Pioneer Park, El Paso's iconic 130-room hotel located in the heart of Downtown El Paso announced the formal completion of its property-wide transformation in June 2020. The hotel features 130 rooms, a stunning ballroom, several high-end restaurants, and a rooftop bar and restaurant. (hospitalitynet.org.)

### STARLIGHT EVENT CENTER

Education Service Center Region-19's new Starlight Event Center in east El Paso was completed in January 2022 after 2 years of construction. The Starlight Event Center will mainly be used for educational training, but

the space will be rented out to the public. The six-story building is located along Airway Blvd. and Boeing Dr. near the El Paso International Airport. ([kfoxtv.com](http://kfoxtv.com))

### WESTSTAR TOWER AT HUNT PLAZA

WestStar Tower at Hunt Plaza is the first commercial tower to be built in downtown El Paso in 40 years. Rising to 313 feet, it culminates in a “crest,” a unique architectural feature that expresses the optimism and spirit of El Paso and is reflective of our community’s diverse culture. On the ground level, the outdoor Hunt Plaza will feature a beautifully landscaped green space with outdoor seating and dining in a park-like atmosphere, which will also serve as a venue for community events.

([weststartower.com](http://weststartower.com))

## QUALITY OF LIFE

### EL PASO CHIHUAHUAS

The El Paso Chihuahuas are a Minor League Baseball team of the Triple-A West and the Triple-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres. The Chihuahuas play their home games at Southwest University Park, which opened in 2014. They played in the Pacific Coast League (PCL) until the 2021 restructuring of the minor leagues when they shifted to the Triple-A West. The Chihuahuas won the PCL championship in 2016 and Southwest University was named Baseballparks.com Ballpark of the Year for 2014 and best new ballpark by Ballpark Digest.

### EL PASO LOCOMOTIVE FC

The journey of professional soccer to El Paso started almost twenty years ago. El Paso Locomotive FC is an American professional soccer team. Founded in 2018, the team made its debut in the USL Championship in 2019. Since beginning play in March of 2019, the team has seen great success, reaching the Western Conference Finals in its first two seasons. Locomotive FC plays at Southwest University Park in the heart of downtown El Paso. The USL Championship and El Paso are a perfect fit. The El Paso Locomotive FC will continue to bring people Downtown, and will add to the vibrancy and Downtown revitalization that started with a plan – nearly twenty years ago. ([eplocomotivefc.com](http://eplocomotivefc.com))

### EL PASO MUNICIPAL ROSE GARDEN

On display at the more than four-acre El Paso Municipal Rose Garden are approximately 1,200 rose bushes with over 300 different rose varieties. The first 200 roses were planted in April 1958 by the City of El Paso and the El Paso Rose Society. The Rose Garden opened to the public in May 1959. ([txmg.org](http://txmg.org))

### EL PASO RHINOS

The El Paso Rhinos are a junior ice hockey organization based in El Paso, Texas. Their home games are played at the County Events Center located within the El Paso County Coliseum complex. The Rhinos are members of the South Division of the Tier III junior North American 3 Hockey League. In 2020, El Paso Rhinos won the Kraft Heinz Hockeyville USA contest and will get \$150,000 for stadium renovations and host an NHL preseason game. ([elpasorhinos.com](http://elpasorhinos.com))



(Lost Kingdom Water Park, @EPWaterParks)

### EL PASO WATER PARKS

Introducing Oasis, Camp Cohen, Lost Kingdom, and Chapoteo! Each site is a one-of-a-kind aquatics destination featuring unique themes mixed with spiraling water slides, coasting lazy river current channels, spectacular kiddie playgrounds, refreshing leisure pools, climbing walls, lounge chairs, relaxing private cabanas and much more. Designed with heated pools, spacious plazas, and sound and lighting systems these public spaces are the place for summer fun and year-round celebrations. ([epwaterparks.com](http://epwaterparks.com))

### EL PASO ZOO

Locally recognized as the Best Place to Take the Kiddos, the El Paso Zoo sits on 35 acres of fun and adventure. Bigger and better than ever, the El Paso Zoo is an expansive green space that is home to exotic animals from around the world and features family attractions such as the African Star Train and the Hunt Family Desert Spring water feature and the Foster Tree House Playground. Accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA), the El Paso Zoo celebrates the value of animals and natural resources and creates opportunities for people to rediscover their connection to nature. ([elpasozoo.org](http://elpasozoo.org), [visitelpaso.com](http://visitelpaso.com))

### FARMERS MARKETS

The region is known for friendly markets full of local food trucks, artisans, and farmers – Upper Valley Artist and Farmers Market, Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, El Paso Downtown Artist & Farmers Market, and Country Club Farmers Market to name a few.

### FUTBOL CLUB JUÁREZ

FC Juárez is a professional soccer team that competes in Liga, MX. The team was founded in 2015 by a bi-national group of six families, two from the border city of El Paso, Texas and four from Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, making it one of the few clubs with foreign investors in Mexican football and marking the return of professional sports to Ciudad Juárez for the first time since 2012.

### HIKING

El Paso has become the undisputed mecca for some of the regions best mountain bike trails by virtue of its rocky terrain, views that go on for days and trails that range from beginner to advanced and suit all riding abilities. ([visitelpaso.com](http://visitelpaso.com))

#### To name a few:

- Franklin Mountain State Park
- Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site
- Rio Bosque Wetlands Park
- Chuck Heinrich Memorial Park
- Lost Dog Trails
- McKelligon Canyon
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## **KEYSTONE HERITAGE PARK AND DESERT BOTANICAL GARDENS**

Keystone Heritage Park and the El Paso Desert Botanical Gardens is an archaeological site, an archaic wetlands and a botanical garden. The 52-acre park in El Paso's Upper Valley is a City-owned property leased to a volunteer Board of Directors who are charged with preserving and developing the Park.

