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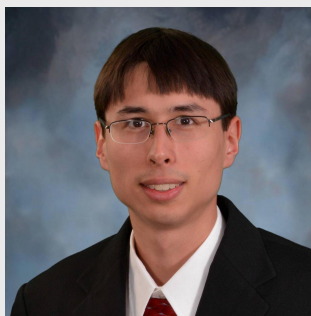
UT Arlington opens Maverick Autonomous Vehicle Research Center: Coordinated by the UTA media relations team, the grand opening of the Maverick Autonomous Vehicle Research Center garnered significant news coverage from outlets including [WFAA](#), [NBC 5](#), [FOX 4](#), [Telemundo](#), the [Dallas Business Journal](#), [Hispanic Business TV](#), [WBAP-AM](#), [NewsBreak](#), and [Drone Life](#). The event drew more than 150 industry and community partners and university researchers across Texas.



UT Arlington's new course allows students to work on cold cases alongside police: Coordinated by the UTA media relations team, [NBC 5](#) and [Telemundo](#), reported on a new class where criminal justice students review real cold cases alongside police. Professor Patricia Eddings (College of Liberal Arts) said, "I worked a long time in helping police solve crimes and that's what I want to accomplish for my students here." [Patch.com](#) and [NewsBreak](#) shared the story.

EXPERT INTERVIEWS

Fed rate cut marks start of easing cycle, UTA economist says: Coordinated by the UTA media relations team, David Quigley (College of Business) spoke with [Fort Worth Inc.](#) on the Federal Reserve cutting interest rates by a quarter-point, the first cut of 2025. "A quarter percent on its own isn't a lot, so it's probably unlikely to boost the job market to the Fed's liking on its own," Dr. Quigley said. "But I think this is the start of an overall easing cycle."



The saltwater dilemma: Innovation at the heart of the Southwest: Kevin A. Schug (College of Science) coauthored a piece in the [Albuquerque Journal](#) discussing how a byproduct of the region's oil boom—produced water—must be treated properly. Dr. Schug and others see this challenge as an opportunity for innovation.

MORE NEWS



The power of music: Relief and memories for Alzheimer's patients in Texas: [Univision](#), [Archyde](#), [Memesita](#), and [Archynewsy](#) reported on research being conducted by Kathy Siepker (School of Social Work) on a music-based app to help people diagnosed with Alzheimer's. "Music therapy can make a huge difference—not only for people living with dementia, but also for the family caregivers supporting them," Dr. Siepker said.

Protein chemist lands NIH grant to study inflammation: Saiful Chowdhury (College of Science) recently received a five-year, \$1.84 million federal grant to study how the body's natural defense system can sometimes go wrong—and how that knowledge could lead to better treatments for disease. [Science Magazine](#), [Bioengineer.org](#), and [Mirage News](#) covered the story. "This knowledge could help us design smarter drugs that reduce harmful inflammation without weakening the body's defenses against infection."



New flood maps and data aim to protect Texas communities: [MSN.com](#) and [NewsBreak](#) shared coverage of the the Hydrology & Hydroinformatics Innovation Lab, led by Adnan Rajib (College of Engineering). Dr. Rajib's team developed real-time, time-stamped flood maps showing how quickly the Guadalupe River rose during the devastating flood in early July. The visual data helped residents and local and state officials better understand how the disaster unfolded.

UT Arlington enrollment record driven by robust freshman class: [KRLD-AM](#) reported on UTA's record-setting enrollment, highlighted by a record freshman class of more than 5,100. UTA's preliminary total enrollment for fall 2025 is more than 42,700. "A UTA degree has never been more valued or sought after by students from across Texas and beyond," UTA President Jennifer Cowley said.

UTA's daring theater season begins: [Archynewsy](#) published an article highlighting the full slate of plays and musicals the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance will perform during the 2025-26 academic year.

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