

Portraits of Excellence

*2023 AMET State Conference
November 15-17, 2023
McAllen, TX*



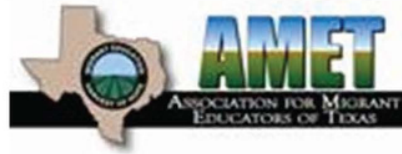
The Association for Migrant Educators of Texas

is proud to host the

2023 Annual State Conference

What AMET does for you!

- AMET sponsors the State Migrant Education Program Conference each year. We bring together migrant advocates and provide a premier professional development experience every November.
- AMET provides training to our migratory parents.
- AMET hosts a virtual professional development series each Spring. We provide quality updates and trainings from the national, state and local level, easily accessible in small chunks of time from the convenience of your home or office.
- AMET works closely with the Texas Education Agency to provide you with state and federal mandates regarding migrant education. We also enjoy showcasing what ESCs and LEAs do in their local MEP programs.
- AMET awards scholarships to high school migratory student artists who win our conference themed art contest, graduating high school students, prior winner college students, and have now expanded our philanthropy to CAMP Students who attend our conference.
- AMET has increased our service efforts to include a Student Leadership Development strand at our annual conference.



ASSOCIATION FOR MIGRANT EDUCATORS OF TEXAS

October 15, 2023

Dear Conference Participants:

On behalf of the Association for Migrant Educators of Texas, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the City of McAllen and to our 2023 Annual State Conference this November. The conference theme, ***Migrant Education: Portraits of Excellence***, reminds us of the importance of highlighting our achievements, big and small, as we move forward in life.

AMET is a non-profit organization that provides much needed resources to help migratory staff, parents and students across the great state of Texas. We are passionate about providing scholarships, developing students, engaging parents and building the capacity of all. I applaud your participation in our conference, which demonstrates your commitment to improving yourself, and moving in the direction of excellence one step at a time.

I encourage you to make the most out of this invaluable time together. Celebrate together, grow your expertise together and connect with one another. In addition to attending outstanding professional development sessions, be sure to visit our *Vendor Reception* and come out to our *March with Farmworkers*. Together we can do this!

We hope that you leave feeling informed, inspired and challenged. Capture your inner excellence!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KC' with a flourish, representing Kim Chapa.

Kim Chapa
AMET President



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OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
OFFICE OF MIGRANT EDUCATION

To the 2023 Association of Migrant Educators of Texas Conference participants:

Congratulations to your association on planning a conference full of amazing opportunities! Staff at the Office of Migrant Education have had the good fortune to participate in your previous conferences, and we have witnessed first-hand the collaboration and hard work amongst the regional education service centers, the Migrant Education Program (MEP)-funded districts, and the Texas MEP as a whole, to support this annual professional development opportunity for MEP staff, migratory parents, and students.

This year's theme, *Migrant Education: Portraits of Excellence*, is rich with meaning. Excellence is not something that is easily achievable. Excellence in anything, whether it be in a particular subject, sport, art, or skill, takes long years of practice and dedication, with one often relying on and learning from those who have already mastered their craft.

As a national program, the MEP relies on many people, reaching across school district and State lines, lending their expertise to contribute to a migratory child's educational journey. And, in our own way, we are artists that help our students paint their portraits of excellence—by providing them with opportunities and resources so that they can create the masterpiece that is their life.

Use this year's conference to grow as an artist and to hone your craft. Leave inspired to paint that portrait of excellence for every migratory child.

Thank you, conference participants, for working so tirelessly on behalf of our nation's migratory children. Enjoy the conference!

Sincerely,

**TARA
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Tara Ramsey, Director
Office of Migrant Education

November 15, 2023

Dear Conference Attendees:

Welcome to the 2023 Association for Migrant Education of Texas (AMET) Conference. The TEA Migrant Education Program is proud to participate in this exciting and worthwhile professional opportunity designed for the migrant education community. You are to be commended for your dedication and passion for improving the achievement and success of all migrant students in Texas.

This year's conference theme is *Migrant Education: Portraits of Excellence*. TEA's strategic plan calls for every child to be prepared for success in college, a career, or the military. This strategic plan was created on behalf of more than five million children in Texas, which includes our migratory students. We at TEA are dedicated to supporting you as educators and parents to ensure that you are well-equipped to meet the unique needs of these students and help them achieve a prosperous future.

We hope that this year's conference provides you with innovative tools, best practices, and resources to continue your work and encourage the success of our students.

Thank you for all you do to make a positive difference in the lives of our state's migratory students and their families. On behalf of TEA, welcome, and we hope you enjoy the conference.

Sincerely,



Mike Morath
Commissioner of Education



Ovidilio Vásquez is a National Keynote Speaker who went from a farmboy raised in a poor village in the sugarcane fields of Central America to being accepted to Harvard Business School Online. Ovi has worked for global corporations like; Apple, Tesla, Salesforce, Uber, and others. Labeled "at-risk" in High School, he still graduated (in three short years). He earned his B.A. in Business Management (in two years) and is a TEDx speaker on Self-Leadership. He is the author of six books — including a #1 Bestseller on Amazon™, and has been a recurrent On-air collaborator for Univision. Ovi is a role model for First-generation college students. He educates and connects with students by sharing his remarkable story and insights on how they can succeed in school. Through social media—Ovi has helped thousands nationwide by sharing over two Million Dollars in scholarships for minority students. Ovi is bilingual, bicultural, bi-literate, and he emerges today as one of the most engaging, sought-after bilingual leadership speakers of our time. "I learned to wield a machete in the sugarcane fields at the tender age of eight, then, continued working in the fields 'til I turned fifteen. When I moved to the U.S. in 2006 unaccompanied, my life changed forever. Soon after, my mom had to return home to care for my dying grandmother. Left alone, with zero support, I did the only thing I could do —survive..."
—Ovidilio Vasquez

Opening General Session
Keynote Speaker
Wednesday, November 15, 2023

KEYNOTE
Speaker

National Keynote Speaker
Ovidilio Vásquez



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San Juanita Sanchez was born in Moorehead Minnesota during the summer when her migrant farmworker family was weeding the fields of sugar beets. This was the story of her childhood summers as she began working in the fields of Minnesota at the age of ten alongside her parents and nine siblings. The pursuit for an education was instilled in her by her parents and role modeled by her siblings. San Juanita earned a Bachelor of Business Administration majoring in Finance from Pan American University with a minor in English. She later pursued her lifelong dream and was accepted into Thurgood Marshall School of Law where she earned a degree of Juris Doctor. San Juanita is currently a practicing licensed attorney with over 26 years of experience in the areas of family law, probate, estate planning and real estate.

