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# Shepherd e-Leader: Growth



*Changing the Future of Leadership*

## Leadership Students Named as Archer Fellows

Three UT Permian Basin students have been selected through a state-wide competition to become fellows at the Archer Center in Washington, D.C. this fall. Pictured, from left to right, are Joshua Zuniga, Kelly Combs, and Gaven Norris.



Joshua was home schooled and serves as youth leader at New Life Chapel when he isn't studying or attending classes for his double major in leadership studies and communications at UTPB. He wants to become a minister, and expects this experience at the Archer Center to give him "a better world view about how people think and why they act as they do" so he will be prepared to interact with future congregations.

Kelly, a graduate of Permian High School, is treasurer of UTPB's Student Senate and was a past president of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE). He also participates with Students in Philanthropy, Meals on Wheels, and visited Washington last spring as one of two UTPB delegates to Model Congress. He is also a double major in political science and leadership studies and hopes to attend law school.

Gaven Norris is also a graduate of Permian High School and received the University's 2008/09 Outstanding Student Leader award at Honors Convocation for his work in organizing the first Black Leadership Conference on campus and leading the Young Democrats' student organization. He is also majoring in political science with a minor in leadership studies and hopes to attend law school before entering the political arena.

*These students need to raise money for their living expenses during the fall. A special fund has been set up, **The Archer Center Fellowship Fund.***

*A tax-deductible contribution can be sent to:  
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*For more information, you may call  
the Shepherd Leadership Institute at 552-2850.*

The Archer Center, a University of Texas System-wide organization, was established in 2001 by former U. S. Congressman Bill Archer of Houston to promote careers in public service. Fellows take classes from distinguished faculty while serving in a public service internship in places such as the White House, the Smithsonian Institution, and Congress.

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“Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death.”

-Albert Einstein

“Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.”

-Benjamin Franklin

“Life is change. Growth is optional.”

-Anonymous

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## Do As I Say...And Do

No one values quality leadership training more than the staff at the Shepperd Institute. This year, two staff members have engaged in ongoing local leadership programs, demonstrating continued commitment to leadership training.

Shepperd Institute Administrative Assistant Shelly Pope was selected to represent the UT Permian Basin in the 2009 class of *Leadership Odessa*. Pope, along with her class, has traveled throughout the Permian Basin meeting key leaders and learning about the many wonderful programs and services available in the area. A key component to *Leadership Odessa* is making participants aware of the resources available to the community. "Even as a native Odessan, I have learned so much about my community and met so many wonderful people. The relationships I have built through *Leadership Odessa* have already proven to be invaluable on the job and in my life," says Pope.



Rogers and Pope

In January of this year, Senior Program Coordinator, Valorie Rogers, began her training with *Generations*, a program sponsored by the Nonprofit Management Center of the Permian Basin. The program is designed to inspire and train young professionals who are seeking ways to give back to their community through service to nonprofit agencies. In describing the experience, Rogers stated that "*Generations* has provided a strong foundation of knowledge and understanding preparing me to better serve our nonprofit community." Program participants attend training workshops twice a month for four months and are then paired with local nonprofit boards to put that training into action through service.

For more information on *Leadership Odessa*,  
please contact Lynn Van Amburgh  
at the Odessa Chamber of Commerce, 432-332-9111.

For more information on *Generations*,  
please contact Monique Waggoner  
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