

The Academy for Teacher Excellence 2007-2008 Scholarship Recipients

Name: Luisa Cantu

Classification: Senior

Major: Interdisciplinary Studies

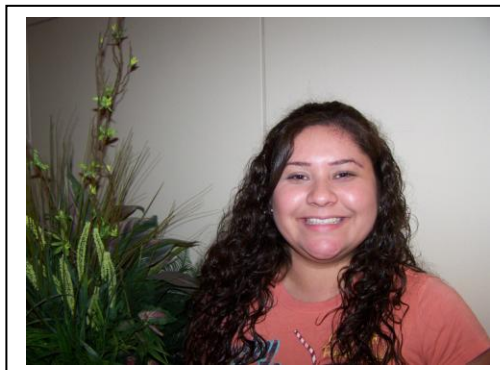
Certification Area: Early childhood-4th grade, bilingual

Honors/Awards: Spring 2007 Honor Roll, Student Superstar 2007, Who's Who Among Students in Colleges and Universities 2006

Extracurricular/Community Service:

Campus Activities Board, Student Organization Council, Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority, raising funds for charitable organizations, member of the Academy for Teacher Excellence's Teacher Academy Learning Community

Future Plans: To be a bilingual teacher.



"I would like to make an impact in each of my students' lives."

Name: Kelly Ann Luna

Classification: Senior

Major: Interdisciplinary Studies

Certification Area: Early childhood-4th grade

Honors/Awards: Fall 2005 and Spring 2007 President's List, Fall 2006 Dean's List

Extracurricular/Community Service: Alpha Chi, Omicron Delta Alpha, Animal Defense League, Mensaje Music Festival Volunteer, Latinas Unidas Sin Fronteras Tutor/Mentor, member of the Academy for Teacher Excellence's Teacher Academy Learning Community

Future Plans: To obtain a master's degree in early childhood and elementary education with an English as a second language certification.



"Together with my education and certifications, I would like to work with the bilingual population of San Antonio to ensure that they do not fall through the cracks of the system as I did when I was young and learning English."

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Name: Maria Martinez
Classification: Senior
Major: Interdisciplinary Studies
Certification Area: Early childhood-4th grade, bilingual

Honors/Awards: Who's Who Among High School Students 1996-1997 and 1997-1998, Summer 2006 and Spring 2007 Dean's List

Extracurricular/Community Service: Volunteer at Audie Murphy Hospital, member of the Academy for Teacher Excellence's Teacher Academy Learning Community

Future Plans: Plans to pursue a master's degree in bilingual education.



Maria aspires to "One day to be a principal of a school."

Name: Mariela "Mayte" Martinez
Classification: Senior
Major: Interdisciplinary Studies
Certification Area: Early childhood-4th grade, bilingual

Extracurricular/Community Service: Bilingual Education Student Organization, Association of Texas Professional Educators, member of the Academy for Teacher Excellence's Teacher Academy Learning Community

Employment: Independent Demonstrator for Gold Canyon Candle

Future Plans: To teach in San Antonio.



"After a year or so, I plan to return to UTSA to earn my master's in educational leadership with hopes of also entering the principalship program."

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Name: Marisol Marie Peralez
Classification: Senior
Major: Interdisciplinary Studies
Certification Area: Early childhood-4th grade, special education

Honors/Awards: 2005-2006 Honor Roll, Summer 2006 Dean's List, Spring 2007 President's List

Extracurricular/Community Service: Rush Coordinator for Alpha Phi Omega Co-Ed Service Fraternity, Race for the Cure, San Antonio Food Bank, Special Olympics, member of the Academy for Teacher Excellence's Teacher Academy Learning Community

Future Plans: To work in a special education setting.



"After getting some classroom experience, I plan on applying for graduate school and pursuing a master's degree in special education with an emphasis on autism."

Name: Martha Angelica Torres
Classification: Senior
Major: N/A
Certification Area: Early childhood-4th grade, bilingual

Extracurricular/Community Service: CCD teacher, member of the Academy for Teacher Excellence's Teacher Academy Learning Community

Future Plans: Teaching two cultures.



