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People in the News



Hernandez Named Director of Latino Initiatives at Univ. of Houston - Victoria

Macarena Hernandez has joined the faculty of the **University of Houston-Victoria** as a communications instructor and was also recently named Director of Latino Initiatives.

As an award-winning journalist who previously worked for the **Dallas Morning News** and the **San Antonio Express News**, **Ms. Hernandez** covered immigration and education issues in the Latino community.

Most recently she was an **International Reporting Project Fellow** at **Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies** in **Washington, D.C.** While there in the fall, she produced a documentary about Mexican immigration laws scheduled to air this spring on **PBS/Frontline World**.

"Victoria is an ideal location," 34-year-old **Hernández** said. "It combines the new migration with the old settlement. Working here will inform my work about immigration and will allow me to work with the kind of students I grew up with along the border."

A child of immigrants, **Hernández** was born in **Roma** and raised in **La Joya**. She became interested in journalism as a student at **Baylor University**, where she received her bachelor's degree in 1996 as a double major in English professional writing and journalism. She went on to receive her master's degree in journalism with an emphasis in documentary filmmaking in 1998 from the **University of California at Berkeley**.



Veronica Rivera Elected Vice-Chair of ACC Board

Veronica Rivera was elected Vice Chair of the **Austin Community College Board of Trustees** at its June 1st meeting in **Austin, Texas**. She was first elected to the Board in 2004.

Ms. Rivera is an attorney with **Akers and Boulware-Wells** and was a former teacher and has worked in the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. She is a co-founder of **Las Comadres**, a network for Hispanic women.

She is a graduate of **Leadership Austin** and the **Hispanic Austin Leadership Program**. Originally from **San Antonio, Texas** **Ms. Rivera** graduated from **St. Mary's University** with a bachelors degree in political science. She earned her master's degree in business from **Texas State University in San Marcos** and her law degree from **The University of Texas School of Law** in 1998.



Carlos Lopez Named District Engineer for TxDot in Texas

Carlos Lopez, a long time employee of the **Texas Department of Transportation**, (**TxDOT**) will be the new district engineer for the 11-county Austin district. Lopez, 48, will be in charge of about 600 workers at the district.

District engineers at **TxDOT** traditionally wield considerable influence, acting as the liaison between city and county officeholders interested in getting road projects done, and the statewide **TxDOT** officials in charge of the money.

Lopez is a **Laredo** native and a 1982 graduate of **The University of Texas** in civil engineering. He also got his master's of engineering from **UT** in 1989. He and his wife **Zulema** will celebrate their 26th anniversary this week. They have two daughters, both of them attending **UT**, and a grandson.



Laura Hernandez Named ED of Travis County Democratic Party

Laura Hernandez, a recent graduate of the **University of Texas at Austin** has been named the **Executive Director of the Travis County Democratic Party**. She replaces **Sylvia Camarillo** who held the position for a few months.

Hernandez is originally from **El Paso** and transferred to **UT** to finish her degree. At some point she plans to attend law school. In October of 2008, **La Voz de Austin** ran a full page interview with **Ms. Hernandez** which can be read on online at www.lavoznewspapers.com



Gilberto Reyes New Marketing Director for Hohner

Gilberto Reyes of **Reyes Accordions** has been named the North American Representative for **Hohner Accordions**.

The company, which is based in **Trossingen, Germany** is a major producer of accordions and always present at the **Guadalupe Cultural Art Center's annual Tejano Conjunto Festival**.

Reyes, who is originally from **Texas** but is now based in **Sacramento, California** has been a long time promoter of **Conjunto Music** and hopes to spread the interest in the accordion in his new position with **Hohner**.



Chahin Named Advisor to Wal Mart Minority Student Success Project

Jaime Chahin, Dean of the College of Applied Arts at **Texas State University-San Marcos**, has been named an advisor to the **Wal Mart Minority Student Success Project** by the **Institute of Higher Education Policy** in **Washington**.

The project will fund **Hispanic Serving Institutions** that have submitted proposals to address student success issues for first-generation students. Institutions selected are funded for three years by the **Wal Mart Foundation**. Institutional collaboration on issues related to first-generation students and the role of faculty and students is the focus of the project.

Dr. Chahin is originally from **Eagle Pass, Texas** and earned his Ph.D from the **University of Michigan** in 1977. He has been a Dean at **Texas State University** for the past 16 years. Next month **Sage Publications** will release his new book: **Handbook of U.S. Latino Psychology**.



City of Austin Selects Human Resources Director

The City Manager of **Austin, Texas**, **Marc Ott** announced the appointment of **Mark Washington**, Assistant Human Resources Director for the **City of Fort Worth**, to lead the **City of Austin's Human Resources Department**. **Washington** will begin his position Aug. 1, 2009.

Washington, assistant director since 2003, provided direction for recruiting, staffing, diversity, safety, workers compensation and benefit programs for a total workforce of approximately 6,800.

He earned his B.A from **Tarleton State University** and a Master's of Business Administration with an emphasis in management from **Amberton University** and also has a Master's of Arts from **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary**.

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Pensamientos para junio

Editorial

Muy buenos días if you are reading this newspaper in the morning y muy buenas tardes if you are reading this paper in the afternoon.

De cualquier manera, I believe that once again you will find in *La Voz de Austin* a publication that is filled with interesting and useful information about *La Raza* in **Central Texas**.

Para empezar, I want to call to your attention **Sonia Sotomayor** who appears on our cover this month. Her nomination by **President Barack Obama** represents a major milestone for Hispanics across the country. As you will learn from reading her story in **TIME Magazine** or on pages 16 and 17 of this newspaper, her journey is indeed a remarkable one.

The second item I want to call to your attention are the stories on **Nathaniel Sanders III** which appear on pages 6 and 7. **Vince Tovar** and **Alex Canepa** both local writers in Austin, provide a person account of how they are bearing witnesses to senseless tragedies that continue to take place in **Austin, Texas**. For many people, the death of another young man may seem like a combination of someone who was in the wrong place at the wrong time and made the wrong move, but it is my sense that there is more this incident that we the public know at the present time. I for one look forward to learning why the dashboard cameras continue to malfunction in Austin Police Department cars.

Cambiando de temas, changing the subject, we continue to be impressed by the accomplishments of the students of **San Juan Diego Catholic High School** here in **Austin**. This school is a shining example that there are students who will rise to high expectations and put forth more than 100% when they can see clearly the consequences of their sacrifices, perseverance, and desire to not settle for whatever is handed to them.

The 35 graduates of **San Juan Diego Catholic High School** have not only gone to school and put in a day's work at some of the most well known companies in Austin, they or their parents have also had to come up with the extra money to pay for their tuition. To be sure, it is a burden on many families to have to pay for a good education, but people have to make choices and sometimes that means sacrifice and doing without. We salute the students and their parents for hechandole ganas.

Along with the **San Juan Diego Catholic High School** graduates is another graduate we wish to call to your attention. **Rudy Segura** graduated from **The University of Texas School of Law** last month and is currently studying for his bar examination. **Rudy** came to **Austin** three years ago from **New Mexico**, settled in near **Eastside Memorial High School** (Old Johnston High School).

He brought with him his family and grandmother and prepared not only himself but the whole family for rigors of law school. What many people fail to understand is that when one is committed to accomplishing a goal or objective, nothing must get in the way, nothing must interfere or jeopardize the attainment of the goal.

This is part of the secret of success. Yes, there will be events that come along that are unpredictable and unforeseen, but when one sets out on a course, there has to be back up plans to make sure your boat does not sink.