San Juanita Sanchez has also made community involvement a major part of her life. She participates as a guest speaker throughout the year in educational, legal, community, faith-based and podcasts forums. In May 2005, San Juanita was elected the first female mayor of the City of San Juan and served as mayor for 9 years.

Closing General Session
Keynote Speaker
Friday, November 17, 2023



Keynote Speaker
“Janie” San Juanita Sanchez

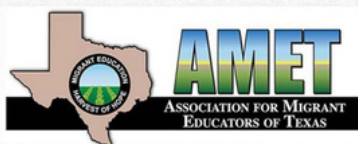
She has been involved and served in both legal and community organizations including:

- Board Member-Texas/ Tamaulipas Border Alliance Mid Valley Mayors Alliance
- Chairperson of the American Association of the Sleep Apnea
- Chairperson of the Hidalgo County Member Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Board Member-Amigos del Valle
- Board Member-Rio Grande Development Council
- Board Member-Hidalgo County Community Service Agency
- Member of the Red Mass Committee-Hidalgo County Member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish - choir member, CCD teacher and presenter for parent sessions
- Organizer of the Women’s Renew Conference 2022, 2023
- Member of the Texas State Bar, Texas Family Law Section

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2023 AMET Scholarship Recipients

Migrant Education: Portraits of Excellence



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2023 AMET Scholarship Winner



Yaneli Segovia
Wesclaco High School
Region 1

Michigan State University

**Yaneli is also the recipient for
the Indomitable Spirit Award



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2023 AMET Scholarship Winner



John Alvarez

Donna High School
Region 1
TSTC Harlingen



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2023 AMET Scholarship Winner



Maria Beccerra

El Campo High School
Region 3
Texas A&M College Station



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2023 AMET Scholarship Winner



David Corona

Whitney High School
Region 12
TSTC Waco



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2023 AMET Scholarship Winner



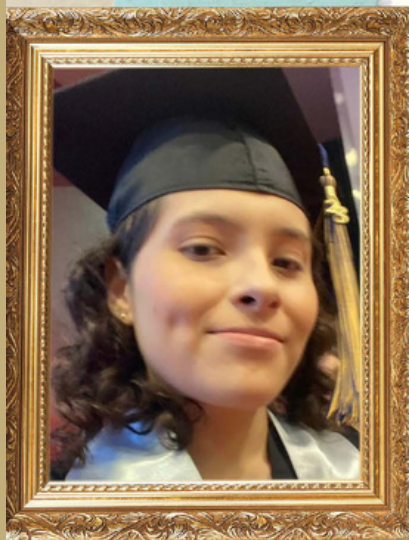
Jose Uballe

La Pryor High School
Region 20
Texas A&M Corpus Christi



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2023 AMET Art Scholarship Winner



Marylou Trevino
Mission Collegiate
High School
Region 1,
UTRGV





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Association for Migrant Educators of Texas Conference

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Ms. Mora is a very hard working person and the sole provider for her household. Even through her previous cancer diagnoses she persevered through the challenges of treatment and working long days out in the field. She always has a smile on her face no matter how many long hours she has been working out in the fields. She is very involved in the education of her children and adopted grandchildren. She is always advocating for their educational needs and makes sure that those needs are met. She always asks questions in regards to her children and grandchildren's educational choices. Ms. Mora was part of the State PAC Committee. She is very well known in her community for advocating and recruiting other Migratory families. Ms. Mora joyfully agreed to be interviewed for a MEP video recorded by the Region. She was so prepared and did so well that she wasn't just one piece of the video but became the STAR of her own video. She knows the program so well that she could easily be a Migrant Recruiter.

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With over a decade of service, Estella has dedicated herself to ensuring that students catch up on their work and have all the necessary resources to graduate college, career, or military ready. Her tireless efforts, constant communication with students and families, and willingness to go above and beyond have made a significant impact on the lives of countless individuals. As a former migrant student herself, Estella understands the unique challenges that students face. She has become a beacon of hope for those who may feel overwhelmed or disadvantaged. One of Estella's most commendable qualities is her unwavering commitment to her students' well-being. Estella serves as a true coordinator of services. Her meticulous attention to detail and dedication to providing comprehensive support. Estella's impact reaches far beyond the classroom. Her dedication and tireless efforts have not only helped students catch up academically but have also instilled in them a sense of hope, resilience, and determination. Estella Betancourt Guerrero is an exceptional individual whose unwavering commitment and dedication to the Migrant Program have made a lasting impact. Her selfless actions, constant communication, and coordination of services demonstrate her deep rooted passion for education and her unwavering belief in the potential of every student. Estella is a true champion of education.

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Ms. Valdez has dedicated her life to helping migrant families. She has worked for over 25 years with La Feria ISD, and most of that time has been with our Migrant Education Program. She started in the district as a parent volunteer and eventually found her calling in the migrant and parental departments. She is dedicated, punctual, and committed to making our migrant program successful. She constantly goes above and beyond to recruit and serve our migrant families. Growing up in a migrant family, Ms. Valdez understands the obstacles our migrant families deal with. When we have events such as parent meetings or literacy events, Ms. Valdez makes certain that all the necessary preparations are taken care of. She is a team player and always treats others with respect. As in other districts, La Feria ISD has had to cut back on our Migrant staff thus our staff has had to take on multiple roles. Ms. Valdez is currently a recruiter, reviewer and TX-NGS Clerk for our district and excels in all positions. She is an asset to our district, and we feel fortunate to have such a caring and devoted person such as Ms. Valdez. She is a model of what all of us in the migrant program should strive for, she has a caring heart and is always looking for ways to help serve our migrant parents and students.

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Support Staff of the Year



Ms. Mata's journey has been defined by her unwavering commitment. As a former migrant student herself, she empathizes with the challenges these families face and has dedicated her career to making a positive impact. Ms. Mata has consistently excelled in building lasting relationships, facilitating communication, and providing administrative support. Ms. Mata actively assists migrant parents and works closely with community organizations to develop partnerships. Ms. Mata is dedicated to ensuring that all staff members have the necessary tools and resources to effectively support migrant students. Ms. Mata arranges workshops, trainings, and seminars. As the Migrant Education secretary, Ms. Mata's attention to detail is instrumental in ensuring the smooth operation of the program. From managing student records and monitoring program compliance, to coordinating transportation and organizing family engagement events, she plays a pivotal role in day-to-day operations. Ms. Mata's efficiency and dedication allow teachers and administrators to focus on providing quality education and support to migrant students. Her meticulous organization and ability to multitask are highly regarded by her colleagues. Ms. Mata plays a vital role in ensuring that every student has the opportunity to succeed. Her resilience, determination, and commitment serve as an inspiration to the entire community.

