

Chad Nunnery grew up in Western Massachusetts where he finished at the top 5% of his high school class and was recognized by the MA State Senate as the first individual from his county to win the Cross-Country running state championship (1989). He was admitted and four years later graduated from the Ivy League university, Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH with Engineering and Chemistry degrees. He was hired by a major corporation for a prestigious Manufacturing Management Program which brought Chad to the RGV from New Hampshire. In 1997, Chad married his wife Gabriela – also accomplished with both University Valedictorian and Miss Reynosa honors. The couple moved to Chicago and began careers with a composite manufacturing company where Chad led the implementation of their ISO 9000 management system certification. In 1999, the family moved to Mexico City and started manufacturing operations in Mexico City, Ciudad Juarez, and Sao Paulo Brazil. As a young 27-year-old President of this Latin American Division, Chad and team grew the business from about \$2 million in revenue in 2000- to \$30 million/year in Sales with profits reaching nearly \$10 million per year by 2005. While still leading this division, Chad moved to Mission in late 2005 focusing on new applications for composites and specifically pursued the concept of a composite manhole cover to replace iron covers. In 2015, Chad formed technology and supply agreements with his prior employer to pursue this innovation and eventually become one of his prior employer’s best customers. Composite Access Products (CAP) located in McAllen, TX, became the first molder of traffic-rated composite manhole covers, TXDOT approved, and won the 2020 National Award for Composites Excellence (ACE). More recently CAP’s product was acknowledged by Georgia political leaders as “key” to eliminating pollution into the major Fulton county waterway. CAP employs 25 RGV residents and will reach 200 employees by 2028. Chad and Gabriela - who works for HUB (formerly Shepard, Walton, King) still reside in Mission. Their son William, a 2021 Sharyland Highschool graduate, is currently a Rice University sophomore and Texas State Chair of Young Americans for Liberty. Chad, his family, and his company also contribute to the community organizations such as IMAS, the Food Bank, Palm Valley Animal Shelter, the Boy Scouts, children’s sports teams, Sharyland ISD, Texas A&M, UTRGV, both McAllen and Mission Chambers of Commerce.

