



## OUR MISSION

To empower young Latinas and their mothers through educational and support services that increase preparedness, participation, and success in post secondary education.



*Con Mi MADRE's graduating Class of 2017!*

*Congratulations to our 8th graders, 12th graders, and college graduates!*

## Oh, the Places They GO!

Con Mi MADRE's ultimate goal is to see our girls achieving their dreams of a college education. This May, one of our star students, Alma Romero, took one more step toward her dream of attending UT Austin alongside her older sister, Irais. Alma not only graduated from Crockett High School, **she graduated top of her class and was named the school valedictorian**. Alma will start at UT Austin this Fall, majoring in Chemical Engineering. Alma acknowledges Con Mi MADRE as an integral part of her journey to achieve her goals, but even more importantly, helped strengthen her relationship with her mother, Bernarda Juarez.



*"Con Mi MADRE created a wonderful bond between my mother and me. Through*

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***struggles and accomplishments, my mom is always there supporting me."***

When Alma joined Con Mi MADRE in the 6th grade, she had a glimpse of its impact from her older sister Irais, who began with Con Mi MADRE two years before. Irais is entering her final year at UT Austin with a Dual Major in Chemistry and Neuroscience. We cannot wait to see more of our Con Mi MADRE students following in the footsteps of these sisters, pursuing their dreams of a college education and letting nothing stand in their way!

We celebrated Alma and her mother, along with their fellow Con Mi MADRE mother-daughter teams graduating from 8th grade, 12th grade, and college, on Sunday, May 21st at our "Oh, the Places You Will Go" End of Year Celebration.

Crockett High School valedictorian (left) and fellow graduate. (Photo courtesy of A.I.S.D.)



Special thanks to American Bank of Commerce for sponsoring the celebration, and to our in-kind donors, St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Texas Tea, Ben-White Florists, and Simple Sweets.

**View photos from our celebration!**

Thank you to our Scholarship donors! With their help, our high school graduates will be pursuing their postsecondary education this Fall!



*Seton Scholarship Recipient*

*Samantha Mendoza (left), Austin High graduate with Veronica Hinojosa-Segura, Executive Director at Seton Foundation and Con Mi MADRE Board Member.*



*HWNT Scholarship Recipient*

*Sarah Esquivel (left), KIPP High School graduate with Erica Lopez (center), HWNT Austin Board President and Alexis Adaauto Ferguson (right) HWNT Education Chair and Con Mi MADRE Board Member.*



*Contreras Leadership Scholarship Recipient*

*Deborah Esquivel (left), KIPP High School graduate with Rebecca Contreras, AvantGarde, LLC. scholarship donor.*

***"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." - Dr. Seuss***

**A Message to the Graduates from Seton.**

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Congratulations to this year's Con Mi MADRE students and the class of 2017! The value of education is something that is instilled in our minds from our youth, and with great reason. A good education comes from hard work and leads to success. Actress Eva Longoria, a Corpus Christi native, who recently earned her master's degree in Chicano Studies said,

***"I got my degree. More importantly, I got a key to American opportunity. That's who we are – a nation that rewards ambition with opportunity – where hard work can lead to success, no matter where you start."***



*Itzel Okumura (left) with her sister Liz Beth, celebrating Itzel's graduation from Texas A & M - College Station.*

Part of Seton's mission is to be advocates for a compassionate and just society through our actions and our words, and every associate aspires to live out our mission in our work day in and day out. We have nurses and doctors that are saving lives and healing the sick, we have social workers that are listening to family's concerns, and we have finance directors that are making sure that we have the money we need to treat all of the patients we do every day at our sites. Each of these individuals plays an important role within the Seton Healthcare Family, and each of these individuals would not be where they are today without an education.

So reflect on all of your hard work, embrace all you have learned and remember that no matter where you started, the point is to enjoy the journey. As long as you have education as your roadmap, you will never get lost.