"I plan to get my master's degree."

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Name: Blanca Charbrier
Classification: Senior
Major: Spanish
Certification Area: 8th through 12th grades

Honors/Awards: Medal of Art recipient from the Metropolitan Museum in New York, N.Y.

Extracurricular/Community Service:
Volunteers with the food bank and her church

Future Plans: To become a high school Spanish Teacher



“...my future plan would be to receive my master’s degree in educational psychology.”

Name: Linda Cruz
Classification: Senior
Major: Interdisciplinary Studies
Certification Area: Special Education

Honors/Awards: President’s List, Dean’s List

Extracurricular/Community Service: Member of Council of Exceptional Children, member of Colden Key International Honor Society, Member of Academy for Teacher Excellence’s Teacher Academy Learning Community, Volunteer with Special Olympics

Future Plans: To teach in an elementary school.



“After a few years of experience, I would like to come back to UTSA for my master’s.”

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Name: Melynda Rose Dye
Classification: Senior
Major: Mathematics
Certification Area: 8th -12th grade

Extracurricular/Community Service:
Supplemental instructor for college algebra at Amarillo College, math tutor, church youth group mentor, church home representative

Future Plans: To teach high school math.



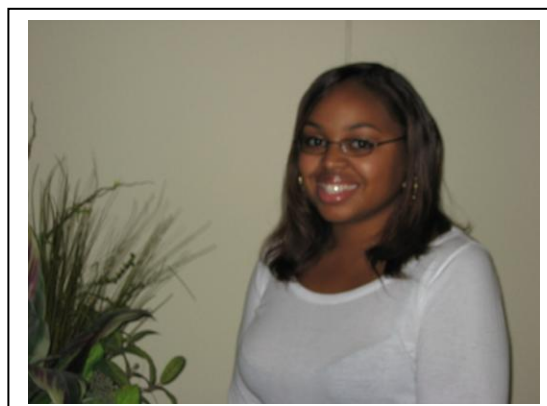
I plan to teach high school math in the San Antonio area starting in the fall of 2008.

Name: Briane Lachanda Mayes
Classification: Senior
Major: Interdisciplinary Studies
Certification Area: Early childhood-4th grade

Honors/Awards: Member of the National Honor Society

Extracurricular/Community Service:
P.A.L.s, USAA Insurance Agent

Future Plans: To be a successful teacher.



"I plan to work in under privileged districts, where an education is vital in the area, but often overlooked."

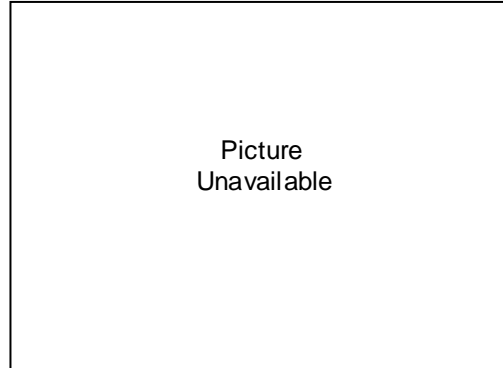
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Name: Mary Ann Ochoa
Classification: Senior
Major: Interdisciplinary Studies
Certification Area: Early childhood-4th grade, bilingual

Honors: Member of Phi Theta Kappa Education Honor Society

Extracurricular/Community Service:
Member of the Academy for Teacher Excellence; Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity; Member of WOLF, a leadership forum for women.

Future Plans: To teach in the San Antonio or Houston area after graduation.



Name: Delia Ortegon Zamora
Classification: Senior
Major: Interdisciplinary Studies
Certification Area: Early childhood-4th grade

Extracurricular/Community Service: Member of the Academy for Teacher Excellence, teaching special needs children, volunteer with Autism Society

Future Plans: To teach third grade students.



"I would come back in the future and earn a master's degree."