Too often people will hit a bump in the road or let someone else's opinion take them off track. Successful people know that they must always be mindful of distractions. **Rudy Segura** will go on to a successful law career because he understood how to guard himself and make plans. The graduates of **San Juan Diego** will also find success as they follow **Rudy's** example.



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Heriberto Rodriguez Wins Texas Folklife's Big Squeeze Contest



ABOVE: Gloria Jean Cantu (one of this year's contestants), John Ramirez (Big Squeeze 2008 winner) and Heriberto Rodriguez, this year's winner Big Squeeze 2009 winner.

The Big Squeeze winner of the 20th annual Accordion Kings & Queens concert in Houston, Texas on June 6th, 2009 was Heriberto Rodriguez.. Rodriguez is a high school student in the Edcouch-Elsa School District in the Valley.

It was a fabulous night with thousands in attendance. The judges were: Arlyn Visentin, president of the Houston Accordion Association; **Joey Guerra**, Houston Chronicle music critic; **Roger Wood**, writer; **Chris Longwood** of Sugarhill Studios; music legends **Santiago Jimenez Jr.** and **Sunny Saucedá**; and the evening's host **Joe Nick Patoski**.

The winner was selected from a very talented group of young players: **Gloria Jean Cantu** (16) from **San Benito** is the first female finalist in the history of the contest; **Anthony Ortiz Jr.** (16) from **Austin** has recently received a resolution from the Texas House of Representatives and played in the Capitol Rotunda; **Heriberto Rodriguez** (16) from **Edcouch** was a finalist last year; and **Jorge Vasquez** (25) from **Houston**. Below is **Benny Layton**, an accordion teacher from the valley at the podium congratulating the contestants.



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AUSTIN, Texas- 8 de junio- El Distrito de Austin Community College está ofreciendo clases cortas para mejorar las habilidades académicas de aquellos que estén listos para matricularse en la universidad este otoño. Hay clases gratuitas y hay otras a bajos precios.

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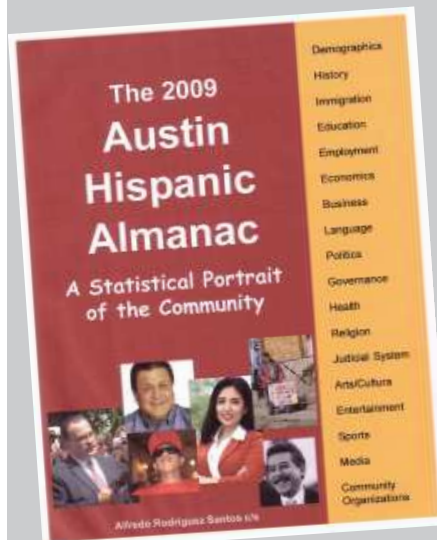
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The Lonely Death of Nathaniel

Alejandro F. Canepa

Early on the morning of May 11, 18-year-old **Nathaniel Sanders** was sleeping peacefully in the back seat of a gold **Mercedes Benz**, a .25 caliber **Glock** tucked into his belt.

At 5:35 am **Austin** police officer **Leonardo Quintana**, responding to numerous complaints made by neighbors that three young men had been firing guns from a gold **Mercedes Benz**, tapped his flashlight against the window of the car. Upon seeing **Sanders'** weapon, **Quintana** drew his pistol and ordered the young man out of the car. Instead of complying, **Sanders** reached for his gun, upon which he was fatally shot in the chest.

In the wake of **Sanders'** death, local papers ran stories describing a "promising young man" whose life, derailed by a few bad choices, ended all too soon. Community members and those close to **Nathaniel** (Nate) demanded an investigation into what they believe to be an unlawful and perhaps racially motivated death at the hands of the **Austin Police Department** (APD).

APD has responded by launching an investigation into the incident and other incidents of a "culturally sensitive nature."

This narrative is all too common. Indeed I have heard this story so many times that I am overcome by the frustrating and sickening feeling that all of the eulogies, community meetings, internal investigations and soul searching will not lead us any closer to understanding why **Nathaniel Sanders II** is no longer with us.

I knew **Nate Sanders**, although perhaps not by name. We went to **Fulmore Middle School** together. His was a face one saw a few times a year at the basketball court or the checkout line at **HEB**. A face familiar and trusted enough for a passing smile and a handshake.

"How ya been?"

"Good, you?"

"OK man, see ya around."

Our intimacy was close enough that his death caused shock and sadness, if not inconsolable grief, in my circle of close friends. "Damn. We knew that guy" seemed to be the mantra of gradual acceptance in the days following his death.

The circumstances surrounding his death were also of considerable significance to my friends and me. Although it sends shivers down my spine to speak ill of the departed, especially when they were acquaintances, **Nate's** transgressions cannot go unnoted.

Nate wasn't simply a young man making a few forgivable youthful blunders. At the time of his death he was facing multiple felony

counts stemming from five separate run-ins with police, all since December – including one incident in which he sped the wrong way down a one-way street

toward a police barricade. In the car with him on that May morning we're baggies filled with crack cocaine, a loaded semi-automatic pistol and marijuana; seemingly the only things not in his car were a driver's license or vehicle registration. This was his second weapons violation in as many months.

Three days before his death he had neglected to appear in court for a scheduled hearing on the first weapons charge, effectively making him a wanted man. Two days before he was killed he was arrested for mugging a man at an ATM on Sixth Street.

Despite all of the recent accolades he has received from family, friends and community members, **Nate** was making some *REALLY* bad decisions. The kind of decisions that reflect a complete lack of guidance, either internal or external.

Perhaps this is the most troubling part of this tragedy, and the part begging the questions. What was a "good young man" doing in a gold **Mercedes Benz** at 5:30 in the morning with a loaded semi-automatic weapon and a pistol tucked into his pants?

This is most troubling to my friends and I who are demographically similar to **Nate**. I am Hispanic, many of my friends African-American. Some are from the wrong side of the tracks, some from the right. We listen to the same music as **Nate**, play the same video games and shoot hoops at the same parks. I write this sentence from my bedroom, not ¼ of a mile from where **Nate** was shot. How is it then that my life and the lives of my friends took such a different course from **Nate's**?

Why is it that being shot by the police never crosses our minds?

Why is it that pulling guns on cops and mugging people seems like a bad idea to us, but not to **Nate**?

I cannot answer this question and may never be able to.

However, shortly after **Nate's** shooting, one of my friends did offer this response. "He got too deep in the game."

For those unfamiliar with street slang or who do not know anyone under the age of 30, "The Game" is a flexible, amorphous, all-encompassing term that describes life in the hood. The kind of nihilistic existence extolled in popular culture (rap) which glorifies crime as a means of subsistence, espouses a medieval code of honor killings, and perhaps most importantly demands a disdain for laws – those who abide by them (you and me) and those who enforce them (Officer Quintana).

To a certain extent all young people accept and have a guilty curiosity about *the game*. It has a taboo reputation and intoxicating allure. Most young people, however, also realize that the game is, for lack of a better word, stupid. My game-related activities end with buying **Lil Wayne's** latest album.

But **Nate** made *the game* his reality.

I've been to too many funerals in my short life. Some in elegant churches in **Westlake**

where the dress code calls for black ties somberly wrapped around **Brooks Brothers** shirts. I've also been to memorials, held in modest buildings and homes, where those gathered to pay their last respects wear what they came home from a hard days work in and did not have time to change out of, or what they could afford from the **Salvation Army**. There is nothing wrong with this. When heads are bowed and eyes are closed it doesn't really matter what you are wearing as long as the song in your heart is sung for the right reason.

