

2019 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE



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Court Reporting

“Do what is right, not what is easy nor what is popular.”

- Roy T. Bennett

When Rachel graduated high school and went to college, her initial plan was to be an attorney. After shadowing during depositions as a paralegal assistant, Rachel became fascinated with the stenographic machine. She researched the field of court reporting, and discovered that she could earn an associate degree in judicial court reporting at San Antonio College and temporarily left UTSA to pursue this degree.

Rachel returned to UTSA as a dually enrolled student to acquire a bachelor's degree. Not only was this a long-time desire of hers, but it also was a complementary degree to court reporting that would make her more marketable.

She juggled to complete her bachelor's degree at UTSA, work part-time, attend classes at SAC, and volunteer for court reporting outreach events. Rachel was able to successfully complete her bachelor's at UTSA with a degree in criminal justice in May 2018 and an associate degree in judicial court reporting in May 2019.

Rachel plans to use her combined knowledge and degrees to work as an official court reporter for the State of Texas.