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Elias Longoria is a former migrant student who has dedicated 15 years of his life to serving in the Migrant Program. One of the standout qualities of Mr. Longoria is that he goes above and beyond to ensure that our families have access to the most updated information. Mr. Longoria actively keeps a pulse on our families, many of whom are constantly moving throughout the area. His dedication to maintaining strong lines of communication is evident in his frequent calls to parents, where he not only shares important information but also provides them with work opportunities. Mr. Longoria is a champion of innovation. He understands the importance of blending traditional recruitment methods with modern tracking technologies. He consistently provides valuable feedback to improve the program's existing methods. Mr. Longoria's dedication to his role as a recruiter extends far beyond regular working hours. His involvement in the community reflects his deep-rooted commitment to making a positive impact. One of Mr. Longoria's most remarkable qualities is his ability to connect with families on a personal level. His warm and approachable demeanor brings everyone out of their shell. Families rely on him not only as a recruiter but also, as a trusted advocate and friend. Mr. Longoria's ability to build meaningful relationships with families is a testament to his genuine care and concern for their wellbeing.

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The oldest of 7 children, Pat Escamilla graduated from Mission High School. He then attended college in Edinburg. He learned from migrant families the hardships they endure in spite of the fact that he was never a migrant himself. His devotion and dedication to the migrant population has always been seen and felt by those migrant whose lives he has touched.

Mr. Pat Escamilla has 15 years of working with Migrant Education as a Migrant Coordinator, along with heading the Migrant Head Start Program as Principal. Mr. Escamilla was also a high school assistant principal at McAllen High School for 8 years. Prior to that he taught Mathematics at the high school. Mr. Escamilla holds a BS Degree in Education, Masters of Education and a Mid-Management Masters Degree in Education.

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Wendy started her career with migrant in 2001. She has been a College Access Specialist, Counselor, Consultant for both ESC 16 and ESC 20, and currently serves as the Texas Migrant Interstate Program Manager.

Wendy is known for her work in AMET at the state level as she served as the Scholarship Chair from 2015-2019. One former colleague references Wendy as professional, passionate, and organized. She worked closely with Wendy over the years on the scholarship committee for AMET. Her tireless work served not only the state organization, but also the students who benefited from its scholarship program. She continued to say, "She has enthusiasm, determination, and an eye for detail. She is also a woman of character with strong integrity." Wendy continued to share her talents as she became the Regional Director for AMET from 2014-2016. Her planning skills helped her as Vice President of AMET in 2016. She was successful in planning the AMET Conference for 2017-2018 as President Elect. In 2019-2020 Wendy led the AMET organization as President. It was there that she was successful in launching one face to face conference and another virtual due to the pandemic. Wendy was also responsible for the success of the National Association of State Directors of Migrant Education National Conference as a dedicated member of the Planning Committee. As past president, Wendy was instrumental in helping the AMET organization stay focused on its purpose while cutting costs.

Lifetime Award

Wendy Fort

Her experiences with migratory families, students, staff across the state of Texas is evident in her history with those she met and made a difference in more ways than one. Wendy is known for her excellent customer service with our local LEAs. Her expertise in ID&R and TX-NGS is beyond reproach. Her commitment to helping districts is evident in the quick way she problem solves, coaches, and offers solutions to those who come to her. One district recruiter, shared, "Wendy always makes us feel that it's OK to ask for help when in need of assistance, no matter how simple or difficult the question may be. She never ceases to amaze me at how quick she can think of a solution. An administrator in a different district quotes, "Ms. Wendy Fort provides exemplary support to our staff, especially our new recruiters, and provides us quick feedback any time we need her assistance. She is helpful, caring, resourceful, and happy to offer service no matter the task. She advocates for our migratory children with superior knowledge and experience. She is a true champion for the Migrant Education Program in Texas and the rest of the country". A former migrant student quoted: "There are only a handful of people that have had a significant impact on my life, and you are one of them. You went above and beyond for me, and I could not have gotten to where I am without your help." Wendy helped her navigate the trenches of high school, leading her to the West Texas A&M University on a CAMP scholarship. Another former student mentioned, "I can honestly say the if it weren't for her and the influence she had on me, I wouldn't be where I am right now." Yet a different former migrant student said, "As a migrant student, college was just a dream for me and seemed impossible to reach. Wendy would explain the importance of education and how it was possible for us. Because of Wendy's knowledge of opportunities for migrant students, I was able to attend the Bert Corona Leadership Institute in Washington D.C.. " In my family, I am the only one who completed high school. Before Wendy's help, my family and I did not have knowledge about the college process. Wendy's knowledge and skills helped me achieve the dream of completing high school and attending college. Wendy has a heart of gold. She always listens to the call, walks with inspiration, and follows up with the necessary service needed to fulfill her role as a servant leader. The migrant world is better because we have had Wendy as a trailblazer.

AMET 2023

Conference at a Glance

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Tuesday, November 14, 2023

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- 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm TX-NGS Academy / Parent Academy II
- 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm State & Federal Updates Academy / Parent Academy III / CAMP & HS Orientation
- 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Vendor Reception With Entertainment (All Attendees)

Thursday, November 16, 2023

- 7:30 am – 5:00 pm Registration/Check-in
- 8:30 am – 9:30 am Migrant Legal Action Program Academy (All Attendees)
- 10:00 am – 11:00 am Concurrent Session
- 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Concurrent Sessions
- 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm Concurrent Sessions
- 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm Concurrent Sessions
- 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm "I March with Farmworkers" - Fun Run/Walk (All Attendees)

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Conference Schedule Detail

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AMET 2023 McAllen Convention Center, McAllen, TX
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8:00 am – 8:30 am Student Performance - Edcouch-Elsa Mariachi Juvenil Azteca Ballroom A/B
8:30 am – 10:00 am Opening General Session Ballroom A/B
Call to Order - President-Elect
Presentation and Posting of the Colors - McAllen ISD James "Nikki" Rowe JROTC
Pledge of Allegiance / Texas Pledge /National Anthem - McAllen ISD, McAllen Memorial High School Mariachi, Los Potrillos
Invocation - Maria Retana, State PAC President
Welcome - City of McAllen Mayor, TEA, AMET President
Keynote Speaker: Ovi Vasquez, Seeds of Greatness
Scholarship Recognitions - Scholarship Chair
AMET Service Awards - Vice President
Lifetime Distinguished Service Award - Vice President
Announcements - President
10:00 am - 10:30 am Break / Visit with Vendors
10:30 am - 12:00 pm Academies-General, Parent, CAMP/HS
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch on Your Own
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Academies-General, Parent, CAMP/HS
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5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Vendor Reception