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## Proud Firsts For Con Mi MADRE

### Partnering with Project MALES for Leadership Summit 2017

This summer, Con Mi MADRE's annual Leadership Summit will take a new and exciting turn. Thanks to the generous support of [The Kresge Foundation](#), Con Mi MADRE and [Project MALES](#), are coming together to provide our young Latinas AND young Latinos, along with their mothers, an opportunity to build leadership through resiliency. The Leadership Summit will take place July 19th - 22th at the University of Texas at Austin.

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*Dr. Jose Enriquez,  
Executive  
Director, Latinos  
in Action*

Con Mi MADRE is excited to welcome one of this year's Leadership Summit Keynote speakers **Dr. Jose Enriquez**, Executive Director of [Latinos in Action](#) (LIA). Dr. Enriquez is an immigrant who was born in El Salvador and grew up in East L.A. He attributes much of his success to his hard working mother who sacrificed everything to give him and his siblings a better life.

Most recently, Latinos in Action was honored as a Bright Spot by the White House Center for Excellence in Hispanic Education. LIA currently serves over 100 schools throughout Utah, Idaho, Washington, Arizona, Florida, and Texas. LIA students are civically engaged young men and women who aspire to better their lives through education, leadership, professionalism, and service.

Project MALES (Mentoring to Achieve Latino Educational Success) is a multi-faceted research and mentoring initiative based within the Division of Diversity

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pinnacle event for Con Mi MADRE's mother-daughter teams and the Latino students of Project MALES provides this unique experience with team building activities and breakout sessions demonstrating resiliency through leadership.



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## Welcoming new Madrinas at our 1st Annual Madrina Brunch

Con Mi MADRE hosted our 1st Annual Madrina Brunch on Sunday, May 7th at Casa Chapala Restaurant. We celebrated our current Madrinas and welcomed our 2017 cohort of Con Mi MADRE Madrinas: Catalina Berry, Nora Comstock, Vanessa Maldonado, Laura Melchor McCanlies, Sandra Rivera, and Marisela Salayandia-Darmanin. For more information about joining the Con Mi MADRE Madrina Giving Circle, contact Casilda "Casi" Clarich, Development Director: [casi@conmimadre.org](mailto:casi@conmimadre.org), or visit our [website](#) for more information about ways to get involved.



**Become a Madrina today!**

## Con Mi MADRE's 1st Annual Golf Tournament



*Fun on the green with BOK Financial's Vice-President, Jose Gaytan, Dr. Teresa Granillo, and team mates. Thank you BOK Financial!*

We had a swinging time on the green at Con Mi MADRE's **1st Annual Golf Tournament** on Friday, April 21st at [Teravista Golf Club](#). Funds raised provide education and support services for our young Latinas, who will be our Nation's future leaders and educated workforce! We are incredibly grateful to **Rudy Mejia**, the Golf Tournament Chair and Con Mi MADRE Board Member.

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Tee up your team or sign up to be a sponsor at our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament, April 2018. Contact Casilda "Casi" Clarich, Development Director: [casi@conmimadre.org](mailto:casi@conmimadre.org) or Rudy Mejia: [rudym@conmimadre.org](mailto:rudym@conmimadre.org)

## Can you Give your Time, Talent or Treasure?

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**25% of sales to Con Mi MADRE.** Reach out to your book clubs, golf buddies, and neighborhood circles and set a minimum of 20 RSVP's at the restaurant of your choice.

- **Shop Till You Drop and Support Con Mi MADRE.** Help the Con Mi MADRE team prepare for the 2017-2018 school year with your donation. Participate in the Amazon Smile giving program, and 5% of your eligible purchases go directly to Con Mi MADRE!



- **Be a Voice for Con Mi MADRE as a Guest Speaker.** Con Mi MADRE needs you! Share your knowledge and experience with our mothers and daughters at our conferences, workshops, and campus meetings. We want to hear what you have to share! Email Karen Gonzalez, at [karen@conmimadre.org](mailto:karen@conmimadre.org), or call: (512) 467-4483.



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