Nate's memorial was different. Some mourners, mainly **Nate's** peers, wore shirts emblazoned with slogans such as "Fuck Laws," or "Fuck the Police." One especially apt shirt read "Hood life to the good life" above a picture of a sneering "Lil Nate" clutching a fistful of money. Perhaps I am a hopeless sentimentalist, but "Fuck the police and get money" hardly seem the proper tone to strike at a somber memorial service for a life lost all too soon.

Saddest of all, however, was the reaction of the older mourners. Complete resignation.

If **Nate's** parents, or any of the other adults, wanted **Nate's** memorial service to be anything other than a gangster wake, they did not make their wishes known. All of those 50- and 60- something couples, many of whom I suppose knew **Nate** as a happy, kind, exuberant child, kept mum throughout the proceedings. Resigned to the fact that this funeral was not for **Nathaniel Sanders**, but for **Lil Nate**, lost to *the game* at age 18.

This, I believe, is the problem. This acceptance. This mute acknowledgement that this is the way, has always been the way, will always be the way.

But it didn't have to be this way. **Nate** didn't have to be in that gold **Mercedes Benz** at 5:30 in the morning. **Nate** didn't have to drop out of school or sell drugs. He did it because of his environment. He did it because he could. He did it because no one he trusted told him to do otherwise.

I wasn't there that May morning when **Nate Sanders** life ended. I don't know whether **Officer Quintana** acted according to procedure. But this article is not about that. It



Sanders II

is about why an 18-year-old kid was asleep in a gold **Mercedes Benz** with a loaded gun in his pants. And more importantly, why no none really seemed to care. Did his parents know where he was? Did all of those well wishers who took the time to spray-paint "*Fuck the Police*" on a T-shirts know or care that Nate was in danger long before that fateful night?

Or did they just accept it?

This is likely the most gut-wrenching criticism anyone can ever level. How can I criticize the parents of a slain son? How can I criticize a community that has faced so much adversity? How can I speak ill of the dead?

My criticism, of course, will do no good. It is the community as a whole that needs to take a hard, honest look at itself and decide whether taking responsibility for another young man's life is just too painful. Whether losing another generation of sons is a fair price to pay to avoid the fearful act of introspection. It is easy to criticize the police. It is hard to criticize ourselves. Perhaps accepting fate quietly and without resistance is what our community is prepared to do – although I do not think so.

I was reminded of this feeling of inevitability by **Steven Brown**, a gentleman who came to the community meeting held at the **Delco Center** this past Monday. Addressing **Police Chief Art Acevedo**, **Mr. Brown**, father of two, expressed fear about the way his children will be treated. **Brown** said of his children, "*Eventually, they will be out roaming the street, and I just want to put an end to this before that.*"

I know what **Mr. Brown** is saying. I just find his choice of words interesting. "*Roaming the streets.*" At a certain point all children grow up. This does not mean, however, that at age 17 they should be loose, aimless and vulnerable to both their own passions and others', to "roam the streets." Perhaps the community would be better served spending less time demonizing the police and the entire judicial system and more time making sure our children are not roaming the streets, but instead are learning, growing and becoming the kind of men and women a community can be proud of.

Looking For Answers

By Vincent Tovar

On Monday, June 1st, a community meeting was held to resolve concerns among community residents, concerned citizens, the **Austin Police Department**, and city officials in the aftermath of **Nathaniel Sanders'** death. **Nathaniel** was allegedly shot twice and killed by eight-year veteran **Austin Police Officer Leonardo Quintana** on May 11th. A concerned community gathered in the streets on that controversial day to express both their grief and discontent with the situation. Those same emotions filled the **Delco Center** almost three weeks later as a crowd of more than 500 assembled to pose questions and comment on the events.



ABOVE: Nate Sanders, III and Officer Quintana

"...when we leave here, we will have discovered some things that we can do to make our city a better place."

At the meeting's invocation, this message started things off and encouraged everyone in attendance to work together in this conflict resolution both at the meeting and in the ongoing, long-term process. **Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo** followed the prayer by apologizing to the **Sanders** family for letting **Nathaniel's** body lay for (five) hours before receiving any medical attention. **Chief Acevedo** also took the blame for an "antiquated" video camera system in the patrol cars. (Only one of three cars videotaped the incident.) Afterwards, concerned citizens addressed the police and city officials with questions about probable stop procedures, dashboard cameras, and lack of a Citizen Action Committee, which would have unbiased volunteers facilitate a crime scene investigation.

"Do you care?"

After a concerned citizen asked this, the meeting took a personal turn. Many audience members jeered and expressed criticism of **Mayor Will Wynn's** response, but City Council Members and **Mayor-Elect Lee Leffingwell** calmed the crowd and expressed that he cared, while promising "to work towards answers while Mayor of Austin." Others expressed concerns about

how this issue is a serious problem in **East Austin**, the fact that dried blood still stains the apartment complex parking lot, the community is losing trust in the **City of Austin** and the **Austin Police Department**, and the importance of evaluating the deep cultural competency training by APD.

"We're going to fight for our kids!"

A community parent didn't make this declaration. Neither did a teacher nor elder made this statement. And it wasn't a threat to the police and public officials present. This was the strong reaction of **Chief Acevedo** as he responded to the President of Blackshear Neighborhood. To an enormous amount of applause, the Neighborhood President voiced that the increasing "fees and penalties placed on drug dealers lead to the dealers selling more drugs in order to pay off the fees and penalties", which he later termed the "cycle of criminalization". **Chief Acevedo's** emotions became more apparent as his response challenged everyone to tackle the external factors that are seducing our youth. These sentiments received much applause and lead us back to the initial invocation. There *were* many discoveries made at Monday's meeting, but what will follow to make our own city a better place? And can we work together to make it happen?



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Shortly after arriving in Austin in June 2000, **Bishop Gregory Aymond** sought to advance the Church's prophetic mission by increasing the number of Catholic school opportunities in **Central Texas**. Citing the Church's "preferential option for the poor," he sought to make quality, Catholic, college-preparatory education available to young people who otherwise might not have access to it. In August 2002, only weeks after the canonization of **St. Juan Diego**, the indigenous man to whom **Our Lady of Guadalupe** appeared, **Bishop Aymond** opened **San Juan Diego Catholic High School**. **San Juan Diego** is modeled after **Cristo Rey Jesuit High School** in **Chicago**. Because of its academic excellence and innovative Corporate Work Study Program, San Juan Diego Catholic High School is popularly known as "The School That Works!"

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All **San Juan Diego** students graduate with an Advanced Diploma of 30 credits. After-school tutoring, Advanced Placement courses, enrichment and summer school classes are available to ensure academic preparation. Providing its students with the opportunity to become young leaders, San Juan Diego prepares students for postsecondary college and career success.

What percentage of San Juan Diego students go on to college?

Since opening in August 2002, SJD has graduated three classes of seniors, a total of 81 students. Of these graduates, 93% are currently enrolled at colleges and universities around the country. At **San Juan Diego**, we don't ask students *if* they are going to college, but *where* they are going to college. During their junior year, students take a seminar specifically designed to prepare them for the college application and admissions process.

What if I can't afford the tuition payments?

SJD makes Catholic education affordable for all students through its innovative **Corporate Work Study Program**. Students work five eight-hour days per month at professional workplaces such as law firms, hospitals, banks, high-tech companies, schools, marketing and consulting firms. In return for their work, companies pay a portion of the students' education. These earnings offset the cost of tuition, lowering it to only \$4,100 per year.