Keystone Wetlands is home to many species of birds and is a stop on a migratory route for even more. Over 206 species of birds have been spotted there, including 22 species considered rare by the Audubon Society. These archaic wetlands, protected by Federal Law, depict the wetlands/Bosque that once lined the Rio Grande. ([keystoneheritagepark.com](http://keystoneheritagepark.com))

## **ARTS AND CULTURE**

*(Select Projects)*

### **ARTS FESTIVAL PLAZA**

Arts Festival Plaza – located between the El Paso Museum of Art and the Plaza Theatre – is home to some of Downtown's most popular events. It has also been used as a music venue for the annual Downtown Street Festival, an outdoor movie theater for films during the Plaza Classic Film Festival and for public art gatherings. The area also features a man-made waterfall, lush trees and greenery. ([ktsm.com](http://ktsm.com))

### **CASA ORTIZ**

Casa Ortiz, located on the El Paso Camino Real, opened to the public earlier this year and has served as an art gallery/gift shop that showcases various artists' work in the Socorro and El Paso area. Since its opening, the gallery has hosted many shows and even art markets that feature local vendors as well. ([ktsm.com](http://ktsm.com))

### **EL PASO MATTERS**

El Paso Matters is a member-supported nonpartisan media organization that uses journalism to expand civic capacity in our region. We inform and engage with people in El Paso, Ciudad Juárez and neighboring communities to create solutions-driven conversations about complex

issues shaping our region. Founded in 2019 by journalist Robert Moore, El Paso Matters focuses on in-depth and investigative reporting about El Paso and the Paso del Norte region. ([elpasomatters.org](http://elpasomatters.org))

### **EL PASO MUSEUMS**

El Paso offers a variety of museums and cultural centers for you to visit, including:

- El Paso Holocaust Museum & Study Center
- El Paso Museum of Archaeology Wilderness Park
- El Paso Museum of Art
- El Paso Museum of History
- Fort Bliss & Old Ironside Museum
- International Museum of Art
- Los Portales Museum and Information Center
- National Border Patrol Museum
- Tigua Indian Cultural Center
- War Eagles Air Museum

### **EL PASO OPERA**

El Paso Opera began in 1992 as Opera a la Carte offering excerpts of classical opera. After overwhelming support indicated a desire for fully-staged, complete operatic productions, the organization expanded into a full company in 1994. El Paso Opera is proud to be known as the first opera company in the United States to display dual supertitle translations in both English and Spanish. ([epopera.org.org](http://epopera.org.org))

### **EL PASO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

The mission of the El Paso Symphony Orchestra Association is to assure that superior concert music is made available to entertain and educate the multicultural community of the greater El Paso region. The El Paso Symphony is the largest arts employer in the region. Over 200 people work to produce each concert, of which 80 are musicians that are employed year round from all over the region. ([epsa.org](http://epsa.org))

### **GALERÍA LINCOLN**

In the city's heart stands a hidden gem, a small white house full of color. Galería Lincoln is located at 3915 Rosa Ave. next to Lincoln Park and the freeway pillar murals Galería Lincoln was first established in early 2020 by



*(Plaza Theatre: El Paso Live)*

Tino Ortega and former business partner Diego Martinez. The gallery was created to highlight the area's art and culture and showcase other local artists.

"The gallery started as a passion project. I always had the idea of opening a gallery, and the location was always key to me," said Ortega the owner and founder of Galería Lincoln. "I consider this area to be the heart's district because it is in the heart of the city; it's the main artery for all car travel in the city. I never saw myself as someone who could produce enough artwork to fill an entire gallery. I knew I wanted to highlight other people in the community and the art that they produce and to bring emphasis to the large artist community that El Paso has." ([theprospectordaily.com](http://theprospectordaily.com))

### **MCAD**

The Museum and Cultural Affairs Division is tasked to assist in developing a world-class arts community in El Paso, Texas. To accomplish this, the department established the Museums Division and the Cultural Affairs Division. The Museums Division is comprised of the El Paso Museum of Art, the El Paso Museum of Archaeology and the El Paso Museum of History, each dedicated to providing exhibitions and educational activities that recognize the

region's multi-cultural heritage. ([epmcaad.org](http://epmcaad.org))

### **PLAZA THEATRE**

As a National Historic Building of Significance, built in 1930 and restored to its original atmospheric theater splendor in 2006, the Plaza Theatre Performing Arts Center is conveniently located in downtown.

In addition to the 2,050-seat Kendall Kidd Performance Hall, the Plaza Theatre features the 200-seat Philanthropy Theatre and the Alcantar Sky Garden, a delightful rental venue for private receptions, business parties and family gathering. ([elpasolive.com](http://elpasolive.com))

### **RODERICK ARTSPACE LOFTS**

In partnership with the El Paso Community Foundation and the City of El Paso, Artspace transformed a vacant lot downtown into an arts destination animated by artists and creative businesses, helping to rejuvenate a challenged neighborhood. This beautiful new building blends 51 affordable live/work units for artists and their families with 5,000 square feet of multi-purpose nonprofit commercial space and a large community room. ([artspace.org](http://artspace.org))

## TOM LEA INSTITUTE

Founded in 2009 by Adair Margo, the Tom Lea Institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to documenting, presenting, teaching, and exhibiting the works of Tom Lea. Through its digital library, curricula, public programs, exhibitions, and publications, the Institute reaches audiences of all ages and encourages the exploration of regional art, history and culture. *(Tom Lea Institute)*

## INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

*(Select Organizations and Projects)*

### ARROWHEAD CENTER, NMSU

Arrowhead Center's services cover the spectrum of entrepreneurial learning, business creation and growth, and on-campus intellectual property issues. Arrowhead provides consulting and programs to help innovators and entrepreneurs at all stages of development—from funding to manufacturing.

