

# ENROLLMENT

UTB/TSC enrollment has surpassed 10,000 (10,604 in Fall 2003) for the first time in its history. This is an increase of 7 percent over the previous year. In addition, almost 6,000 students are enrolled in continuing education and workforce training classes at UTB/TSC. More than 11,000 certificates and degrees have been awarded by our community university. These numbers are impressive, and they are evidence that much has been accomplished, but much remains to be done.

UTB/TSC has set an enrollment target of 20,000 students by the year 2010. This number arises from a sense of urgency to fill the gap in higher education opportunities. During the last decade, the overall participation rate in Texas higher education declined from 5.3 percent to 4.9 percent of the total population. Without intervention, projections indicate that the rate will drop to 4.6 percent by 2015, below the national average. It is more important than ever to the region, the state and nation that this university succeed and continue to expand the opportunities for higher education. If the region is to avoid falling further behind the college going rate in Texas, UTB/TSC needs to enroll 20,000 by the year 2010.

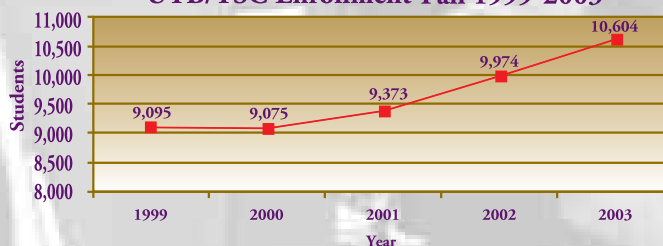
The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has made “closing the gaps” in Texas higher

education a high priority. The “closing the gaps” initiative recognizes that the state of Texas will fall perilously further and further behind the college-going rate unless a higher percentage of our minority youths earn college degrees. UTB/TSC’s positive impact upon the “closing the gaps” goal is apparent in its enrollment profile. The “typical” UTB/TSC student is:

- Hispanic (92 percent)
- Female (64 percent)
- Between 18-25 years of age (58 percent)
- Enrolled part time (55 percent)
- A financial aid recipient (65 percent)

The continued progress of our community depends upon the success of our students. Our community university must provide them the opportunities they need to succeed.

UTB/TSC Enrollment Fall 1999-2003



## DID YOU KNOW?

- ★ A Dual Language certificate program is now being offered at UTB/TSC. One of the few in the country, this certificate will greatly enhance the marketability of graduates in the global marketplace.
- ★ UTB/TSC has established the Center for Civic Engagement. The Center is committed to help empower and raise the quality of life for all residents of our community.

