

# Scholastic Achievement Awards



*Austin Figueroa*

Robert Vela High School

## E.C. Lerma Memorial Award

Austin Figueroa is a 2014 graduate of Robert Vela High School in Edinburg. Academically he excelled, ranking 6th in a class of 355 and graduated with a cumulative GPA of 104.26. Austin was a member of Mu Alpha Theta math honor society for 2013-2014 and President of the FCA for 2010-2014.

Austin excelled in cross-country and track during his high school career. He was a member of the varsity cross-country team that qualified for Regionals in 2012 and 2013. In Track, he was a varsity member for three years running the 1600 and 3200. The team finished the season ranked 2nd Valley wide and Austin was an important part of the team.

Austin will be attending Rice University in Houston in the fall where he will major in Aerospace engineering. Austin is the son of Hernan and Elva Figueroa of Edinburg.

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*Sponsored by Dr. Celestino Avila*

Alma Cortez is a 2014 Donna High School graduate. An outstanding student, Alma was an all-A honor student and graduated with a GPA of 100.23, ranking 1st in a class of 504.

Throughout high school, Alma was dedicated and committed both on and off the field. She was a member of the National Honor Society for three years, Student Council, and Junior Class President. Alma also found time to be in CC youth groups, Fall/Spring Festival, and Feast of Sharing.

Alma was very involved in athletics while at Donna High School. She played soccer one year and basketball for three years. However, Cross-Country was her sport. She was All Valley and won the Meet of Champs, District, Area and qualified for Regionals. She was ranked 1st in the 800 meter run in the Rio Grande Valley.

Alma will be attending the University of Texas at Austin and majoring in Petroleum Engineering in the fall. She is the daughter of Adan and Mary Cortez of La Feria.



*Alma Cortez*

Donna High School