### FAB LAB

Fab Lab was in 2013. Located in the international metropolitan area of Paso del Norte, Fab Lab El Paso provides community access to digital fabrication tools and resources for skillset learning, workforce training, creative collaboration, prototype development, and product manufacture. Fab Lab El Paso is the first in the western Texas region of the United States. It is an entirely grassroots organization and has grown organically from support from the community. *(fablabelpaso.org)*

### MIRO CSETR TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND INNOVATION ACCELERATION PARK (TRIAC)

UTEP and The County of El Paso collaborated to launch the MIRO cSETR Technology Research and Innovation Acceleration Park (tRIAC) in Fabens, Texas, adjacent to the existing Fabens Airport. The partnership is focused on increasing regional economic prosperity via the new facility, where academic talents from UTEP will meet industry leaders who have been brought to the location to work on tomorrow's innovations and create new jobs for the area to improve the economy of Fabens and El Paso County as a whole. *(UTEP)*

## PIONEERS 21

Pioneers 21 is a non-profit organization and business incubator based in Downtown El Paso, Texas. It is one of the first and longest running incubators in the region. Founded in 2011, they have been an active participant of the development of El Paso's emerging innovation economy. Their mission is to unleash the creative and economic potential of El Paso and the U.S.-Mexico Border. *(pioneers21.org)*



*(Spaceport America, @spaceportNM)*

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Some of the most respected companies in the commercial space industry are tenants at Spaceport America: Virgin Galactic, HAPS Mobile/ AeroVironment, UP Aerospace, and SpinLaunch. With customers. Boeing, EXOS Aerospace and Swift Engineering regularly using the complex for testing and launches. *(spaceportamerica.com)*

### UTEP W.M. KECK CENTER FOR 3D INNOVATION

Headquartered at the University of Texas at El Paso, the Keck Center is a lab like no other in the world. The Keck Center features a unique blend of equipment and facilities to perform fundamental and applied research allowing for trailblazing discoveries to be made in

limitless arenas of science, including electronics fabrication, materials science, biology, chemistry and many more. The 13,000 square foot, state-of-the-art-on-campus facility houses more than 65 additive manufacturing machines and the second off-campus facility has an additional 17,000 square feet for research, training and economic development. *(UTEP)*

## MILITARY

Fort Bliss is home to the 1st Armored Division, which returned to US soil in 2011, after 40 years in Germany. Fort Bliss is comprised of approximately 1.12 million acres of land in Texas and New Mexico. Fort Bliss trained thousands of U.S. Soldiers during the Cold War. As the United States gradually came to master the art of building and operating missiles, Fort Bliss became more and more important to the country, and expanded accordingly. Fort Bliss is positioned with the best air, land and space capabilities, unmatched even by national training centers. Fort Bliss is the home of over 34,000 installation soldiers and was designed as the model army base for amenities for our soldiers and their family members. Fort bliss being is in the heart of El Paso where our members live, work, gain education and enjoy amenities within the city.

- Largest forces command installation in the army at 1.2 million acres
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**ALEXANDRIA TELLEZ**  
Travel Registered Nurse

Alexandria Tellez is a travel Nurse and married mother of two beautiful teenagers. She has been traveling for two years now and is excited to see where the wind takes her for her next assignment. She would love if she could land a job back in El Paso to be closer to family. Nonetheless, she is excited to come back and meet others who've left home and is eager to see what the El Paso region has transformed into. She is also excited to experience some good ol' Mexican food from home!

*Current City: Shreveport, LA*



**ANDRÉ NATERA**  
Culinary Program Director & Mentor,  
Chef's PSA

With a 27-year culinary career, André Natera has cooked with Michelin-

starred chefs and received numerous awards from Dallas and Austin media. Most recently, the Culinary Director and Executive Chef of Forbes Travel Guide's largest four-star hotel in the world, Fairmont Austin, where he oversaw the culinary program including the four-star restaurant Garrison. He now devotes himself to mentoring the next generation of culinary leaders through his work with Chef's PSA. André makes his expertise accessible through the popular podcast Chef's PSA and was previously the host of "Run the Pass" and the online class "Leading Like an Executive Chef.". His new book Chef's PSA: How Not to Be the Biggest Idiot in the Kitchen is designed to be comical yet helpful for new people in the kitchen who may not know the ins and outs just yet. Natera has worked with and been a member of prestigious organizations such as The James Beard Foundation, mentor BKB, Texas Food and Wine Alliance, and the Epicurean World Master Chef Society.

*Current City: Austin, TX*



**BRANDON IVAN PEÑA**  
CEO & Founder, 787 Coffee  
& brandON Media

Brandon is the CEO of 787 Coffee & brandON Media and is also a

Contributor to the Entrepreneur Leadership Network, Member of the Forbes Business Council, Inc. Master, and a best selling Author. He is a pioneer in social media marketing and is listed by Forbes as one of "Top 100 Upstart Entrepreneurs", by Inc. Magazine as one of the "Fastest Growing Companies in America", by Yahoo Finance as one of the "Top 10 Entrepreneurs, and by FT - Financial Times as the top 2 growing companies in the Food and beverage Industry. Proudly born and raised in the border town of El Paso TX & Ciudad Juárez, Chih.

*Current City: New York, NY*



**CLAUDIA VILLA**  
Attorney/Owner, Villa Law Firm

A daughter of immigrants, Claudia was born and raised in El Paso, TX - a place she will always call home. Her family's sacrifices and her hard work helped her achieve her American Dream as she became the first in her family to attend college at The University of Texas at Austin, earning a business degree, followed by law school at South Texas College of Law Houston. Understanding the sacrifices and hardship of immigrant families set

her ultimate professional course. She now works to assist other immigrants in becoming permanent legal residents and US citizens so they too may achieve their American Dream. A true Texan at heart, Claudia loves barbeques, watching Longhorn football, and coming back to El Paso with her husband and their three daughters to visit family.