Ballroom Foyer

Light Appetizers, Tea & Lemonade

Entertainment provided by Nuestra Raices “Cesar Chavez Parent Center”

Folklorico Group & Grupo Folklorico Tioti-Ramirez, PSJA ISD

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8:30 - 9:30 am CAMP/HS Networking Room 102 B/C							
9:30 am - 10:00 am		Break/Networking/Exhibits					
	Ballroom A/B	Ballroom C	Ballroom D	Room 103 A/B	Room 103 C	Room 103 D	Room 102 B/C
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Session #1 The Rights of Immigrant Students & English Learners in the Public Schools	Session #2 Migrant Education: Making a Difference / Educación Migrante: Haciendo una Diferencia	Session #3 Digital Resources to Support Migratory Parents and Families	Session #4 Hands-On Activities to Improve Language and Literacy Skills for Migrant Students	Session #5 First Year Student Experience in the CAMP + C-STEM Partnership	Session #6 Program Resources Showcase	Session #7 The Difference MEP & CAMP Made in My Life: UTRGV
Presenter	Roger Rosenthal-MLAP	Antonio Ballesteros-Edinburg CISD	Jeremy Poston-ESC 20 & Idalia Ibañez-TEA	Maria Mata-ESC 18	Dr. Cristina Villalobos & Jaime Miranda-UTRGV	Keilah Villarreal & Michelle Perez-ESC 11	CAMP Alumni & Gracie Avila-ESC 1
11:00 am - 12:30 pm		Lunch					
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Session #8 Strengthening Parent Engagement in Schools	Session #9 The Redesigned Texas Migrant Interstate Program (TMIP)	Session #10 The AIIMS Portal: Building the Capacity of MEP Staff	Session #11 Tips for Parents to Improve Their Students' Reading Skills from A to Z / Consejos para que los Padres Mejoren las Habilidades de Lectura de sus Alumnos de la A a la Z	Session #12 Surviving to Thriving: Donna ISD	Session #13 It Takes a Village: Building an ID&R Network	Session #14 Team Building for CAMP/HS Students
Presenter	Dr. Summer Prather-Smith-The Constantino Group	Wendy Fort-TMIP & Nez Paniagua-TEA	Sharon Santo-ESC 20 & Idalia Ibañez-TEA	Maria Mata-ESC 18	Rashad Rana & Daniel Lopez - Donna ISD	Matt Flaherty-Arroyo	Albert Archuleta-ESC 6 & Ellie Ross-ESC 20
1:45 pm - 2:45 pm	Session #15 Parent Engagement is a Two-way Street	Session #16 MEP's Transformative Journey	Session #17 Hot off the Press: Additional Statewide Resources	Session #18 Supporting Students, Parents & Families through the TXEL Web Portal's Resources	Session #19 Criando a nuestros hijos con mentalidad universitaria: ¡Porque nunca es demasiado temprano para comenzar! / Raising Our College-Minded Kids: Because It's Never Too Early to Start!	Session #20 Research, Document, Analyze: Use Data to Inform MEP ID&R Efforts	Session #21 Change your morning routine, and you'll change your life!
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4:30 pm- 5:00 pm
I March with Farmworkers Fun/Walk
Cambria Parking Lot

5:15 pm -6:00 pm
Tailgate
Cambria Pool Area

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Conference Schedule Detail

Friday

Friday, November 17, 2023
8:00 am - 8:30 am Hotel Check-Out
Scholarship Gallery in Main Ballroom area
8:45 am- 9:15 am AMET Regional Meetings with Parents, ESC Staff, District Staff / CAMP/HS Debrief
9:15 am - 9:45 am Student Performance Rio Hondo Elementary Folklorico Dance & Rio Hondo Middle School Jazz Band
9:45 am - 10:15 am General Assembly Business Meeting - President
10:15 am - 11:30 pm Closing General Session / Keynote Speaker - San Juanita Sanchez
11:30 am - 12:00 pm Final Door Prizes & "Dinero for the Sombrero" Drawing - Treasurer
Final Remarks - President & Closing Prayer - Lluvia L. Esparza, UTRGV CAMP Student



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Wednesday, November 15, 2023

8:00a - 10:00a / Opening General Session

Ballroom A/B

Welcome to the Opening General Session of AMET 2023. Join us for an amazing student performance, a conference greeting, recognition of our award recipients, and our keynote address by Ovidilio Vásquez: Seeds of Greatness..

10:30a - Noon / ID&R Academy

Ballroom A/B

MEP Systems Initiative
TEA MEP

Title: ID&R Strategies, Scenarios, and Practices

This session is designed to provide resources and strategies to promote successful Identification and Recruitment of migratory students by reinforcing knowledge base, hands-on scenarios, and skills mastery. Participants will have the opportunity to network with each other and share best practices.

10:30p - Noon / Parent Academy I

Ballroom C

Dr. Summer Prather-Smith, The Constantino Group

Title: Obstacles and Solutions to Migrant Parent and Family Engagement

Participants will leave with a clear understanding of the impact migrant parent and family engagement has on a students' educational achievement.



Wednesday, November 15, 2023

1:30p - 3:00p / TX-NGS/MSIX Academy

Ballroom A/B

MEP Systems Initiative
TEA MEP

Title: 2023-2024 TX-NGS/MSIX Data Management Requirements Review

This session participants will include a review of the 2023-2024 TX-NGS/MSIX data management requirements, including sample processes and reports. Additional resources and sample materials will be provided such as: data quality control checklist, data entry procedures, TX-NGS Oath Form, and MSIX application. Possible Hands-On and encode enrollments.

1:30p - 3:00p / Parent Academy II

Ballroom C

Keynote Speaker, Ovidilio Vásquez

Title: Education is the Key to Success

Parents will hear from national keynote speaker Ovi Vásquez and be inspired! They will learn why we should celebrate our uniqueness and how to leverage it to help students. They will leave inspired to supporting their students to complete high school and pursue higher education. They will learn how to help their students to stay motivated through difficult times and have time to network, ask questions and take photos with Ovi.



