The President’s Distinguished Diversity Award (PDDA) was created at The University of Texas at San Antonio in 2011. The inaugural awards were presented at the first ever combined University Excellence Awards Ceremony in 2012, an inclusive ceremony to highlight the achievements of both faculty and staff. The PDDA was developed by the office of the Associate Provost for Diversity and Recruitment along with a committee comprised of faculty, staff, and student representation. In the three years of its existence, the awards have allowed UTSA to uphold the university’s rich tradition of multiculturalism and serve as a model in promoting diversity and inclusion in creative and collaborative ways.

Nomination Categories
(Two awards presented in each category)

Faculty and Staff members - One award recognizes an individual faculty/staff member and another recognizes a group comprised of any combination of faculty and/or staff.

Students - One award recognizes an individual student, and another recognizes a group of students.

Nominations due in February each year.

Inaugural  Group Recipient
Academy of Teacher Excellence (ATE)

Inaugural Student Recipient
Charles Miles

Inaugural Faculty Recipient
Jocelyn K. Moody, PhD

Inaugural Group Recipient
Tomás Rivera Center

2014 Faculty Recipient
Gail Taylor, PhD

2014 Group Recipient
Tomás Rivera Center

2014 Student Recipient
Hannah Beck

“Acknowledging diversity is a way of celebrating an internal strength of UTSA.”
-Dr. Raquel Marquez,
Associate Dean, COLFA

“This award is a historical milestone for our university.”
-Colonel Lisa Firmin,
Associate Provost

To nominate a candidate visit our website at: http://utsa.edu/academics/diversity/award.html
Email comments/questions to: diversity@utsa.edu