Life and legacy: Don Eugenio Garza Sada documentary premieres in Mty



Eugenio, the first documentary to cover different **facets** of the **life** of **Don Eugenio Garza Sada**, premiered on September 24 at the Luis Elizondo Auditorium on the <u>Tec's</u> Monterrey campus.

The film, directed by **Professor Branko Pérez Restovic**, explores **five key aspects** of Don Eugenio's life: what he was like as a **person**, his work as a **businessman**, his role as the **founder** of Tec, his **death, and his legacy**.

This takes place through a series of **interviews** with the humanist leader's family members and Tecnológico de Monterrey directors, professors, and students.

"The documentary allows us to get to know Don Eugenio as a **human being**, with his likes, interests, fears, frustrations, and passions. It's a documentary that **humanizes him**," said the director.

This film's premiere was attended by family members, the Tec community, and the general public, who were also treated to an **exhibition of the businessman's belongings**, such as his **glasses**, **notebook**, **and hat**.



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Eugenio, the human side of the Tec founder

During a discussion prior to the premiere, filmmaker Branko Pérez explained that he called the documentary *Eugenio* because he was inspired by the Tec founder's human side.

"I felt like I was getting closer to a person like me, someone who had dreams, aspirations, fears, frustrations, and passions like me. **Removing the 'Don' humanizes him**," said the professor from the School of Humanities and Education.

The director highlighted that Don Eugenio dedicated time to his **family**, **gardening**, **reading**, and observing and listening to people.

"He could tell when a student was sad and identify whether a worker had been in the office after hours," he shared.



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The director highlighted the **participation of Don Eugenio Garza Sada's family** in the documentary, who had shared information about the various facets of the Tec founder.

"Getting close to his family added a **special nuance** to the film. It gives (the documentary) perspectives that otherwise would have been difficult to obtain," said the professor.

Judith Ruiz Godoy, Dean of the School of Humanities and Education, also participated in the talk.

The idea of developing a documentary about Eugenio Garza Sada was conceived as one of the projects to celebrate the occasion of the Tec's **80th anniversary** in 2023.

This documentary will be shown at other Tec de Monterrey campuses and will be available later on Live.TEC.

"It's a documentary that humanizes him." - Branko Pérez.

About the director

The documentary's director, Branko Pérez Restovic, holds a **Bachelor's Degree in Communication** from the Tec's Monterrey campus.

He also studied Native American Cinema and Social Interest and Cultural Analysis at the **University of Berkeley** in California, United States.

He has been a professor at Tecnológico de Monterrey for more than twelve years.

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