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## 2017 Exemplary Migrant Student Honorees



Left to right: Guadalupe L. Castillo (La Joya ISD), Neida J. Espinoza (Clint ISD), Karla Garcia (Edinburg CISD), Miguel A. Valle Lopez (La Joya ISD), Yazmin E. Rosalez (Conroe ISD), Karina L. Salinas (PSJA ISD), Guadalupe Salinas (PSJA ISD) and Maria V. Villegas (Eagle Pass ISD).

The TMIP selected eight exemplary migrant students to be recognized at the Secondary Credit Accrual Workshop to be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton McAllen Convention Center in McAllen, Texas. The eight exemplary migrant students were recognized in the Association for Migrant Educator of Texas Annual State Conference (AMET) program in November. This year's honorees are as follows: Guadalupe Lucero Castillo graduated from Thelma R. Salinas STEM Early College High School in La Joya, Texas, currently attending Emory University; Neida Jasmine Espinoza graduated from Clint Early College High School in Clint, Texas, currently attending The University of Texas at El Paso; Karla Garcia graduated from Johnny G. Economedes High School in Edinburg, Texas, currently attending The University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley; Miguel Valle graduated from Palmview High School in Mission, Texas, currently attending The University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley; Yazmin Rosalez graduated from Conroe High School, currently attending St. Edward's University; Karina Lizeth Salinas graduated from PSJA Memorial High School in Alamo, Texas, currently attending The University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley; Guadalupe Salinas graduated from PSJA Memorial High School in Alamo, Texas, currently attending The University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley and Maria Victoria Villegas graduated from C.C. Winn High School in Eagle Pass, Texas, currently attending Texas A&M International University. The TMIP received 124 nominations from school districts throughout the state of Texas for the 2016-2017 school year.

### Upcoming 30th Annual Interstate Secondary Credit Accrual Workshop

The Texas Migrant Interstate Program's 30th Annual Interstate Secondary Credit Accrual Workshop will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, McAllen Convention Center in McAllen, Texas on Monday, February 26-28, 2018. The Secondary Credit Accrual Workshop will be a 2 day event with campus visitations on day 3. The workshop provides opportunities for networking among out-of-state representatives and Texas educators to address issues of concern and confirm student course work for shared migrant students. Who can participate at this workshop? Representatives from the 20 ESCs, out-of-state representatives, school administrators, migrant directors, migrant coordinators, academic and migrant counselors and any migrant education staff that directly works with students. Please visit our website at [www.psjaisd.us/tmip](http://www.psjaisd.us/tmip) for registration packet. No registration fee is required for this workshop.



### Calendar of Events September to December 2017

Fall STAAR EOC Testing 12/4 - 12/8

AMET Conference in McAllen, TX 11/8 - 11/10

#### Upcoming Event:

2018 Secondary Credit Accrual Workshop in McAllen, TX 2/26 - 2/28,

4/29 - 5/2

48th Annual National Migrant Education Conference at





## AMET Keynote Speakers



### San Juanita Sanchez



San Juanita Sanchez is a life long resident of San Juan. She comes from a family of migrant farmworkers and is the youngest of ten siblings. She began working in the fields of Minnesota, along side her family, at the age of ten which sparked her determination to pursue an education at all costs. Ms. Sanchez graduated from PSJA High School in 1981. She went on to attend Pan American University where she earned a Bachelor of Business Administration majoring in Finance with a minor in English in 1985, then in 1992, she pursued her life long dream. Ms. Sanchez was accepted into Thurgood Marshall School of Law and in 1995

she graduated from law school and is currently a licensed attorney. Ms. Sanchez is a former Assistant Attorney General and former associate with The Law of Israel Ramon Jr. She currently has her own solo practice in McAllen, The Law Office of San Juanita Sanchez, concentrating her practice in family law matters, probate, estate planning and real estate. Her past and present professional affiliations include the Texas State Bar, member of the Family Law Section and Hidalgo County Pro Bono Project. San Juanita Sanchez has also made community involvement a major part of her life. In May 2005, she was elected mayor of the City of San Juan, and is proud to be the first female mayor to hold this office in history of the city. She served as mayor for 9 years. During her tenure as Mayor, she represented her city as; Chairperson of the Hidalgo County Member Metropolitan Planning Organization, Board Member-Texas/Tamaulipas Border Alliance, Mid Valley Mayors Alliance, Amigos del Valle, Rio Grande Development Council.

### Sergio A. Tinoco



Sergio A. Tinoco, author, Army veteran, and former migrant child, was the only child of his single mother and was raised by his maternal grandparents in the Rio Grande Valley. As a child, he preserved through many struggles, including being a migrant worker picking crops at the age of seven. As a way to break from the family cycle of picking crops and depending on government welfare programs, he joined the United States Army. Sergio began to live a dangerous life in the battlefield with the US Army. He deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina shortly after the Bosnian War only to find and deal with the aftermath of the genocide that took place there and be caught in the middle of

several attacks. His experiences in Bosnia ultimately led to experiencing signs and symptoms related to PTSD. After completing ten years of active military service, Sergio joined the US Border Patrol. Being of Mexican descent and having family in South Texas and in Mexico gave way to a new issue of having to counter threats against his family, in addition to ill-willed opinions of him for arresting and deporting "his own kind." Between the Army and the Department of Homeland Security, Sergio has worked in government service for over twenty years. He earned both a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in organizational management from Ashford University. His wife, Estela also a military veteran, works for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Together, they strive to provide greater opportunities and aspirations to their children. More information can be found at: [www.proudamericanjourney.com](http://www.proudamericanjourney.com).



### 2017 Interstate Coordination Partner Award Dr. Jose Salinas



Dr. Jose Salinas was born to farmworker parents who followed the migrant stream from Lyford, TX to Northwest Ohio every year. The migrant education program was extremely important to him in high school because of the variation in the graduation requirements between the two states. Attending the Lakota migrant evening program was the only way Jose was able to recover the credits that he needed. Without the migrant education program, Jose would not have graduated on time. It was also through the migrant education program that Jose learned about the benefits of a higher education. Immediately after high school, Jose attended The University of Findlay to pursue a degree in Education. After teaching in the public education system in Ohio for two years, he returned to The University of Findlay to serve as Mentor for Minority Students. While there, he earned a Masters in Educational Administration. In June of 2000, Jose started his new position as the Health Fair Coordinator for the Ohio Migrant Education Center (OMEC). A year later, he became the Director of the Center. While at OMEC, Jose continued his graduate work and earned a doctorate from Bowling Green State University in Leadership Studies. In September 2013, his research article, "The Impact of Social Capital on the Education of

Migrant Children" was published in the Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal.

## TEA Updates

Effective beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skill (TAKS) assessments will no longer be administered. Students for whom TAKS is a graduation requirement, including former TAAS and TEAMS examinees, may pursue one of the following options to receive a Texas high school diploma.

- 1) Request district decision. An examinee should contact the school district where he or she was last enrolled to request a district decision regarding whether the examinee qualifies to graduate and receive a high school diploma. More information about this option can be found in Senate Bill 463, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2017. Additional information will be available when Texas Administrative Code §74.1025 has been amended.
- 2) Achieve satisfactory performance on an alternate assessment. The alternate assessments allowed for TAKS are SAT, ACT, TSI, and STAAR. Former TAKS, TAAS, and TEAMS examinees should take only the appropriate part of the alternate assessment he or she needs to fulfill testing graduation requirements. More information is available in the Texas Administrative Code [§101.4003](#).