Please note: **San Juan Diego** does not want tuition to be a barrier for any student who wants access to quality, Catholic, college-preparatory education. Therefore, San Juan Diego offers financial aid and scholarships to assist students who wish to experience college and career success. All financial assistance is awarded based on family income and extenuating circumstances.

What are Shadow Visits, and how do I schedule one?

A good way for prospective students to experience what **San Juan Diego** is all about is to participate in a Shadow Visit. During a Shadow Visit, prospective students will join the San Juan Diego students for class and see the school in action! They will have the opportunity to ask questions of both faculty and students, and to experience what it's truly like to be a San Juan Diego student. This full-day visit is an excellent way to see if **San Juan Diego Catholic High School** is "The School That Works" for **YOU**, the prospective student!

Prospective students are always welcome to visit the school. However, it is best to call and make an appointment with the Admissions Director. This will assure that someone is available to answer questions and serve as a guide.

San Juan Diego: La Escuela Que Trabaja

Thirty five high school seniors graduated not only with an Advanced Diploma of 30 credits, but also with four years of professional work experience at esteemed workplaces such as **Dell Inc.**, **Seton Family of Hospitals**, and **Deloitte**. **Bishop Gregory Aymond** personally presented the deserving seniors their diplomas in a high school graduation ceremony and Mass at **San José Catholic Church** on Sunday, May 31, at 3:00 p.m.

94% of **San Juan Diego Catholic High School** students represent the diverse minority populations of **Austin** and some come from our city's lowest socio-economic levels. Nearly all of this year's graduating seniors are college-bound, and many will be first-generation college graduates, some of them first-generation high school graduates.

San Juan Diego Catholic High School Principal Pam Jupe says, "We are so proud of this year's graduating class. They have proven themselves academically, as well as professionally, and we look forward to seeing how each one of them will change the world."

San Juan Diego Catholic High School is unique in its mission of making quality, private, college-preparatory education available to students who otherwise might not have access to it. Through the school's innovative **Corporate Work Study Program**, all students gain on-the-job experience in entry-level professional positions while earning their private high school tuition. Because of the work-study program, and the growing academic success of the school, **San Juan Diego** is commonly known as "The School That Works!"

This year's senior class boasts more than 95 college acceptances at major universities across the country, including Villanova University, Loyola University, the University of Texas at Austin and University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Salutorian Diego Santana, who plans to attend Fordham University in New York City this fall, says "It's amazing that a few kids from Austin will be going on to such great colleges."

“The School That Works!” Graduates its 4th Senior Class

Students spent their high school careers starting their careers



Nicole graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, Nicole worked at St. Edward's University and Seton Family of

Hospitals. At work, she enjoys meeting and interacting with new people every day. Nicole plans to attend **Austin Community College** and major in psychology and minor in marketing. Outside of San Juan Diego, Nicole volunteers at the St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church nursery.



Diego graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, Diego worked at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld PC, Piedras

LP, Dell Inc., and most recently, Texas Parent to Parent, where he filed and did data entry. Diego says what he enjoys most at work is meeting new people. Diego plans to attend **The Art Institute of Austin**, where he will prepare for a career in media arts and graphic design.



Maricela graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. Through the school's Corporate Work Study Program, Maricela worked at Dell Inc. and One Percent Realty. At

Dell, she facilitates notebook computer exchanges, and says that her favorite thing about working there is that she is, "treated equally, as if I were a permanent worker." Maricela plans to attend **Austin Community College**, then St. Mary's University. She plans to study nursing, and wants to one day be a pediatric nurse.



Michael graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, Michael gained his

work experience at the 401(k) Company and Dell Inc. Michael will continue his education at **Abilene Christian University** where he is plans to study Chemistry.



Bronwyn graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. Through the school's Corporate Work Study Program, Bronwyn has developed her skills by working at

Guaranty Insurance Services, Texas Cardiovascular Consultants and Seton Family of Hospitals, where she delivered blood, tissue and fluid specimens for the laboratory of the Dell Children's Medical Center. At school, Bronwyn most enjoyed her study in biology, which is what she plans to study at **Austin Community College**. Bronwyn very much enjoys sports and was a member of the Lady Saints softball team.



Alejandro graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. Through the school's Corporate Work Study Program, he worked for Austin Tele Services and Dell Inc. Alejandro was

involved in many extra curricular activities at San Juan Diego, including the French, science and dance clubs. During his senior year, he served as Captain of the boys' Saints soccer team. Alejandro plans to continue his studies at **Austin Community College**.



Analisa graduated as Valedictorian from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, she has worked for Clark, Thomas & Winters

PC, Sandalwood Management, Piedras LP, and most recently Dell Inc. There, she entered data and enjoyed the quiet atmosphere intrinsic to her work environment. In addition to excelling academically, Analisa is a gifted artist and has been accepted to numerous colleges and universities across the country including the **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**, **St. Mary's University** and **Northern Arizona University**. She is still discerning where she will pursue her study of art.



Alma graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, Alma interned at Vincon & Elkins, LLP and Black Sand

Technologies. When asked what she likes *least* about her work at Black Sand Technologies, she responded, "What is there not to love?" At school, Alma most enjoyed her math classes. She plans to begin her studies at **Austin Community College**, so that she may prepare for a career as a physical therapist for infants. In addition to her internships, Alma held an after-school job during her time at San Juan Diego.



Nayeli graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, she worked for Dell Inc., the Diocese of Austin Pastoral Center, Texas Cardiovascular Consultants and RPS JDC Inc. At San Juan Diego, Nayeli was involved in the drama club and the French club. She also enjoys playing piano. Nayeli was accepted at St. Mary's University, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, Angelo State University, Texas State University, Our Lady of the Lake and St. Edward's University. Nayeli has chosen to attend **St. Edward's University** and study computer science and psychology, and hopes to one day become a computer programmer or psychiatrist.



Zaira graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, she worked for Lower Colorado River Authority and most

recently, Dell Inc. There, she enjoyed assisting her co-workers and copying compact discs full of data. She plans to complete her core-curricular courses at **Austin Community College** to be transfer at Texas State University, where she wants to study criminal justice and education. Zaira hopes to work in a school as a bilingual elementary school teacher.



Ana graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, she gained experience working at Gabriel Project Life Center, Texas State

Optical, Mexican Consulate. Most recently, she interned with Indusoft, where she answered phones and helped prepare invoices. Ana plans to study public relations at **Our Lady of the Lake University**, and dreams of one day working in a Mexican Consulate office here in the United States. At San Juan Diego, she played for the Lady Saints basketball team. Outside of school, she is vice president of the *Movimiento Familiar Cristiano*.

“The School That Works!” Graduates its 4th Senior Class

Students spent their high school careers starting their careers



Baruc graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, he had the opportunity to work for Guaranty Insurance Services,

St. Edwards University, Piedras, LP and currently interns at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, PC. Baruc was accepted at Northern Arizona University, St. John's University, Baylor University. He plans to study advertising and communications at **St. Edward's University**.



James graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, James worked for the LCRA, the Diocese of Austin and most recently, Capital Metro. There, he works with the community outreach projects. James's favorite thing about working at Capital Metro is the “environment and his co-workers.” James plans to attend the **University of Texas in San Antonio** and study restaurant management. He dreams of becoming a chef and owning his own restaurant.

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Isaura graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, she has worked for The Diocese of Austin Pastoral Center,

GSD&M Idea City and Dell Inc. Isaura plans to attend **Texas State University**, to study psychology to prepare for a career as a social worker. At San Juan Diego, Isaura was involved with National Honor Society, the environmental club, made daily announcements to the student body, and played for the softball team.



David graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, David worked for the Greater Hispanic Chamber of

Commerce, the Diocese of Austin Pastoral Center and Seton Family of Hospitals. In his job at Seton Northwest Hospital, he filed and and enjoyed working with data and making charts and folders. At San Juan Diego, David most enjoyed his study of theology. He was also a member of the French club. David will attend the **Paul Mitchell School** to pursue a career as a hairstylist.



Gloria graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. Through the school's Corporate Work Study Program, she has gained experience working for Deloitte, Dell Inc.

and Gila Corp. Gloria was accepted at St. Mary's University, and Concordia University. She plans to attend **Schreiner University** and study child psychology so that she may one day become a therapist.



Juan graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School

on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, Juan worked at Graves Dougherty Hearon &

Moody and most recently, Seton Family of Hospitals, where he filed patient records. Juan's says that his favorite thing about working at Seton Family of Hospitals was working with lots of people and also having a cafeteria. Juan will join the **United States Air Force**, where he will surely find a career that allows him to do what he enjoys most: tinkering with machines.



Perla graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, she worked for St. Theresa's Catholic School, the Mexican Consulate,

Texas PTA, Primerica/Gonzalez & Associates and St. David's Community Health Foundation. At St. David's, she assisted with the mobile dental program, and says what she loves most about it is what all they do for the community. Perla plans to first attend **Austin Community College**, then the University of Houston or the University of St. Thomas to prepare for a career as an immigration lawyer.



Pedro graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, Pedro worked for Texas Cardiovascular Consultants and

McGinnis Lochridge & Kilgore, LLP. Pedro's favorite thing about working at McGinnis Lochridge & Kilgore is “working alongside their attorneys.” Pedro plans to attend the **University of Texas at San Antonio**, and study Mechanical Engineering so that he may one day design and build cars.



Lauren graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, she worked for the Diocese of Austin, Pirkey Barber,

Horizon Bank and Seton Family of Hospitals. Lauren was accepted at St. Mary's University, St. Mary's College-Notre Dame, Texas State University and Sweet Briar College. Lauren has decided to attend **Mount Holyoke College**, where she will study international relations and human rights.



Marcy graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, she had gained experience at Dell Inc. and Horizon Bank. The thing she

enjoyed most about her job as a teller with Horizon Bank is that she was able to interact with the customers. Marcy was accepted at St. Edwards University, St. Mary's University and Texas A&M Corpus Christi. Marcy chose to attend **The University of Texas at Austin** and major in education and minor in business. At San Juan Diego, Marcy was a student athlete who played on the Lady Saints softball team. She also served as vice president of the SJD student government association.



Ashley graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, Ashley interned with the Diocese of Austin and Deloitte. Ashley will

attend **St. Edward's University** and major in social work. She hopes to one day lead her own non-profit organization to help children in need. Ashley was also a member of the National Honor Society at San Juan Diego Catholic High School.



Juan graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. Through the school's Corporate Work Study Program, he worked for Vignette and Vinson & Elkins, LLP. After graduation,

he plans to attend **The University of Texas at San Antonio** to study architecture

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Ana graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, she worked for the Mexican Consulate, The University of

Texas at Austin, GSD&M Idea City and Texas Capital Bank. After graduation, Ana plans to attend the **Texas State University** and study business.



George graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, George interned with St. Theresa's Catholic School, Guaranty In-

surance Services, Deloitte and Bury+Partners. George plans to attend **St. John's University** in New York, where he will study business and advertising so that he may one day own his own advertising agency. George served as president of the San Juan Diego student government association, a crew member for the drama club, and disc jockey for the dance crew.



Diego graduated as Salutatorian from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, Diego worked for the LCRA, McGinnis Lochridge &

Kilgore, LLP, the Diocese of Austin, and Advanced Micro Devices. At San Juan Diego, Diego was a member of the Saints basketball team. He was accepted in more than eight national universities, and decided to attend **Fordham University** in New York.



Anna Alizette graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, Anna interned with Piedras, LP, Lloyd Gosselink, Texas

Capital Bank and Dell Inc. At Dell, she enjoyed the friendly environment and opportunity to learn new things. Anna plans to attend the **University of the Incarnate Word** to study mass communications and prepare for a career in broadcast journalism or advertising. Outside of her studies at San Juan Diego, Ana worked on the teen magazine *Latinitas*, and was recently featured on its front cover.



Gabriela graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, Gabriela interned with Dell Inc. and S a n d a l w o o d

Management. At San Juan Diego, Gabriela played on the volleyball team and basketball team, and served as president of National Honor Society. She was also a member of the French club and drama club. Gabriela plans to attend **St. Mary's University** in San Antonio or Texas State University and study education and theology, to prepare for a career as a teacher.



Melissa graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, Melissa worked for Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody, PC

and Dell Inc. Melissa was accepted in more than eight national universities, and has chosen to attend **Villanova University** where she will major in computer engineering



Mauricio graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, Mauricio interned with San José Catholic Church, Vinson &

Elkins, LP and Dell Inc. Mauricio's favorite thing about working at Dell Inc. was "the friendly environment and nice co-workers." Mauricio plans to attend **Texas State University** and eventually go to law school so that he may one day become an attorney.



Mercedes graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, she worked at Dell - Collections PCA, Texas Capital Bank, and Silicon

Laboratories. Mercedes plans to attend **Austin Community College** and prepare for a career as a counselor or therapist.



Harley graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, Harley worked for St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic School and St.

Edward's University. Harley says that his favorite thing about working at St. Edward's is, "The people I work with are college students. They treat me like a peer and make me excited about going to college!" Harley plans to attend **Austin Community College** and transfer to Texas State University where he will study kinesiology, so that he may prepare for a career as a physical education teacher.



Jessica graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, Jessica has worked for the Gabriel Projects Life Center, Pirkey

Barber, Horizon Bank and GSD&M Idea City. At GSD&M, she says she enjoyed seeing how all the advertisements are built for different companies. Jessica was involved in the San Juan Diego drama club and French club, and she also held an after-school job in addition to her internships. Jessica plans to study communications and journalism at **St. Mary's University**. She dreams of one day becoming a journalist or editor.



Ysidro graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study Program, he worked at Dell Inc., GSD&M Idea City, Texas Capital Bank,

and The OB/GYN Group of Austin. Ysidro enjoyed playing soccer for the San Juan Diego Saints soccer team. He plans to attend **St. Edward's University** and study physics or engineering.



Isaac graduated from San Juan Diego Catholic High School on May 31, 2009. Through the school's Corporate Work Study Program, he worked with GSD&M Idea City, and the law firms McGinnis

Lochridge & Kilgore, LLP and Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody, PC. At Graves Dougherty, he entered data and filed. Isaac plans to attend the **Austin Firefighter Academy** to prepare for a career as a first responder.



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An Interview with Rudy Segura:

Recent Graduate of The University of Texas at Austin School of Law

La Voz: Well, **Rudy**, you have come to end of seven years of college and will soon be taking your bar exam to become a licensed attorney. Did it seem like a long seven years or were there breaks in between?

Rudy: In between college and law school, I managed to find the time to change careers three times and start a family, but the years have flown by. It's hard to believe that I will be graduating from law school.

La Voz: Was The University of Texas your first choice of law schools?

Rudy: Absolutely. Had I not been accepted to UT, I am not sure I would have attended law school, but I definitely would have waited a few more years.

