Parking as a Barrier to Academic Engagement

Too Much Money
Parking is simply too much money. If UWT is trying to provide an affordable education, cutting parking costs needs to be part of it.

90-Minute Parking
There are many frustrations when it comes to parking here. You have to pay daily with a credit or debit card (encouraging more debt). You have to time yourself at any meeting you are in because of parking and your time limits. You sometimes overpay because your class was let out early or canceled that day.

Barriers
This image represents economic barriers for students in regard to parking. All on-campus parking is pay-for parking, so if one wants to have their car on campus they must pay anywhere between $1-$12 each day. For students who are struggling financially, that is an expense they cannot afford. And while there is “free parking,” one must travel several blocks away through alleyways and unsafe neighborhoods to use it. For many UWT students, parking on campus is inaccessible, and it is like being on the other side of a chain-link fence looking into a privileged world of financial security.

Challenges for Commuter Students
Our urban campus is not welcoming to students who commute. We do not provide our commuter students with a safe and convenient place to park. This is a big challenge.

Calm Before the Storm
Calm before the storm. Each morning the fight begins to find and secure a spot. As each hour ticks the struggle builds and the saying the early bird gets the worm becomes relevant.

Court 17 Garage
Because the lack of adequate parking spots, many students feel discouraged to come to school on a daily basis. The bars in this photo represent the students and faculty members feeling trapped in their parking situations. Many individuals do not feel welcome to park in the Court 17 garage due to the lack of space and cost.