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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations fall 2025 graduates

Baseball stats sparked his path to data science: [Mirage News](#), which serves an international audience focusing heavily on science and tech, and [The News of Israel](#) reshared a [UTA news release](#) highlighting Collin Clark, who earned a master's degree in applied statistics and data science. He follows his mom, Gretchen ('12), as a Maverick graduate.



UTA physics grad sets sights on stars: [Mirage News](#) reshared a [UTA news release](#) about newly minted Ph.D. Shaan Patel. From growing up dreaming about what exists beyond the stars to publishing four peer-reviewed articles focusing on the existence of exomoons, Dr. Patel is set to begin his career: "I've been looking at industry in data science, AI, consulting, quantitative finance—roles across many industries," he said.



UTA cold case class welcomes John Quiñones and ABC's Nightline to campus: On Thursday, seven-time national Emmy Award winning journalist John Quiñones visited campus with an ABC News crew to film students about how they helped the Arlington Police Department crack a 34-year murder mystery in a new cold case course that launched this fall. Their work has captured national attention. Also interviewed was the victim's daughter, Jessica Roberts (in red). The segment is expected to air in January.



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UTA researcher joins National Academy of Inventors: The [National Academy of Inventors](#) named Muthu B.J. Wijesundara as a 2025 fellow. Head of the Biomedical Technologies Division at UTARI, Dr. Wijesundara earned what is considered the highest professional honor exclusively for inventors. [Mirage News](#) shared the big moment and [The Dallas Morning News](#) recently published an article about his latest invention, a robotic arm that could help in rehab and the workplace and improve the lives of people whose mobility has been limited by medical conditions like stroke or cerebral palsy.

UTA, FWISD partner to open early college pathway: [Spectrum News](#) highlighted the recent press conference launching a new access initiative—Direct to UTA: College Ready Career Bound—a program that guarantees admission to UTA for qualifying FWISD students as early as the end of their junior year.

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