

Scholastic Achievement Awards



Darlene Rodriguez
Nikki Rowe High School

E.C. Lerma Memorial Award

Darlene Dre Rodriguez is a 2015 graduate of Nikki Rowe High School in McAllen. Academically, Darlene excelled and graduated with a GPA of 101.857.

Darlene was a member of the cross country and track and field team for three years. She was also an active volunteer in her community spending time at Renaissance Hospital for three years and Holy Spirit Church in McAllen.

Darlene will be attending Texas A&M University and major in Allied Health Science. Darlene is the daughter of Deanna M. Guerra and granddaughter of Lupe Soza of McAllen.



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Sponsored by Dr. Celestino Avila

Bernardo Salas III is a 2015 Donna High School graduate. Bernardo graduated in the top 5% of his class with a 94.35 GPA. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Ambassadors Program, FFA, FCA, and Grid Iron Heroes.

Bernardo was a member of the varsity football team and track team. He was one of the football members who spent time with a Donna HS student whose dying wish was to be part of the Donna Redskins football team. The student was made a team captain for the homecoming game. Bernardo also participated in various other activities for his school and community.

Bernardo will be attending Texas A&M University in Kingsville majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He is the son of Nereyda Ponce of Donna.



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Donna High School

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RGVSHOF Scholarship Joan Cepeda is a 2015 graduate of Thomas Jefferson T-STEM High School in Pharr. She was a member of the varsity track, softball, and volleyball at PSJA Memorial High School.

Academically, Joan excelled having a 97.9 GPA and over 60 hours in dual-credit at South Texas Criminal Justice Academy. Joan placed 3rd in the high jump at the 2014 state meet. She was ranked in the top 3 in the Valley in 2014 and 2015.

Joan has volunteered as a volleyball coach as well as a referee at the Alamo Boys and Girls Club. During her senior year she was chosen as Miss Alamo.

Joan will be attending Sam Houston State University on a track scholarship. She will be majoring in criminal justice as she aspires to be an attorney. She is the daughter of Nancy Gonzalez of Alamo.

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Sponsored by Forest Hood/Dr. Kenneth White



Aminta Flores
Mission High School

Aminta Michelle Flores is a 2015 graduate of Mission High School. Michelle is an honor student graduating with a GPA of 3.7 ranking 71st in her class.

Michelle was a member of the cross country team for three years, and the track team for four years. She was 1st or 2nd team all-district/all-Valley in both cross country and track for two years.

Michelle was very involved in school as she was in National Honor Society two years, FFA for four years, and volunteered in various activities in her school and community.

Michelle will be attending UTRGV and majoring in Civil Engineering. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mario Flores of Mission.



Jesus Cuellar Jr.
Nikki Rowe High School

Jesus Cuellar Jr. is a 2015 graduate of Mission High School. An outstanding student Jesus was an all A honor student and will graduate with an GPA of 3.72 ranking him 5th in his class.

Jesus was a member of the varsity basketball team for four years. He was chosen All Valley honorable mention, All Star game participant and varsity captain for two years. Jesus was very involved in school activities as a member of the Eagle film club, Business Professionals of America, and the broadcast news team.

Jesus will be attending Le Tourneau University and major Professional Flight. He hopes to be an airline pilot one day. Jesus is the son of Jesus Cuellar Sr. and Maribel Moreno of Mission.