Wednesday, November 15, 2023

3:30p - 5:00p / State & Federal Updates Academy

Ballroom AB

Didi Garcia, State MEP Director, Texas Education Agency

Idalia Ibanez, Director, Texas Education Agency

Roger Rosenthal, JD, Executive Director, Migrant Legal Action Program, Washington, DC

Title: Migrant Education Program Updates for MEP Administrators

Texas Education Agency MEP Staff will provide updates on current priorities and initiatives that affect the education of migratory students in Texas. Academy attendees will be provided with an overview of best practices for successful program implementation including coordination and continuity of services for migratory students, as well as program regulations, requirements, and compliance. They will be provided with data reflecting trends and patterns in the Migrant Education Program. From the national perspective, topics will include federal funding and other updates from Washington, DC.



Wednesday, November 15, 2023

3:30p - 5:00p / Parent Academy III

Ballroom C

María Retana and Josie Mendoza, State PAC Parents
Jeremy Poston, Specialist, ESC20

Title: Chat with State PAC Parents and about State Digital Resources

Migratory parents will engage with parent leaders from the State Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for the Texas Migrant Education Program (MEP). Learn more about this incredible pair of ladies in their bio and you will see why we are so pleased to have them sharing. Parents will also hear from Region 20 about the Texas MEP Digital Resources to Support Migratory Parents and Families. This session will provide an overview of digital resources available to support migratory families: TMEP Portal, Education Resources for Parents of K-12 Migratory Children, and the AIMS Portal. Bring your device! Participants will have time to explore resources available at the portals.



Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Parent Academy III

María Retana y Josie Mendoza, conocidas como "Las Hermanas" en su comunidad, son hijas de trabajadores agrícolas, el Sr. Jesús y Ana M. Maldonado. Desde los 6 y 8 años, crecieron trabajando en la agricultura junto a su familia y continúan siendo trabajadoras agrícolas. Su labor incluye la cosecha de chile cayena, jalapeño y chile verde californiano, así como la tapioca de cebolla, limpieza y desahije de chile y repollo, y la cosecha de nueces.

Además de su labor agrícola, han sido voluntarias en las escuelas de Anthony ISD en Anthony, TX, en la iglesia y la comunidad de Anthony, NM durante más de veinte años. También desempeñan roles importantes como promotoras de salud para la Universidad de El Paso, TX (UTEP) y vendedoras en la Universidad de Nuevo México NMSU. Además, son promotoras de Salud de NM & TX y líderes en las organizaciones Forward Together Action y Strong Families.

En el ámbito comunitario, forman parte del Comité de Promotoras Sur de Nuevo México, y en 2021-julio 2023, María fue Presidenta, actualmente, Josie asume ese rol. María es miembro de la mesa directiva de New Mexico, CHW Certification Board y Presidenta del PAC del Estado de Texas (Parent advisory Council migrant program). También participa activamente en el Comité de Involucramiento de Padres y Familias en el estado de TX (PFE). Por su parte, Josie es actualmente la secretaria del PAC del estado de TX.

Certificadas como promotoras desde 2018, su papel consiste en servir a la comunidad, guiando a las personas según sus necesidades y empoderándolas para abogar por sí mismas. Ambas dedican su servicio con pasión y humildad, marcando una diferencia significativa en la comunidad que sirven.



Wednesday, November 15, 2023

3:30p - 5:00p / Student Leadership Orientation & Keynote

Ballroom D

Fabiola Hernandez, West Texas CAMP Director

Jaime Miranda, UTRGV-Edinburg CAMP Director

Ovidilio Vásquez, National Keynote Speaker

Title: Thrive Through Education

Students will receive an orientation followed by a special welcome from Ovi! Students will learn how to take advantage of the school experience to succeed and how to enhance their leadership at home and in school. They will learn how to build their personal confidence and will leave feeling inspired.



Networking, Light Hors D'oeuvres, Dinero for the Sombrero, Bingo

Exhibitor Reception with Entertainment

Ballroom Foyer

5:00p - 6:00p

Wednesday, November 15, 2023



Thursday, November 16, 2023

8:30a - 9:30a / Migrant Legal Action Program Academy

Ballroom A/B

Roger Rosenthal, JD, Executive Director, Migrant Legal Action Program, Washington, DC

Title: Important Things That All Migrant Education Program Staff Need to Know

Come and hear about issues important to migratory students and families. Whether you are a school counselor, recruiter, teacher, data clerk, or administrator, you will hear about issues that directly impact students, schools, and your work. Attorney Roger Rosenthal, from the Migrant Legal Action Program and NASDME in Washington, DC, will present and facilitate questions and conversations. Issues to be explored include:

- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) – What is the current status of the program?
- Public Charge – This immigration issue can cause many migrant parents to avoid the MEP, ESL, school meals, and other programs because they mistakenly think participating in these programs could block their path to a green card.
- Changes to the asylum process, Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Immigration Enforcement - Schools are a "Protected Area" .

10:00a - 11:00a / Concurrent Sessions Begin

Session 1

Ballroom A/B

The Rights of Immigrant Students and English Learners in the Texas Public Schools

Roger Rosenthal, JD, Executive Director, Migrant Legal Action Program, Washington, DC

Immigrant children and English Learners (ELs) often face barriers in gaining entry to public schools and participating in school activities. This presentation will review what Texas public schools can and cannot require of immigrant children and ELs. Topics to be discussed include Social Security numbers, immigration documents, birth certificates, and immigration records. Eligibility for the free and reduced school lunch and breakfast programs will also be covered. Schools' responsibilities regarding English Learners (and their parents) will also be reviewed.



Thursday, November 16, 2023

10:00a - 11:00a / Concurrent Sessions Continued

Session 2

Ballroom C

Educación Migrante: Haciendo una Diferencia / Migrant Education: Making a Difference

Antonio Ballesteros, Edinburg CISD

El éxito como ex migrante se presenta de muchas formas diferentes para muchas personas. Al compartir la experiencia migrante a través de él lente de un estudiante trabajador migrante, estudiante de escuela nocturna, estudiante de escuela pública, beneficiario de la beca CAMP en la Universidad de St. Edward, maestro, administrador y ahora compartiendo la experiencia, los participantes se relacionarán con los desafíos y oportunidades de educar a los niños migrantes. Como migrantes, compartimos los éxitos que tenemos; no a pesar de nuestra experiencia migratoria, sino gracias a ellas.

Success as a former migrant, comes in many different forms for many people. By sharing the migrant experience through the lens of a migrant student-worker, night-school student, public school student, CAMP program recipient at St. Edward's University, teacher, administrator, and now sharing the journey, participants will relate to challenges and opportunities of educating migrant children. As migrants, we share in the successes we have; not in spite of, but because of our migrant experience.