*Current City: Highlands Ranch, CO*



**DIANA BRUCE**  
CEO & Founder,  
Diana Bruce & Associates LLC

Diana leads her own consulting practice where she develops and delivers empathy based, student-centered policy development and training to schools and organizations. Raised on the U.S./Mexico border, Diana stayed home for college, earning a Bachelor's in Journalism from the University of Texas at El Paso. Diana holds a Master of Public Policy and Administration, with a concentration in Gender and Public Policy, from Columbia University. When not advising schools and organizations, Diana teaches yoga from an equity framework and serves on the Boards of Directors of Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington and the Stonewall National Museum and Archives.

*Current City: Washington, D.C.*



**JANETTE BILANCIERI**  
Owner, Walking Paws Colorado

Janette was born and raised in El Paso, Texas. She moved to Denver Colorado in 2009, where she worked for JP Morgan Chase in the Private Bank sector for 10 years. After working in corporate america for so long, she decided to venture out and follow her passion for animals. She decided to purchase a struggling Doggy Daycare and Dog walking business in 2019. Within the first year Janette was able to turn it into a profitable business, growing the business by 20%. She truly believes that there is a huge market for reliable pet care and is always looking for opportunities to help in the pet care industry.

*Current City: Denver, CO*



**JESSICA BUENO**  
Vice-President, Governing Board  
Member, Phoenix Elementary School  
District #1

Jessica Bueno is a Phoenix community leader working towards strengthening the institutes that make a vibrant and healthy community livable. She is passionate about small business, public education, and community development. In her current role, she helps build resident leadership

capacity in low-income neighborhoods, engages residents to provide input in community development projects and establish neighborhood groups or associations. Jessica currently enjoys serving her community in numerous local leadership capacities.

*Current City: Phoenix, AZ*



**JUAN CARLOS LÓPEZ**  
Senior Program Manager,  
Azure Space | Microsoft

Juan Carlos López is a Senior Program Manager at Azure Space, Microsoft's newest team serving the space industry. In this role, he manages the development of innovative products and services merging Cloud, Artificial Intelligence, and space technologies. Previously, Juan Carlos worked as a Commercial Portfolio Manager for the International Space Station and Aerospace Engineer at NASA for nearly 10 years and served as President of NASA's Hispanic Employee Resource Group. He was selected to participate in NASA FIRST, a highly competitive leadership development program at NASA. Through his roles, he supported all of NASA's human spaceflight programs. Juan Carlos holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from The University of Texas at El Paso (graduating as a UTEP Top Ten Senior) and an MS and MBA from the Harvard Business School.

*Current City: Arlington, VA*



**LAURA PALACIOS**

Content Marketing Specialist, The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

Laura Palacios is known for her spirited energy and compelling ideas. Laura has had diverse industry experience in corporate, nonprofit, labor, entrepreneurship, and philanthropy. Laura has a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership (MSOL) with an emphasis on change management from Quinnipiac University. She earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science at the University of Houston. A bilingual leader, Laura was trained in

board governance and has served as president and executive member of various organizations. She is driven and leads from a philanthropic spirit.

*Current City: Kansas City, MO*



**MEGAN POWE**

Chief Strategy Officer, Carondelet Health Network

Megan Powe serves as the Market Chief Strategy Officer for Carondelet Health Network in Tucson, Arizona. In this role, Megan is responsible for strategic planning, service line development,

physician recruitment, marketing, and physician relations for three acute care hospitals, one micro hospital, and one freestanding emergency room. Prior to joining Carondelet, she most recently served as chief strategy officer for The Hospitals of Providence Sierra Campus in El Paso, Texas. Megan successfully led the strategic development and growth of key service lines resulting in expanded services, certifications, and performance in Cardiology, Orthopedics, Inpatient Rehabilitation, and Neurosciences. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Spring Hill College and a Master of Science in Health Care Administration from Trinity University.

*Current City: Tucson, AZ*



**MICHAEL GROTE**

Director, Alembic Community Development | New Orleans LA

Mike is an accidental real estate developer and architect in New Orleans, focusing on unique community development projects in the city and regionally. Working on the Gulf Coast since the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina profoundly affected his values and outlook, what he wants to do with his work in community development, and the importance being useful to those in need. Mike previously worked for Mississippi State University's Gulf Coast Community Design Studio and an international NGO. Mike has been an adjunct lecturer for Mississippi State University and Tulane University and holds a MS-Building Construction Management with a minor in Community Planning from Auburn University and a Bachelors of Architecture from the University of Houston. He loves to spend time with his wife Kathy and daughter Luz, and misses El Paso food greatly.

*Current City: New Orleans, LA*



**MIGUEL GAMIÑO JR.**

Chief Experience Officer & Founding Partner, Simplicity

- Startup, Web3, NFT & Crypto Projects Founder, Investor & Advisor
- Past: Global EVP, Mastercard, CTO of New York City, CIO of San Francisco & El Paso, Tech Founder. UTEP COBA '99 & 2017 Gold Nugget. Sneakerhead.

*Current City: The Hills, TX*



**OSCAR CARILLO**

Director, Community Assistance Research Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Oscar Carrillo is a native El Pasoan who graduated from Ysleta High School in 1987. He has worked at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. for 24 years and has a wealth of experience managing high profile portfolios. He worked at the U.S. Department of State, in the Office of Foreign Assistance, managing multi-million dollars in U.S. foreign assistance to African countries. Oscar is proud of his bi-cultural Mexican American heritage. He is a graduate of Loyola University in New Orleans and has a master's degree in Public Affairs from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs in Austin, Texas; his thesis is on Managing Scarce Water Resource in the El Paso del Norte Region.

