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William Powers, President  
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Dear President Powers:

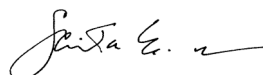
It is with great pleasure I write to let you know that on October 9, 2007 in Los Angeles, CA, the **Intellectual Entrepreneurship Pre-Graduate School Internship Program** at The University of Texas at Austin was announced as a semi-finalist for the 2007 Example of *Excelencia* award at the Graduate Level. Your campus program was selected through our national initiative, Examples of *Excelencia*, as one of this year's notable programs in accelerating success for Latino students at this level.

Enclosed are materials from the 2007 Examples of *Excelencia Celebración* and Symposium for your review and to share with members of your staff and faculty. More about the Examples of *Excelencia* initiative may be found by visiting our website at: [www.edexcelencia.org/programs/examples/default.asp](http://www.edexcelencia.org/programs/examples/default.asp).

The 2007 Examples of *Excelencia* events this October kicked off the beginning of an effort by *Excelencia* in Education to share information about *what works* for Latino students in higher education. Several events are being planned to bring the IE Pre-Graduate School Internship and other 2007 Examples of *Excelencia* featured programs to the attention of higher education decision and policy makers. This will include the Examples of *Excelencia* Showcase on Capitol Hill currently scheduled for early March 2008. We hope you will consider attending and bringing a campus team with you. Please visit our website for more details as they develop and let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support of the IE Pre-Graduate School Internship Program and its service to Latino students at The University of Texas at Austin. We look forward to working more closely with your campus in the future.

Sincerely,



Sarita E. Brown, President

cc: Richard Cherwitz, Director; Steven Leslie, Provost; Juan Gonzalez, Vice President for Student Affairs

Enclosures