La Voz: Everyone says the first year of law school is the most difficult, was that so in your case?

Rudy: Yes. Law school, and law in general, is a different world with its own rules and many challenges, especially if you do not know someone that has gone through the process and can help guide you through it. The hard work continues through your second and third years, but by then most of the mystery, and terror, has worn off.

La Voz: When we met in the **Southwest Key East End Leadership Program** I remember you said you were from **New Mexico**. Did you do your undergraduate work in **New Mexico**?

Rudy: I did my undergraduate work at the **University of Chicago**, actually, but my mother and father both attended **New Mexico State University**.

La Voz: Aside from academics, what was the most challenging part of going to college for you?



ABOVE: left to right, **State Representative Joaquin Castro** and **Rudy Segura**. This photo was taken earlier this year during an **East Austin Leadership Program** visit which was sponsored by **Southwest Key Programs**.

Rudy: The most challenging part for me was trying to find the right balance between my studies and my personal life. Law school can easily consume every waking hour of your day, and there is a lot of pressure because the atmosphere is highly competitive. I was determined to do well in school, but I also did not want to miss out of the early years of my son's life. I suppose this will continue to be a challenge as I begin my legal career.

La Voz: Who was the first in your family to graduate from college? Was their story markedly different from your story?

Rudy: My father was the first person in our family to graduate from college, and yes, his story was markedly different. My grandparents migrated from **Mexico City** and settled in the **Segundo Barrio** of **El Paso**. My grandfather worked as a janitor while my grandmother stayed at home in their one room apartment with six children. My father graduated high school at the top of his class, received a full ride to **New Mexico State**, and went off to work as an engineer for **NASA**. He has been able to provide me with every opportunity, for which I am very grateful.

La Voz: Share with our readers your experience with the **Chicano/Hispanic Law Student Association** at **The University of Texas at Austin**.

Rudy: Through **CHLSA**, I was fortunate to meet some of my closest friends and mentors, and it generally made law school much more bearable; enjoyable even. An extended family of law students and alumni serve as an amazing support network for one another: socially, emotionally, academically, and careerwise.

La Voz: So if you had to predict, where will **Rudy** be next year and what will you be doing?

Rudy: My family and I will be moving to **Dallas**, and I will be working for **McCall, Parkhurst, & Horton L.L.P.** I will be helping cities, school districts, and other local governments finance the construction of public works such as roads, utility lines, and classrooms.

La Voz: In our **La Voz de Austin** interviews we like to end with some easier questions. Asi es que, aquí te va:

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite food: Ethiopian (no jokes, please)

Favorite kind of music: I don't have just one. I enjoy listening to classic rock, rap, R&B, country, pop, and electronic music.

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The Life and Times of Daniel Cárdenas

December 5, 1937 – April 20, 2009

by Reymundo Rodriguez

Last month the Austin American-Statesman ran the obituaries of two men who died recently in **Austin, Texas**. One had a long and robust obituary that touted his many accomplishments, hobbies, circle of friends and how much he would be missed at the clubs and the social events of which he was so much a part. The other man's obituary was very short and said only that he was survived by his wife and children and that he too would be greatly missed.

On its face, it would appear that first man had lived a full and vibrant life, while the other man really didn't do much. But this is the cruel irony of silence, brevity and humility. For it was really the second man with the short obituary who had touched the lives millions of people . . . first as a Roman Catholic priest, then as a community activist, and finally as a farm worker program administrator for more than 50 years.

Anthony Joseph Cárdenas believed in the importance of saying "yes to the dignity of men and women." He believed early in his life in what **Cesar Chávez** said about the importance of being of service to others: "*When we are really honest with ourselves, we must admit our lives are all that really belong to us. So it is how we use our lives that determines the kind of men we are.*"

Anthony answered the call of service by entering the seminary at the age of 14. Maybe he was influenced by the fact that one of his older brothers had decided to answer the call



as well and was already in the seminary preparing for the priesthood. Maybe he was influenced by the casual conversations he often had with the priests at the **Little Flower Monastery in Oklahoma City** where his father worked as a gardener and maintenance man.

After the seminary, Anthony went on to earn a bachelor's degree from St. Mary's University in **San Antonio, Texas** and professed first vows with the **Carmelite Order** after taking the name **Daniel**. He went to **Rome**, earned a Masters degree and upon his return to the United States was assigned to the very parish where he worshipped as a young boy and where he began his ministry.

Social activism was sweeping the nation in the late 1960s and **Father Daniel** sought to combine his dream of service in the church with a ministry to the poor. His incorporation of what were perceived as social agendas in the church were not welcomed in **Oklahoma City**. The work of a community activist who was now collaborating with **Father Daniel** and the Hispanic community was also not welcomed. Despite the disdain from the church, they continued to work closely on a myriad of social and community-church needs.

The tenor of the times and the voices of the poor became so loud that **Father Daniel** left the **Carmelites**. He felt he could do more than the church would allow him to do. He felt another calling

and fell in love and married **Sherry Ryan**, the community activist who had come into his life. They moved to Austin, Texas and began a new life a new chapter in their lives as they pursued their activism in the social and political upheaval of the times.

After working in a number of War on Poverty programs, Daniel began his work on behalf of farm workers by starting the **National Migrant Referral Project (NMRP)**. This organization brought community migrant health clinics and community health centers together to share the health records of migrant farm workers and their families as they traveled across the country. Within the span of a short time, this effort proved to be extremely valuable in improving health care access to a highly mobile, venerable population.

Daniel Cárdenas expanded his involvement in the health care issues of migrant and seasonal farm workers when he helped to author a special report on their mental health needs which was an integral part of the **President's Commission on Mental Health (1978)**. This report was for many years one of the most substantive and often cited references in the nation. Daniel Cárdenas again expanded his role and advocacy on behalf of farm workers when he became involved in the **Governor's Migrant Fuel Allocation Task Force**, migrant child education, early childhood education, and a four-prong agenda for addressing issues related to social services, employment, health and education.

During his career as an advocate for the poor, **Daniel Cárdenas** participated in hundreds of advisory committees, programs, marches and protests. He was, in part, a social product of the times who answered the call of the carpenter in a different way. He was a quiet man who did not need the personal accolades of others. His passion and commitment to helping others were not the fodder of newspaper articles or television interviews. Instead he took to heart the belief that "*we are all teachers, and what we teach is what we learn, and so we teach it over and over again until more people learn.*"

Que en paz descanse Anthony Joseph Cárdenas. Your life and your work made a difference in the lives of the people who helped to put food on the dinner tables of America when, at the very same time, they themselves did not even earn a minimum wage or have enough to feed their own families.



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Sonia Sotomayor has served as a judge on the **United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit** since October 1998. She has been hailed as “one of the ablest federal judges currently sitting” for her thoughtful opinions,ⁱ and as “a role model of aspiration, discipline, commitment, intellectual prowess and integrity”ⁱⁱ for her ascent to the federal bench from an upbringing in a South Bronx housing project.

Her American story and three decade career in nearly every aspect of the law provide Judge Sotomayor with unique qualifications to be the next Supreme Court Justice. She is a distinguished graduate of two of America’s leading universities. She has been a big-city prosecutor and a corporate litigator. Before she was promoted to the Second Circuit by **President Clinton**, she was appointed to the District Court for the Southern District of New York by **President George H.W. Bush**. She replaces Justice Souter as the only Justice with experience as a trial judge.