*Current City: Silver Spring, MD*



**PRISCILLA ARMSTRONG**

Lending Assistant, Planes Capital Bank

Priscilla Armstrong has worked in the banking industry for over 14 years. She is currently a Lending Assistant with Plains Capital in Dallas, Texas. She previously worked at Wells Fargo and WestStar Bank in El Paso, Lonestar Bank in Brownsville, and Chase Bank in Chicago.

*Current City: Plano, TX*



**RICH SAPIEN**

Founder & Principal Attorney, Sapien Esq.

Rich Sapien is the founder of a boutique corporate law firm that represents tech startups and venture investors. His firm represents clients of all sizes—from first-time founders with nothing but an idea to Unicorn companies earning millions in revenue. Rich's interest in tech budded in his birth town of San Diego, California, where he was surprised to learn he enjoyed building the website for his skateboard crew as much as he enjoyed skating. After graduating from the UTEP College of Business, he moved to Silicon Valley to attend Stanford Law. He loved the energy and ambition of the people

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he met and so he dedicated his legal practice to helping entrepreneurs and those who take bets on them. Rich now lives in San Diego but visits El Paso often for his family, friends and favorite food. When he's not knee-deep in contracts, he enjoys cruising to the beach or through the iconic Chicano Park.

*Current City: San Deigo, CA*



**RICO TORRES**

**Chef/Owner, Mixtli  
Founder, El Paso FamilyMEAL**

For El Paso native Rico Torres, there was hardly any question that food was going to play a pivotal role in his life. In 2011 Rico met his now business partner, Diego Galicia. Diego and Rico opened Mixtli, a 12-seat tasting menu restaurant, in a renovated box car in 2013. The restaurant focuses on Mexican Torres and Galicia were named "2017 Food and Wine Best New Chefs" followed by a 2018 and 2022 nod as James Beard semi-finalists for best chefs and best restaurant. Mixtli has received constant local and national recognition since opening. In 2019 Rico gathered other El Paso native chefs to create FAMILY MEAL, now its 4th year, the collaborative dinner raises charitable donations for migrant families on the border.

*Current City: San Antonio, TX*



**RODOLFO RODRIGUEZ**

**Founder & Principal, The Policy Gap**

As Founder and Principal of The Policy Gap, Rodríguez, partners with local public officials and communities across the U.S. to dismantle affordability crises such as housing, healthcare, education, and economy. For restoration, he enjoys traveling the world and visiting national parks with his four dogs.

*Current City: Los Angeles, CA*



**VICTOR SIDDARTHA CADENA**

**Executive Chef**

Victor Siddartha Cadena was Born and raised in El Paso Texas. Like many others in the border, he spent most of his childhood going back and forth between Juárez and El Paso. As a teenager he started going back and forth between land masses, from Europe, to Canada, to all over Mexico and South America. The last decade Sidd has been focusing on Asia, opening some of the most prestigious venues in China, Japan, South Korea, and Thailand. As well as working with some of the most respected Chefs all over Europe, the Middle East and Asia. With over 20

years in F&B experience, Sidd is sure to take any venue to the next level.

*Current City: Japan*

**2022 RETURNING EXPAT ALUMNI**



**ALEJANDRO MUÑOZ MENDIETA**

**CFO, Higo/Sammy**

Alejandro is an experienced Executive and is currently the CFO of Higo/Sammy, a venture-backed start-up focused on payments services for freelancers around the globe and SMBs in Mexico. His previous roles include being Deputy Strategy Director at Grupo Mexico Transportes, Sr. Strategy Associate at Bloomberg L.P., and Analyst in JP Morgan's Investment Bank. Alejandro holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and a BBA in Fin/Acct from UTEP.

*Current City: Mexico City, MX*



**ALEX FRANCO**

**On-Air Talent, Mix 94.7 Austin**

Alex Franco was born in Miami, Florida (he lived there for 2 minutes)

and raised in El Paso, Texas. Alex is the proud husband to his wife Andria and father of their two kids Jacob and Alexandria. In 2014 a new morning show started on MIX 947 in Austin Texas, it was Booker, Alex and Sara in the Morning. Now into their 9th year of waking up Austin, they are consistently ranked #1 in the ratings and have been honored with numerous awards including winning "Radio On-Air Personality of the Year" in 2015, 2017, 2020, 2021 and again in 2022. One award very near and dear to Alex's heart is being honored as a 2019 Trailblazer by the El Paso in Austin Network. As of January 2022 he is a board member for the El Paso in Austin group.

*Current City: Austin, TX*



**JENNIFER SANCHEZ**

**Arizona Community Affairs Manager, Intel**

El Paso made her the Chingona she is. Jennifer W. Sanchez loves life. She is a problem solver, strategic disrupter, storyteller, connector and guru in corporate social responsibility, policy and communications. As Arizona community affairs manager for Intel's Global Public Affairs and Sustainability team, Sanchez leads neighbor relations as the company invests \$20 billion in building two new factories in the state. She also owns Intel Arizona's PreK-12 School to STEAM Pipeline strategy and partnerships. Sanchez received a Bachelor of Journalism and Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Austin and earned a Master's of Public Administration from the University of Utah. She also received a Certificate in

Public and Nonprofit Leadership from Georgetown University. She loves living outside of her comfort zones, traveling, the outdoors, mentoring, dancing and the theater.

*Current City: Chandler, AZ*



**JIMMY BALDWIN**

**Group Creative Director at TRG | Singer/Songwriter | Artist/Writer | Director | Creative Instigator**

Jimmy Baldwin is a creative instigator. His latest creative endeavor, The Espiritu Bridge, is a monumental tribute to the "Todos Together" spirit of the people of El Paso and Juárez. This bridge made of light beams connects both sides of the Rio Grande. Baldwin's a brand creative director with a proven history of building brands. He helped turn Motel 6 into an iconic brand with Tom Bodett. AdAge listed the campaign as one of the best, ever. Corona beer was another client he worked his creative magic on. He and his team's sun-soaked beach campaign made Corona the #1 import, beating out Heineken. Along with a successful advertising career, Jimmy, aka The Vivador, has carved out a music career.