Session 3

Ballroom D

Digital Resources to Support Migratory Parents and Families

Jeremy Poston, Region 20 ESC

Idalia Ibañez, Texas Education Agency

Migratory parents are always looking for resources to help support their children's education. This session will provide an overview of the following digital resources available to support migratory parents and families:

- Texas Migrant Education Program (TMEP) Portal – This includes online resources specifically for parents and families.
- Education Resources for Parents of K-12 Migratory Children – This includes literacy resources for home use.
- AIIMS (Assisting Interstate/Intrastate Mobile Students) Portal – Introduction of new section on parents and families

Bring your device! Participants will have time to explore resources available at the portals.

10:00a - 11:00a / Concurrent Sessions Continued

Session 4

Room 103 A/B

Hands-On Activities to Improve Language and Literacy Skills for Migrant Students

Maria Mata, Region 18 ESC

This session is designed to engage teachers in a variety of hands-on activities that can be implemented in their classrooms to support language acquisition in English to improve migrant and emergent bilingual students' language and literacy skills.

Session 5

Room 103 C

First Year Student Experience in the CAMP + C-STEM Partnership

Cristina Villalobos, UTRGV

Jaime Miranda, UTRGV CAMP

The first year college experience for many students can be overwhelming. Through the UTRGV CAMP + C-STEM partnership, we offer students the opportunity to attend professional development activities as well as immerse in a one-semester research activity to retain students in college and acquaint them to resources.

Session 6

Room 103 D

Program Resources Showcase

Keilah Villarreal, Region 11 ESC

Michelle Perez, Region 11 ESC

Come join Region 11 as we showcase some of the resources we have created for the our districts. Resources include an NGS Reports Flowchart, a modified Student Progress Monitoring Form, new recruitment posters, an in-Region requirements checklist, and more. See you there!

Session 7

Room 102 B/C

The Difference MEP & CAMP Made in My Life: University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Graciela Avila, Specialist, Region 1 ESC

This session will allow participants the opportunity to hear from a panel of University of Texas Rio Grande Valley CAMP Alumni. Panelists will share their experiences and reflect on the impact the programs made on them as migrant students. Join our session and hear how the services of the Migrant Education Program and College Assistance Migrant Program assisted them and made a difference in their lives. Hear how these programs contributed to their dreams of success and helped them achieve their leadership roles in their organizations.

12:30p - 1:30p / Concurrent Sessions

Session 8

Ballroom A/B

Strengthening Parent Engagement in Schools

Dr. Summer Prather-Smith, The Constantino Group

District and campus leadership will gain insight on ways to improve migrant parent and family engagement in their schools.

Session 9

Ballroom C

The Redesigned Texas Migrant Interstate Program (TMIP)

Wendy Fort, Program Manager, Texas Migrant Interstate Program

Nez Paniagua-Jimenez, Texas Education Agency

In this session, participants will learn how they can support the academic needs of Texas migratory students through intra/interstate coordination. Participants will view the newly redesigned website, discuss topics such as utilizing MSIX, credit accrual/credit recovery options, out-of-state testing, and coordination of available resources, such as leadership academies, HEP, and CAMP, that school personnel can use to support their migratory students as they travel.

Session 10

Ballroom D

The AIIMS Portal: Building the Capacity of MEP Staff

Saron Santo, Region 20 ESC

Idalia Ibañez, Texas Education Agency

The AIIMS portal is an interactive online resource created to assist MEP staff in implementing their program and ensure continuity in the educational support of migratory students. Join us for an overview of the portal and how it can be utilized to support migratory families and staff.



12:30p - 1:30p / Concurrent Sessions Continued

Session 11

Room 103 A/B

Consejos para que los Padres Mejoren las Habilidades de Lectura de sus Alumnos de la A a la Z / Tips for Parents to Improve Their Students' Reading Skills from A to Z

Maria Mata, Region 18 ESC

En esta sesión, los participantes explorarán actividades para promover un entorno rico en alfabetización en el hogar al involucrar a sus hijos en conversaciones y actividades cotidianas que incluyen la lectura. Los asistentes recibirán un cuadernillo con consejos para fomentar la lectura en casa.

In this session, participants will explore activities to promote a rich literacy environment at home by engaging their children in everyday conversations and activities that include reading. Attendees will receive a booklet with tips to promote reading at home.

Session 12

Room 103 AC

Surviving to Thriving: Donna ISD

Daniel Lopez, Donna ISD

Explore the transformative journey Donna ISD embarked on to enhance student success, parent engagement, and recruitment. Gain insight into our strategies and learn how we transitioned from surviving to thriving.

Session 13

Room 103 A/B

It Takes a Village: Building an ID&R Network

Matt Flaherty, Arroyo

MEPs are tasked with recruiting every eligible migratory child within their state into the MEP. To succeed, MEPs dedicate a lot of time to ID&R efforts. Even so, it is impossible to recruit every eligible migratory child without the support of migratory children and their families, community-based organizations, schools and school districts, and other stakeholders.

Having efficient ID&R networks and partnering with these stakeholders ensures "passive recruitment" happens.

Based on their experience working with MEPs throughout the country, Arroyo Research Services ID&R Specialists will review strategies they have seen MEPs use to create effective ID&R networks.

12:30p - 1:30p / Concurrent Sessions Continued

Session 14

Room 102 B/C

Team Building for CAMP and High School Students
Albert Archuleta, Region 6 ESC
Ellie Ross, Region 20 ESC

Participants will learn and experience numerous activities that will contribute to the successes and growth of the group. They will gain insight into personal strengths through hands on experiences and collaboration with each other. Team building activities prove to be fun and engaging and allow for real life connections.

1:45p - 2:45p / Concurrent Sessions

Session 15

Ballroom A/B

Parent Engagement is a Two-way Street

Dr. Summer Prather-Smith- The Constantino Group

Participants will leave with specific strategies to clear the path for migrant parent and family engagement beginning with how to ensure your school is provides a welcoming environment.

Session 16

Ballroom C

Hot off the Press: Additional Statewide Resources for the Texas MEP

Idalia Ibañez, Texas Education Agency
Nez Paniagua, Texas Education Agency

The Texas Migrant Education Program is now part of the Innovative Strategies for Out-of-school Youth and Secondary Students (iSOSY) and Identification and Recruitment (IDRC) Consortium. This session will provide an overview of the resources and tools available through IDRC and iSOSY, as well as opportunities for Texas to access and to provide feedback on these resources.

Session 17

Ballroom D

MEP's Transformative Journey

Andrea Garcia, UTRGV

College can be exciting, but it can also at times be stressful. Practicing self-care can help you manage the ups and downs of college life. Self-care refers to activities and practices that can help you to reduce your stress and enhance your overall well-being: essentially, proactively taking care of yourself. Self-care is essential in order to be successful inside and outside of the classroom.

