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**TSC Supports Access to Arts Center**

It is unfortunate that the community has received incorrect information relating to the Arts Center, which is potentially hurtful to TSC, UTB and the communities in which we serve.

The Arts Center has always been a TSC facility. As both entities move to becoming two separately accredited institutions, TSC, rightly so, will begin overseeing the operations of this facility. And, the Arts Center will continue to serve as a premier venue for performing arts in the Rio Grande Valley, with numerous opportunities for expansion.

Most importantly, and for clarification purposes, TSC has strongly advocated for the University's continued use of this facility and has offered UTB the access it needs to fully accommodate the University's educational needs as well as other events, including the Signature Series. Therefore, the University's decision to no longer hold this important community event, and others, could not have been due to a lack of access to the Arts Center.

Texas Southmost College is reestablishing itself as a community college focused on student success and completion, with a commitment to open access and low tuition. Additionally, TSC is committed to providing workforce education and continuing education as well as community activities and events. It is TSC's hope that many of these community activities and events will continue to be offered, in collaboration with the University and other local organizations, for many years to come. These types of collaborative efforts not only strengthen the student learning process, but expand educational opportunities within the communities we serve.