The Vivador's music is rooted in the sounds he grew up with in El Paso. Rock, Country, Tejano, and Folk. His genre bending music is hard to pigeon-hole, but whatever it's called it's rooted in storytelling. Jimmy has had a top-40 Americana record and three first round Grammy nominations and one of his songs, "Peace, Love, and Chicken Fried Steak" cemented him as a part of Texas history. Baldwin's

creative work has been published and recognized around the world with awards including Cannes Lions, Clios, Grammy nominations and more.

*Current City: Dallas, TX*



**JOHN CARBAJAL**

**REALTOR®, El Paso | San Antonio**

An El Paso native, John Carbajal has been in San Antonio since 1997 and began working on the San Antonio River Walk in 1998. In 2018, Carbajal made the leap from hospitality to real estate when he joined Keller Williams City View, after being recruited by one of the top real estate teams: The Trey Group. This year John has expanded his business in El Paso. The Greater El Paso Association of REALTORS®. Carbajal is also co-owner and presenter of Dos Coas - Along with business partner, Chef James Moore, they produce unique and entertaining event experiences such as guided beer & spirits tastings with chef-selected food pairings to formal gatherings at San Antonio's premier destination locations.

*Current City: San Antonio, TX*



**JOSE GUERRA**

Investment Specialist,  
JP Morgan Private Banking

Jose works closely with individuals and families, founders, endowments, foundations, and corporations across Dallas-Fort Worth, West Texas and his hometown of El Paso.

Jose has established a background in risk management, capital markets, and business development. Before joining J.P. Morgan, he held roles at BNP Paribas, Citigroup, and CLS Bank. Jose graduated from The University of Texas at El Paso with a B.B.A. in Finance and Accounting. He holds an M.B.A. from The University of Chicago Booth School of Business with a concentration in Finance and Entrepreneurship. He earned his CFA designation in 2016. He enjoys spending time outdoors and volunteering to support educational non-profits.

*Current City: Fort Worth, TX*



**OLIVIA TROYE**

Founder & CEO,  
People's Courage, Inc

For over twenty years, Olivia Troye has been a noteworthy leader in national security and defense communities. You may know her from her national media commentary on both homeland security and intelligence community-related issues, as well as for her political advocacy on countering extremism and disinformation. She served as Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Advisor to the Vice President of the United States and has served in leadership roles at the Department of Homeland Security, Director of National Intelligence, the National Counterterrorism Center, and the Department of Energy. Troye also served at the Department of Defense as a political appointee under President George W. Bush. She has managed complex federal policy decisions and responses to large-scale crisis events, including the Covid-19 pandemic. Troye also led defense technology projects.

*Current City: Washington, D.C.*



**ROBERT ARMSTRONG**

Attorney & Founder,  
Armstrong Law Firm

Robert has been practicing immigration law since 2017. His interest in working with immigrants is rooted in his history as a long-time resident of the El Paso-Juárez borderplex and his own experience as a Panamanian American. After law school, he accepted a Public Service Initiative fellowship and moved to the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. In 2014, Mr. Armstrong was selected as one of the first Justice Americorps attorney fellows, and he served at Catholic Charities of Dallas representing unaccompanied minors in removal proceedings as well as before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. In 2015, Robert joined a private immigration firm and continued to expand his SIJ and asylum practices. Robert graduated from the University of Chicago School of Law in 2013 after earning a master's degree in Leadership Studies and a bachelor's degree in Organizational Communication with a Minor in Legal Reasoning from the University of Texas at El Paso.

*Current City: Plano, TX*



# Expats Connect

**Progress321's mission to connect Progressors to advance the region does not stop in the Southwest!**

We not only want to engage professionals living in the region to advance the quality of life, but also those that were born and raised here sharing their talents with the world. Through our Expat Initiative, we hope to connect expats and Progressors with regional leaders so we can enhance the region through our homegrown talent. Who is considered an Expat? An expat can be defined as someone who grew up in El Paso, Juárez, or Las Cruces and called the region their home, who now lives and works outside the region. Our newest addition to serving our expat community is our 2022 El Paso Everywhere co-chairs who will now serve as ambassadors for the current Class III until Class IV is initiated.

**Become a Progress321 Expat Member:**

Progress321 has developed a membership level for expats that allows them to network, gain access to leaders and Progressors through remote and in person programming. The Expat Membership is \$150 a year. With this membership you will have access to the following:

- Access to regional community leaders
- Access to network with a progressive group of El Pasoans
- Business networking opportunities
- Mentorship: Connect with Progressors moving or visiting your city or in your profession
- Education on regional topics
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# Expats Give Back Projects



Below are some projects initiated by Expats after attending Progress321's El Paso Everywhere event.

## The Espiritu Bridge | Jimmy Baldwin

Jimmy plans to build an art installation with structures on both sides of the Rio Grande River connected by light beams.

## Borderland Big Ideas | Jonathan Tavaréz

Jonathan organizes transformative conversations important to the borderland region.

## Home for the Holidays | Jennifer Sanchez

Jennifer created an annual gathering of Expats connecting over the December holidays.

## Texas Food & Wine Alliance Wine & Dine Series | John Carbajal, Rico Torres, and André Natera

All three expats collaborated to donate back a significant amount to the 915 Region by hosting a Dinner Series organized by TFWA in Central Texas.

## The El Paso in Austin Network | Linda Medina-Lopez and Alex Franco

Founded in 2017, the El Paso in Austin Network, an organization that connects and recognizes fellow El Pasoans in Austin through the Annual Trailblazer Awards and provides college scholarships for deserving El Paso seniors going to Austin to study.