1:45p - 2:45p / Concurrent Sessions Continued

Session 18

Room 103 A/B

Supporting Students, Parents & Families through the TXEL Web Portal's Resources

Sharon Santo, Region 20 ESC

Rickey Santellana, Texas Education Agency

Take a walk through the world of the TXEL Web Portal and explore resources provided for students, parents, and families. This session will provide an overview of the TXEL Portal's resources that educators can leverage to support parents & families as well as assist students in completing high school and planning beyond graduation:

- Guidance for parents on Texas public schools
- Academic resources for students' use at home
- Resources to prepare students for graduation, post-secondary education, or the workforce
- Community resources for parents and families regarding language, literacy, and employment

Session 19

Room 103 C

Criando a nuestros hijos con mentalidad universitaria: ¡Porque nunca es demasiado temprano para comenzar! / Raising Our College-Minded Kids: Because It's Never Too Early to Start!

Monica Aguirre, Region 4 ESC

Dinorah Cortinas Galvan, Region 4 ESC

Rosa Isela Anaya, Region 4 ESC

Los padres aprenderán consejos para motivar y preparar a su(s) hijo(s) para la universidad, incluso antes de que comience la escuela o a edad temprana. Aprenderán lo que debe hacer su hijo durante su paso por la escuela, en especial en la preparatoria para reunir los créditos necesarios y poder entrar a la universidad e incluso obtener una beca.

Parents will learn tips to motivate and prepare their child(ren) for college, even before school starts or at an early age. They will learn what their child should do during their time in school, especially in high school to earn the necessary credits to enter college and even obtain a scholarship.

Session 20

Room 103 D

Research, Document, Analyze: Use Data to Inform MEP ID&R Efforts

Matt Flaherty, Arroyo

The MEP collects a lot of data on the migration patterns of migratory children and farm workers through COEs, OSY Profiles, Needs Assessments, ID&R Logs, and more. In addition to the data the MEP collects, there is no shortage of public data available that can support ID&R efforts. However, finding the right data and prioritizing which information to follow-up with can be overwhelming. Arroyo Research Services ID&R Specialists have worked with MEPs throughout the country and will discuss the strategies they have seen MEPs use to prioritize the data they compile.

1:45p - 2:45p / Concurrent Sessions Continued

Session 21

Room 102 B/C

Change your morning routine and you'll change your life!

Albert Archuleta, Region 6 ESC

When we encounter others during the day, we need to be primed and ready to let them know they matter. By doing so, we'll be better prepared to assist them in coming up with solutions and bring a sense of relief to their concern. That's why we need to start priming and investing in ourselves **FIRST THING IN THE MORNING!** Therefore, mornings will affect our outlook on the rest of the day and that's why we need to start the day feeling accomplished.

3:15p - 4:15p / Concurrent Sessions

Session 22

Ballroom A/B

CIC and Evaluation

Idalia Ibañez, Texas Education Agency

TEA MEP Staff will provide an overview of the Migrant Education Program Continuous Improvement Cycle (CIC). This includes the role of the LEAs in ensuring integrity of the different processes for successful implementation of the cycle. Participants will receive an overview of the 2021-2022 Evaluation Results, an update on the 2022-2023 data, and expectations for 2023-2024 data collection. This session will provide opportunities for participants to share best practices for implementation of the CIC that lead to positive impacts on the migratory children in their area.

Session 23

Ballroom C

TX-NGS Overview

Nelly Pecina, Region 1 ESC

Veronica Rodriguez, Region 1 ESC

Tapitha Leon, Region 1, ESC

This presentation will cover several elements of TX-NGS best practices when conducting data entry. In addition, a systemic process of exchanging data will be showcased.



3:15p - 4:15p / Concurrent Sessions Continued

Session 24

Ballroom D

Finding Every Family: The Intricacies ID&R

Raquel Oxford, Region 8 ESC

Jesus Naranjo, Region 2 ESC

Victoria Rivera, Region 3 ESC

Before we can serve our migratory children, we must identify and recruit them. Join us in this interactive session that shares and explores ID&R best practices. From 100% returned family surveys to balanced recruitment in schools, with businesses and community organizations, what are processes and procedures that could work for you to find your migratory children?

Session 25

Room 103 A/B

Empowering Parents & Families Through Intentionality Practices

Rickey Santallana, Texas Education Agency

Participants will learn how to plan intentional parent and family engagement activities that will empower families. Through intentional strategies like asset mapping, schools can be better prepared to meet the needs of their families. Don't miss this opportunity to hear what other schools have found to be successful. It's never too late to try something new.

Session 26

Room 103 C

The Academic Transition to Higher Learning

Dr. Aaron Salinas, UTRGV

Our Hispanic Culture has instilled a strong work ethics in children, and some may oversee the value of an education. While children may see the value of an education, parents may have a difficult time understanding the demands and complexities of their children pursuing their education. This can certainly add to the many stressors that college students have. Making it more difficult for them to excel with having a poor support system. The overall goal is to discuss and educate parents and students how to effectively transition from high school and into the college life smoothly.



3:15p - 4:15p / Concurrent Sessions Continued

Session 27

Room D

College Assistance Migrant Programs -- Opportunities for Texas Students

Andrea Garcia, UTRGV

Fabiola Hernandez, West Texas A&M

CAMP is a federally funded program by the Office of Migrant Education - Department of Education which offers free services to migrant farm worker students throughout the nation. Many CAMPs offer monetary stipends, and support services to first year migrant or seasonal farm worker students enrolling in college. It is through the intensive services such as career advisement, student monthly stipends, tutoring, mentoring and internships that CAMP students complete their first year of college with higher college credits and higher GPA's than students not supported by CAMP's. Come meet and network with staff from several CAMPs across Texas.

Session 28

Room 102 B/C

Resiliencia:¿Qué nos falta? / Resilience: What are We Missing?

Antolin Garza, Retired Educator

Jo Ann Gonzales, Region 14 ESC

Esta sesión invitará a los participantes a compartir experiencias e ideas sobre cómo podemos ayudar mejor a nuestras generaciones a encontrar resiliencia nuevamente. Antolin y Jo Ann compartiran algunas estrategias para incorporar a situaciones cotidianas. ¡Unise con nosotros!

This session will invite participants to share experiences and ideas on how we can better help our generations to find resilience again. Antolin and Jo Ann will share some strategies to incorporate into everyday situations. Join us!



