

LULAC, General Motors Foundation Open New Technology Lab at The University of Texas at Arlington

New Lab will Offer Computer Assistance with College Applications and Information About STEM Programs

Arlington, Texas ([PRWEB](#)) January 20, 2016 -- The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and the General Motors Foundation have partnered to open a technology lab in the Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS) at The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA). The effort is part of LULAC's Empower Hispanic America with Technology initiative, which focuses on closing the digital divide in the Latino community. LULAC, the General Motors Foundation and UTA leaders will officially open the lab with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

LULAC's Empower America with Technology initiative focuses on helping Latino youth navigate the college admissions process and explore education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields. To that end, UTA students will offer computer assistance with college applications and information about STEM programs through the new lab. Community members are encouraged to visit the technology lab and use the Internet and available software free of charge.

Who: Roger C. Rocha, Jr. National President, League of United Latin American Citizens

Christian Zlalniski, Director, Center for Mexican American Studies at The University of Texas at Arlington

Juan Carlos Jimenez, Plant Manager, Arlington General Motors

What: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

When: 9 a.m. Saturday, February 6, 2016

Where: 1022 UTA Blvd., Swift Center Suite 129, Arlington, Texas, 76019

A campus map is available at www.uta.edu/maps.

Visitor parking is along Summit Avenue.

About The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the nation's largest and oldest civil rights volunteer-based organization that empowers Hispanic Americans and builds strong Latino communities. Headquartered in Washington, DC, with 1,000 councils around the United States and Puerto Rico, LULAC's programs, services and advocacy address the most important issues for Latinos, meeting critical needs of today and the future. For more information, visit www.LULAC.org.

About the General Motors Foundation

Since its inception in 1976, the GM Foundation has donated hundreds of millions of dollars to American charities, educational organizations and to disaster relief efforts worldwide. The GM Foundation focuses on supporting Education, Health and Human Services, Environment and Energy and Community Development initiatives, mainly in the communities where GM operates. Funding of the GM Foundation comes solely from GM. The last contribution to the GM Foundation was made in 2001. For more information, visit

www.gm.com/gmfoundation.

About The University of Texas at Arlington

The University of Texas at Arlington is a comprehensive research institution of more than 51,000 students in campus-based and online degree programs and is the second-largest institution in The University of Texas System. The Chronicle of Higher Education ranked UTA as one of the 20 fastest-growing public research universities in the nation in 2014. U.S. News & World Report ranks UTA fifth in the nation for undergraduate diversity. The University is a Hispanic-Serving Institution and is ranked as the top four-year college in Texas for veterans on Military Times' 2016 Best for Vets list. Visit www.uta.edu to learn more, and find UTA rankings and recognition at www.uta.edu/uta/about/rankings.php.

Center for Mexican American Studies

UTA's Center for Mexican American Studies was founded in 1994 by legislative mandate and is an academic unit of the College of Liberal Arts dedicated to enhancing the study and understanding of Mexican American and other Latino populations in the United States. The center administers an 18-hour academic minor in Mexican American Studies; promotes research and recruitment, retention and professional development of faculty engaged in studies on Latino issues; and serves as a bridge between the University and the Latino community across North Texas. Visit www.uta.edu/emas/ to learn more.



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