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# 2022's Talent



### EXECUTIVE CHEF PABLO RIVERO

Ardeo | Cd Juárez, Chih., Mexico  
*3-Time Returning Executive Chef*

For a kitchen to produce great dishes and extraordinary flavors it requires professional creativity and leadership that tests everything. There is nobody better than our corporate chef Pablo Rivero who discovered his passion in cooking when he lived in Vancouver Canada when he was 16 years old.

After this experience he returned to his birth city of Guadalajara to plan his future in Europe where he would establish himself for more than 10 years in countries like England Italy and France working with great hotel chains like Savoy, Ritz Carlton and Grand Hotel Villa Medici where he started his basics. With his base in tenacity he achieved becoming the sous chef in restaurants with Michelin stars to later conquer his dream in converting to the principal chef in restaurants in European countries so important like Italy and England.

However his strong roots would call him to return to his country with projects in Catering that would take him to conquer one of his greatest achievements in his professional career in opening his own restaurant

After a short time of achieving these great experiences he decided to join the group great American Hospitality as corporate chef and culinary

equipment manager, where he has been responsible for the kitchens in Great American, Ardeo, and Muzza for the last eight years.

Besides having participations in these great brands in Mexico and United States, he has supported the growth of the company and the personnel that he is in charge of. Not only being the boss, but also a solid leader that supports them in all the senses. Great American Hospitality is one of Mexico's most consolidated restaurants and is proud to have Chef Paul Rivero.



### CHEF JONATAN GÓMEZ LUNA TORRES

Culinary Institute by Southwest  
University | El Paso, TX

Jonatan Gómez Luna Torres was born in Mexico City. He Graduated from the Ambrosía Culinary center and continued developing his culinary skills among some of the best restaurants around the world, all of them awarded with two or three Michelin stars.

In 2008, Le Chique was born. Sponsored by Karisma Hotels & Resorts, company in whom he has worked the last thirteen years as a Corporate Chef of Culinary Development and as Le Chique's Chef. Nowadays, Le Chique is among the best restaurants in Mexico; winning many awards and recognitions. In the middle of 2020, Jonatan opened the doors Chino Poblano in Xcaret Arte.



### CHEF VICTOR MIRANDA

Anson 11 | El Paso, TX

Chef Victor Miranda takes pride in supporting his community through the magic of food.

His career began in hotels and clubs such as Camino Real Hotel, Marriott Hotel, Westin and Coronado Country Club. He is currently the Executive Chef at Anson 11 in downtown El Paso.

Chef Miranda traveled to Mexico City, Cancun, and Oaxaca to learn the cuisine of deep Mexico. He has cooked for former Mexican Presidents Ernesto Zedillo and Vicente Fox.

Chef Miranda has collaborated and been actively involved in the El Paso community for the extensive 30 years of his culinary career. Year after year he participates in charity culinary events with local institutions March of Dimes, Ronald McDonald House, El Paso Center for Diabetes, and Rotary Club of El Paso.



**CHEF RICHARD FUNK**

Desert Oak BBQ | El Paso, TX

He Wasn't Born in Texas, but He got Here as Fast as He Could – Richard was born in Sardina, Italy. During a trip through Texas he passed through El Paso, and he says he fell in love. Suzanne and Rich met in December 2006 in none other than El Paso, Texas. Their love story was inevitable. Finding a place to park their food truck, in a time when there weren't many food trucks in El Paso, was a struggle in itself. Despite all of the obstacles, there were blessings at the end of each difficulty. Family always stepped up to lend a hand financially, and it is truly with their help that Desert Oak is what it is today. Richard eagerly pursued his dream of one day opening up a brick and mortar restaurant.

In the summer of 2017, the much anticipated restaurant opened on Zaragoza. Richard and Suzanne are proud of just how far Desert Oak has come.



**CHEF LUIS HERNANDEZ**

The Podium | El Paso, TX  
Returning Chef

Luis Fernando Hernandez is the Executive Chef at Podium Finish Sport Boutique & Cafe where he developed a "New American on the Border Menu".

His passion comes from Comfort Food that makes the heart happy and reminds you of simple times. Having worked in the service and hospitality industry for over a decade now, his beginnings were primarily in fine dining.

Luis was born in El Paso, TX, where he grew up and attended public school & later achieved his culinary arts degree at El Paso Community College Culinary School. In the very near future, Chef Luis will be launching his second venture in downtown El Paso.



**CHEF EDGAR OROZCO**

Great American Group | El Paso, TX  
Returning Chef

Chef Orozco was born into the restaurant industry. He grew up in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua until he turned 13 years old and moved to El Paso. He graduated from Coronado High School.

He attended the French Culinary Center in New York and then a joint program in ALMA La Scuola Internazionale di Cucina Italiana in Colorno, Italy where he did an internship at Ristorante Stefano Paganini. He worked under Chef Stefano who thought him many of the techniques he still uses today. In mid-2013, he came back home and started working and improving Great American Steakhouse. By the

end of 2014, Chef Pablo Rivero came to work with him. In 2015 they opened a Great American in Guadalajara, Mexico. They now have 6 locations – 3 in El Paso and 3 in Mexico.

In 2017 Chef Orozco and Chef Pablo opened Ardeo in Juárez and in 2018 they opened Muzza. They are now working on their biggest project yet.



**CHEF JAIME ADRIAN VILLANUEVA**

Bowie High School | El Paso, TX

Jaime Adrian Villanueva was born in Ciudad Juárez and is currently a Chef Instructor at Bowie High School. His journey in the industry started back in 2011 working at a burger joint while attending Engineering school at UTEP.