AMET Entertainment 2023

Wednesday, November 15

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Student Performance

Mariachi Group, Edcouch Elsa ISD Mariachi



8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Opening General Session

Presentation of Colors, McAllen ISD JROTC

Pledge of Allegiance/Texas Pledge, McAllen ISD Fine Arts

National Anthem, McAllen ISD Fine Arts

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Exhibitor Reception Entertainment

Ballet Folklorico Parent Group, PSJA ISD

Friday, November 17

9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Student Performance

Rio Hondo Elementary Folklorico Dance

Rio Hondo Middle School Jazz Band



Edcouch-Elsa Mariachi Juvenil Azteca

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 8:00 am - 8:30 am



Established in 2005, Mariachi Juvenil Azteca, of the Edcouch-Elsa Independent School District, has quickly gained recognition across the state of Texas as one of the premier Mariachi programs in a public school system. Along with countless accolades, and numerous Grand Championship Awards, Mariachi Juvenil Azteca has shared the stage with artists such as Mariachi Sol De Mexico and Mariachi Vargas De Tecalitlan. Their music has earned them performances around Texas, as well as presentations in California, Pennsylvania & Florida. In 2019, Mariachi Juvenil Azteca was selected to perform for the National School Board Association Annual

Conference in Philadelphia, PA. In 2023, they performed at the prestigious Mariachi USA Festival at the Hollywood Bowl, in Los Angeles, CA.

Mariachi Juvenil Azteca, was awarded back-to-back-to-back 5A State Championships by the Texas Association Of Mariachi Educators in 2018, 2019 & 2020. Mariachi Juvenil Azteca was crowned National Champions at the 24th Annual Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza in 2018. In 2019, the EE Mariachi was selected as the first ever Invited Mariachi Group at the Texas Music Educators Convention/Clinic.

Mariachi Juvenil Azteca is under the direction of Head Director Marcos Garcia, and Assistant Directors Michael Sital & Velma Salas-Garcia.

Opening General Session

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Presentation of Colors



**McAllen ISD
Rowe HS Army JROTC
Warriors**

Cadet Major Edgar Saucedo, Left Rifle
Cadet Command Sergeant Major Isabella
Cortez, US Flag
Cadet Captain Xavier Olivares, Texas Flag
Cadet First Sergeant Juan Sierra
Captain Martin Vasques, Right Rifle

Invocation

State PAC Migratory Parent
María Retana



Opening General Session

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Pledge of Allegiance
Texas Pledge
National Anthem

McAllen ISD
Diego Bazan
Adrienne Garcia
Axel Garnica
Vanessa Gibson
Breanna Rocha
Santiago Rocha
Leo Villarreal



McAllen Memorial, Mariachi Los Potrillos

Mariachi Los Potrillos

Mariachi Los Potrillos is a three-time state advancing mariachi. In 2023, the group earned a superior rating at the State UIL Contest. McAllen Memorial Los Potrillos was one of 12 groups in the state to receive a Sweepstakes at the state festival. Mariachi Los Potrillos vocalists has advanced to vocal finals at several competitions and one of their members holds several trophies.

McAllen Memorial Los Potrillos is proud to participate in the AMET conference performing the National Anthem.

Exhibitor Reception

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm



Instructor:
Ernestina Lopez

Dancers:
Vanessa Lopez
Sandra Hernandez
Olga Hernandez
Juanita Ruiz
Marisol Rosales
Veronica Solis
Bertha Esquivel
Alma Garza

The PSJA Parental Folkloric Dance Teams from Cesar Chavez Parent Center and Grupo Folklórico Tlotli from Ramirez Parent Center are dance folkloric groups composed of parent volunteers from the PSJA ISD.

They perform at school and community events and feel they have integrated themselves within the PSJA School District, which in turn has helped their children become more social and part of other activities.

They also feel a lot healthier because it is a form of exercise. After their 1st presentation, they were very excited to be able to perform at many other local events.

Gabriela Robledo
Veronica Navarro
Marina Hernandez
Nadia Martinez
Dolores Maldonado
Anabel Jimenez
Elena Ibarra
Aurora vazquez
Leticia Lozano
Claudia Cavazos
Alma Garza



Closing General Session

Friday, November 17, 2023 9:15 am - 9:45 am



Rio Hondo Middle School Jazz Band

The Rio Hondo Middle School Jazz Band is a new ensemble in the Rio Hondo Middle School Band Program. They made their debut last year and were successful in their first competitive season. The

RHMS Jazz Band earned a 1st Division at the prestigious Texas A&M-Kingsville Jazz Festival and placed 3rd in the Middle School conference. They also earned a 1st Division and placed 3rd in the Middle School conference at the Rio Grande Valley Jazz Festival on the Island. The Jazz Band is composed of 7th and 8th grade

members of the Rio Hondo Middle School Symphonic and Honors Bands. 2023-2024 Rio Hondo Middle School Jazz Band Members:
Alto Saxophone: Joesiah Guillen, Ellyanah Lopez, Isabella Rocha,

Tenor Saxophone: Marc Gutierrez,

Baritone Saxophone: Logan Escamilla

Trumpet: Jesus Belmares, Autumn Colunga, Jacob Delgado, Joaquin Limon, Brian Rayner

Trombone: Gloria Guerrero Blanca Rodriguez, Manuel Melendez, Nolan Villalobos

Percussion: Maverick Gonzales, Emilio Hernandez, Allison Garza

Piano: Bridgit Herrera

Bass Guitar: Danielle Rocha

Directors: Diana Pena, Juan Cantu, Marc Montelongo and Boris Libson

Closing General Session

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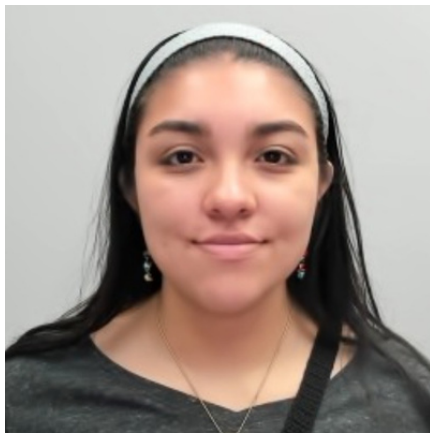
Rio Hondo Elementary Folklorico Dance



Rio Hondo Elementary Folklórico Group is in its second year of inception. It is made up of 1st and 2nd graders. Performing today will be our 2nd grade students. The focus of our group is to bring to life our traditions and culture through Folklórico dancing. Today we will be performing La Raspa de Limón and Un Poco Loco.

Performers : Kaia Tamez, Victoria Gonzalez, Stephanie Castaneda, Emma Guillen, Milania Castillo, Brianda Sandoval, Miranda Sandoval, Jace Salazar, Mason Ramirez, Jayden Martinez

Closing Prayer
Hidalgo ISD
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