Judge Sotomayor served 11 years on the **Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit**, one of the most demanding circuits in the country, and has handed down decisions on a range of complex legal and constitutional issues. If confirmed, **Sotomayor** would bring more federal judicial experience to the **Supreme Court** than any justice in 100 years, and more overall judicial experience than anyone confirmed for the Court in the past 70 years. **Judge Richard C. Wesley**, a **George W. Bush** appointee to the Second Circuit, said “*Sonia is an outstanding colleague with a keen legal mind. She brings a wealth of knowledge and hard work to all her endeavors on our court. It is both a pleasure and an honor to serve with her.*” In addition to her distinguished judicial service, **Judge Sotomayor** is a Lecturer at **Columbia University Law School** and was also an adjunct professor at **New York University Law School** until 2007.

An American Story

Judge Sonia Sotomayor has lived the American dream. Born to a Puerto Rican family, she grew up in a public housing project in the **South Bronx**. Her parents moved to **New York** during World War II – her mother served in the **Women’s Auxiliary Corps** during the war. Her father, a factory worker with a third-grade education, died when **Sotomayor** was nine years old. Her mother, a nurse, then raised **Sotomayor** and her younger brother, **Juan**, now a physician in **Syracuse**. After her father’s death, **Sotomayor** turned to books for solace, and it was her new found love of **Nancy Drew** that inspired a love of

reading and learning, a path that ultimately led her to the law.

Most importantly, at an early age, her mother instilled in **Sotomayor** and her brother a belief in the power of education. Driven by an

indefatigable work ethic, and rising to the challenge of managing a diagnosis of juvenile diabetes, **Sotomayor** excelled in school. **Sotomayor** graduated as valedictorian of her class at **Blessed Sacrament** and at **Cardinal Spellman High School in New York**. She first heard about the Ivy League from her high school debate coach, **Ken Moy**, who attended **Princeton University**, and she soon followed in his footsteps after winning a scholarship.

At **Princeton**, she continued to excel, graduating *summa cum laude*, and **Phi Beta Kappa**. She was a co-recipient of the **M. Taylor Pyne Prize**, the highest honor **Princeton** awards to an undergraduate. At **Yale Law School**, **Judge Sotomayor** served as an editor of the **Yale Law Journal** and as managing editor of the **Yale Studies in World Public Order**. One of **Sotomayor’s** former **Yale Law School** classmates, **Robert Klonoff** (now Dean of Lewis & Clark Law School), remembers her intellectual toughness from law school: “She would stand up for herself and not be intimidated by anyone.” [*Washington Post*, 5/7/09]

A Champion of the Law

Over a distinguished career that spans three decades, **Judge Sotomayor** has worked at almost every level of our judicial system – yielding a depth of experience and a breadth of perspectives that will be invaluable – and is currently not represented — on our highest court. **New York City District Attorney Morgenthau** recently praised **Sotomayor** as an “able champion of the law” who would be “highly qualified for any position in which wisdom, intelligence, collegiality and good character could be assets.” [*Wall Street Journal*, 5/9/09]



A Fearless and Effective Prosecutor

Fresh out of **Yale Law School**, **Judge Sotomayor** became an **Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan** in 1979, where she tried dozens of criminal cases over five years. Spending nearly every day in the court room, her prosecutorial work typically involved “street crimes,” such as murders and robberies, as well as child abuse, police misconduct, and fraud cases. She was co-counsel in the “**Tarzan Murderer**” case, which convicted a murderer to 67 and ½ years to life in prison, and was sole counsel in a multiple-defendant case involving a **Manhattan** housing project shooting between rival family groups.

A Corporate Litigator

She entered private practice in 1984, becoming a partner in 1988 at the firm **Pavia and Harcourt**. She was a general civil litigator involved in all facets of commercial work including, real estate, employment, banking, contracts, and agency law. In addition, her practice had a significant concentration in intellectual property law, including trademark, copyright and unfair competition issues. Her typical clients were significant corporations doing international business. The managing partner who hired her, **George Pavia**, remembers being instantly impressed with the young **Sonia Sotomayor** when he hired her in 1984, noting that “she was just ideal for us in terms of her background and training.” [*Washington Post*, May 7, 2009]

A Sharp and Fearless Trial Judge

Her judicial service began in October 1992 with her appointment to the **United States District Court for the Southern District of New York** by **President George H.W. Bush**. Still in her 30s, she was the youngest member of the court. From 1992 to 1998, she presided over roughly 450 cases. As a trial judge, she earned a reputation as a sharp and fearless jurist who does not let powerful interests bully her into departing from the rule of law.

In 1995, for example, she issued an injunction against Major League Baseball owners, effectively ending a baseball strike that had become the longest work stoppage in professional sports history and had caused the cancellation of the World Series the previous fall. She was widely lauded for saving baseball. **Claude Lewis** of the **Philadelphia Inquirer** wrote that by saving the season, **Judge Sotomayor** joined “*the ranks of Joe DiMaggio, Willie Mays, Jackie Robinson and Ted Williams.*”

Juez Sonia Sotomayor

A Tough, Fair and Thoughtful Jurist

President Clinton appointed Judge Sotomayor to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in 1998. She is the first Latina to serve on that court, and has participated in over 3000 panel decisions, authoring roughly 400 published opinions. Sitting on the Second Circuit, Judge Sotomayor has tackled a range of questions: from difficult issues of constitutional law, to complex procedural matters, to lawsuits involving complicated business organizations.

In this context, Sotomayor is widely admired as a judge with a sophisticated grasp of legal doctrine. "She appreciates the complexity of issues," said Stephen L. Carter, a Yale professor who teaches some of her opinions in his classes. Confronted with a tough case, Carter said, "she doesn't leap at its throat but reasons to get to the bottom of issues." For example, in *United States v. Quattrone*, Judge Sotomayor concluded that the trial judge had erred by forbidding the release of jurors' names to the press, concluding after carefully weighing the competing concerns that the trial judge's concerns for a speedy and orderly trial must give way to the constitutional freedoms of speech and the press.

Sotomayor also has keen awareness of the law's impact on everyday life. Active in oral arguments, she works tirelessly to probe both the factual details and the legal doctrines in the cases before her and to arrive at decisions that are faithful to both. She understands that upholding the rule of law means going beyond legal theory to ensure consistent, fair, common-sense application of the law to real-world facts.

For example, in *United States v. Reimer*, Judge Sotomayor wrote an opinion revoking the US citizenship for a man charged with working for the Nazis in World War II Poland, guarding concentration camps and helping empty the Jewish ghettos. And in *Lin v. Gonzales* and a series of similar cases, she ordered renewed consideration of the asylum claims of Chinese women who experienced or were threatened with forced birth control, evincing in her opinions a keen awareness of those women's plights.

Judge Sotomayor's appreciation of the real-world implications of judicial rulings is paralleled by her sensible practicality in evaluating the actions of law enforcement officers. For example, in *United States v. Falso*, the defendant was convicted of possessing child pornography after FBI agents searched his home with a warrant. The warrant should not have been issued, but the agents did not know that, and Judge Sotomayor wrote for the court that the officers' good faith justified using the evidence they found. Similarly in *United States v. Santa*, Judge Sotomayor ruled that when police search a suspect based on a mistaken belief that there is a rule



valid arrest warrant out on him, evidence found during the search should not be suppressed. Ten years later, in *Herring v. United States*, the Supreme Court reached the same conclusion. In her 1997 confirmation hearing, Sotomayor spoke of her judicial philosophy, saying "I don't believe we should bend the Constitution under any circumstance. It says what it says. We should do honor to it." Her record on the Second Circuit holds true to that statement.