Right away he fell in love with the food industry and lifestyle. He started seeking to work at better restaurants while attending culinary school at EPCC. Being the Chef Instructor at Bowie High School means a lot to him as it is the High School he attended and the community that he fell in love with. He wants to put the Bowie High School Culinary Program on the map and One Region One Table is the perfect opportunity to do it.

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**CHEF HANNAHE ROMERO**  
Texas Culinary institute | El Paso, TX

Born and raised in El Paso, TX, Chef Hannahe Romero has dedicated herself to cooking since she was five years old. She is a graduate Culinary Arts and a Pastry Chef whose passion has led her to become a full-time chef at Texas Culinary Institute. She comes from a family of seafood restaurateurs and operators from a local chain in Cd. Juárez, Mex, which taught her the art and joy of working with food.

Inspired by how food can not only make us survive but also indulge, she decided to share her passion and love for cooking through teaching. Her role as a Chef Instructor at Texas Culinary Institute reflects her dedication to food and nourishment and to passing her knowledge on to every student.

The El Paso native has established herself within the food industry and has excelled as an event coordinator, sommelier, food stylist, and influential Podcaster. With impressive diplomas and certifications under her belt, working as a private and personal Chef has allowed Hannahe to expand her culinary creativity through cooking, baking, wine pairings, restaurant management, and nutritional values. Texas Culinary Institute continues to support and expand her knowledge by giving Hannahe the liberty to evolve her creations.

With her creative and artistic talent, Chef Hannahe delivers a truly immersive culinary experience that shows no limits when learning and cooking new dishes.



**CHEF FLOR FERNANDEZ**  
Texas Culinary institute | El Paso, TX

Chef Fernandez was born in El Paso, Texas and raised between cultures in Ciudad Juárez and El Paso. As a kid she always enjoyed baking with her mom and quickly realized she wanted to be a chef.

In 2010, she moved to Austin, Texas to pursue her dream of becoming a chef. Chef Flor graduated from Le Cordon Bleu of Culinary Arts in Austin TX. After graduating, she lived in Spain and worked for one of Malaga's city best restaurants.

After eleven years in Austin, she and her husband decided it was the right time to come back to El Paso, TX, where Chef Flor found her passion for teaching. She currently works at the Texas Culinary Institute.

"I learned in TCI I had this passion for teaching I never thought I had and I am good at it! There's a lot going on in my life but this keeps me focused on my goals and makes me happy."



**CHEF MEGAN SAILE**  
Texas Culinary institute | El Paso, TX

Chef Megan Saile is a graduate of Midwest Culinary Institute from her hometown of Cincinnati Ohio, where she thrived and received a Culinary Arts Certificate and Pastry Arts Technology Degree. She also attended the University of Cincinnati to complete her Bachelor's in Hospitality Management.

Chef Megan's first cooking position was at North Pond, one of Chicago's Michelin starred restaurants. She worked under chef Greg Mosko, Best New Pastry Chef 2014 Food & Wine. While in Chicago she also worked at BOKA, one of Chicago's most iconic restaurants. Megan also worked along Chef Meg Galus, JAMES BEARD NOMINEE and PASTRY CHEF OF THE YEAR.

Megan left Chicago in 2020 to be closer to her family that has lived in El Paso for the past 15 years. Both parents being University professors, it is no surprise that she found herself connecting with the El Paso Culinary scene by joining us as an Instructor at the Texas Culinary Institute. Chef Megan has excelled being a Culinary Instructor. Her dedication and passion for food come through when giving a class.



**JON MURRAY**  
Mano Wine & Spirits | El Paso, TX  
Returning Certified Sommelier

Ever since his first taste of wine as a child, watered down Pinot Noir at Thanksgiving Dinner with his parents, he was hooked. Jon began working with Gruet winery, helping with the pressing of grapes, at age 13; and quickly reinforced what his passion was. His next fifteen years were spent learning as much as possible within the restaurant and hotel industry, as well as wine and spirits distribution and importation. And now, together with his brother, they have been given a shot at their dream and cannot wait to work with and give back to their community.



**TAILOR MURRAY**  
Mano Wine & Spirits | El Paso, TX  
Returning Wine Expert

Tailor and Jon's father, Scott Murray, worked in the wine industry, and the spirit and liveliness of the business has always fascinated them. Tailor has worked in various positions within the beverage industry, anywhere from bottling and production at a winery, warehouse management for distribution, and within the restaurant.

Opening up a distribution business has always been a dream. He is here to educate and guide buyers and customers alike on a journey of fine wine and spirits. It is fascinating to learn every detail about the products and share that knowledge so that everyone can all grow together in this community. This is a business that he loves and is proud to be a part of.

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# Celebrating the Community We Serve

## How we are showing pride for the 915:

For the second year in a row, Progress321 is excited to celebrate the community we serve as part of 915 Week. Following last year's success of 915 Day, Progress321 is expanding this year's programing to a week-long celebration by working with various local businesses, artisans, and organizations to reach out to El Pasoans to show pride for the city they serve.

Starting September 12 through September 18, El Pasoans are invited to attend various events and activities throughout the city to connect with Progressors, emerging leaders, purpose-driven professionals, and other members of our community. A list of events can be found online at [915Week.com](http://915Week.com).

This year's celebrations include a 915 Day Fiesta! happening September 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the El Paso Convention and Performing Art Center Plaza where the community is invited to shop local vendors, enjoy live music, and purchase the official 915 Week t-shirt, available for a limited time only while supplies last.

At Progress321, we aim to make this an annual tradition of pride for the City of El Paso and hope to expand the celebration to Las Cruces and Ciudad Juárez in the future. Our goal for the week is to highlight the many brilliant individuals, businesses, and organizations in our region to promote the progress our city has accomplished.

We are so excited to celebrate our community and can't wait to see how you show your pride during 915 Week!



**IVAN CHAVARRIA**  
2022 CHAIR  
*El Paso Electric*

# 915 Week

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