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EPCC Graduates are Honored as Part of Its 50th Anniversary

El Paso, Texas December 13, 2019 – El Paso Community College (EPCC) granted 2,290 degrees and certificates at its Fall 2019 Commencement exercises. The ceremony at the Don Haskins Center on the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) campus. EPCC is annually recognized as the top grantor of associate degrees to Hispanic students in the nation.

"Graduation recognizes the prosperous futures of students who have completed their academic journey," Dr. William Serrata, EPCC President said. "EPCC is committed to increasing the educational attainment in our region and commencement celebrates that success."

Former Texas Senator Joe Christie was the Commencement Speaker. Christie was instrumental in the creation of EPCC in 1969. His leadership and hard work in the Texas Senate created the framework and secured funding to open the doors to 901 students in 1971. The fall graduation is the final event in the college's yearlong 50th anniversary celebration.

EPCC focuses on completion to increase graduation rates and to prepare students with marketable skills for gainful employment.

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EPCC serves more than 28,500 students and offers 145 degree and certificate programs. Throughout its 50-year history, the college has remained focused on engaging students, growing community partnerships and fostering excellence. By creating a college-going culture and implementing innovative student success initiatives, EPCC is transforming the pathway to higher education and developing a better-prepared workforce for our region.

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