For example, in *Hankins v. Lyght*, she argued in dissent that the federal government risks "an unconstitutional trespass" if it attempts to dictate to religious organizations who they can or cannot hire or dismiss as spiritual leaders. Since joining the Second Circuit, Sotomayor has honored the Constitution, the rule of law, and justice, often forging consensus and winning conservative colleagues to her point of view.

A Commitment to Community

Judge Sotomayor is deeply committed to her family, to her co-workers, and to her community. Judge Sotomayor is a doting aunt to her brother Juan's three children and an attentive godmother to five more. She still speaks to her mother, who now lives in Florida, every day.

At the courthouse, Judge Sotomayor helped found the collegiality committee to foster stronger personal relationships among members of the court. Seizing an opportunity to lead others on the path to success, she recruited judges to join her in inviting young women to the courthouse on Take Your Daughter to Work Day, and mentors young students from troubled neighborhoods.

Her favorite project, however, is the Development School for Youth program, which sponsors workshops for inner city high school students. Every semester, approximately 70 students attend 16 weekly workshops that are designed to teach them how to function in a work setting. The workshop leaders include investment bankers, corporate executives and Judge Sotomayor, who conducts a workshop on the law for 25 to 35 students. She uses as her vehicle the trial of Goldilocks and recruits six lawyers to help her. The students play various roles, including the parts of the prosecutor, the defense attorney, Goldilocks and the jurors, and in the process they get to experience openings, closings, direct and cross-examinations. In addition to the workshop experience, each student is offered a summer job by one of the corporate sponsors. The experience is rewarding for the lawyers and exciting for the students, commented Judge Sotomayor, as "it opens up possibilities that the students never dreamed of before." [Federal Bar Council News, Sept./Oct./Nov. 2005, p.20]

This is one of many ways that Judge Sotomayor gives back to her community and inspires young people to achieve their dreams. She has served as a member of the Second Circuit Task Force on Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts and was formerly on the Boards of Directors of the New York Mortgage Agency, the New York City Campaign Finance Board, and the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund.



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- June 15th, 2009** **Hispanic Austin Leadership Program** Deadline for submitting applications. For more information please contact Brittany Brunson at (512) 476-7502
- June 16th, 2009** On June 16th **Workers Defense Project** will be holding a press conference to call for better working conditions in Austin's construction Industry. Recently three Austin construction workers died on the job. This event will take place on Tuesday June 16th 10:15am in Austin, Texas at City Hall Plaza 302 W. 2nd Street. For more information please call: (512) 391-2305
- June 17th, 2009** **Gabe Nieto & Jalapeño Express** at the Oasis, 6550 Comanche Trail in Austin, Texas Doors open at 7:00pm
- June 18th, 2009** **Vivir Unidos** Event at the Mexican American Cultural Center in Austin, Texas Start time: 6:00pm This is a Project of the
- June 19th, 2009** **Alfonso Ramos / Ruben Ramos and the Mexican Revolution** at Cuauhtemoc Hall in San Marcos, Texas. 1100 Patton Street. Doors open at 7:00 pm Dance 8:00 pm to 12:00 **Michael Salgado** at Tejano Ranch in Austin, Texas 7601 North Lamar Blvd. Doors open at 8:00 pm
Ricky Naranjo y Los Gamblers at Club Exkandalo in New Braunfels, Texas
- June 20th, 2009** **Mariachi Vargas de Tacatilan** will be performing in Austin, Texas at the Long Center, Dell Hall. For more information call: (512) 474-5664
- June 20th, 2009** **Art Exhibition - The Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS), the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC)** will be hosting the art exhibition **Malaquias and Maceo Montoya: Dos Vistas un Camino al Rumbo de la Humanidad**. The art exhibition will open June 20, 2009 and be available for viewing through August 29, 2009. For more information, contact **Herlinda Zamora** (exhibit coordinator, Mexican American Cultural Center) at (512) 478-6222 or herlinda.zamora@ci.austin.tx.us.
- June 26th, 2009** **People Fund Talk with Austin City Manager, Marc Ott**. This event will take place at the Alamo Drafthouse South on South Lamar from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Tickets are \$20 at the door, \$15 in advance. For more information please call: (512) 472-8087
- June 26th, 2009** **David Lee Garza y Los Musicales** at Tejano Ranch in Austin, Texas 7601 North Lamar **Gary Hobbs** at Cuauhtemoc Hall in San Marcos, Texas 1100 Patton Street **Lost Texas Wranglers** at the Monarch Event Center in Austin, Texas Doors open at 7:00
Little Joe y La Familia at Santa Cruz Catholic Church Annual Fiesta 2009 in Buda, Texas
Los Palominos at Santa Cruz Catholic Church Annual Fiesta 2009 in Buda, Texas
- June 27th, 2009** **Latinas Celebrating Achievements** sponsored by the Girl Scouts of Central Texas and the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas (TWNT). **Latinas Celebrating Achievements** is a first ever event which will engage women of all ages to celebrate achievements in education, government, civic and entrepreneurial arenas. The event is from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Bob Bullock Museum located at 1800 South Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701. More than 100 women are expected to attend. For additional information contact: Alicia Maldonado, austinchair@hwnt.org, 512.784.4893 or Patty Mendoza, austinpr@hwnt.org, 512.736.2732.
- June 27th, 2009** **Recod Release Concert** at Villa's Beer Garden in Austin, Texas 4406 South Congress Ave. from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm featuring Joel Guzman & Sarah Fox, Ponty Bone & the Squeeztones, Los Texas Wranglers, and Shawn Nelson and the Ramblers. For more information please call: (512) 444-5551

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Word	Palabra
Help	Ayuda
Discrimination	Discriminación
Justice	Justicia
Forgotten	Olvidado
Memory	Memoria
Hope	Esperanza
First Time	Primera Vez
Opposition	Oposición
People	La Gente
Never again	Nunca Jamas
One time	Una Vez
Perhaps	Tal Vez
Yes	Sí

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Girl Scouts of Central Texas and Hispanic Women's Network of Texas – Austin Chapter Announces Latinas Celebrating Achievements

The Girl Scouts of Central Texas and the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas (HWNT) – Austin Chapter, two premiere women's organization in Central Texas, invite you to an inspiring event "Latinas Celebrating Achievements" aimed at educating up-and-coming young ladies in leadership roles and providing women with professional development training.

Latinas Celebrating Achievements is a first ever event which will engage women of all ages to celebrate achievements in education, government, civic and entrepreneurial arenas. Break out sessions will allow for training and conversation with leading women in the community for both the girls scouts attendees and the women looking to advance their careers.

The event is targeted at professional women and young ladies ages 12-17 years old. It will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on **Saturday, June 27, 2009** at the **Bob Bullock Museum** located at 1800 South Congress Avenue, **Austin, Texas 78701**. More than 100 women are expected to attend.

For additional information contact: **Alicia Maldonado**, austinchair@hwnt.org, 512.784.4893 or **Patty Mendoza**, austinpr@hwnt.org, 512.736.2732.

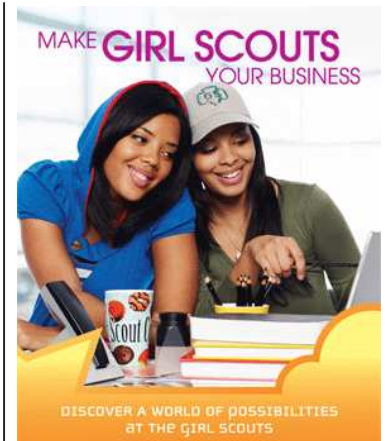
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