

# WEST OSO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contreras DeLeon Scholarship Luncheon  
Friday, May 16, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

**Location of Event**  
Coastal Bend Food Bank  
5442 Bear Lane  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

### Recipient Information

Twelve West Oso High School seniors will receive \$1,000 scholarships from the Contreras DeLeon family at a luncheon on Friday, May 16, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at the Coastal Bend Food Bank, 5442 Bear Lane, Corpus Christi, TX 78405.

The following recipients include:

- Rihanna Barnes
- Sarah Collins
- Leslie Davis
- Jazlyn Garcia
- Sarah Gonzalez
- Jae'la Hicks
- Heaven Jones
- Leo Landeros
- Emmanuel Martinez
- Veronica Mendez
- Jon Saldana
- Alizah Villarreal

Two additional students that applied for the Memorial Scholarship/Award Number 2 will receive \$4,000 each.

This year, the Contreras DeLeon Family has donated additional funds to create the Teacher Impact Award, in which one additional student will receive \$2,000.

Those students will be named at the luncheon.

### History of the Scholarship

The Contreras DeLeon Scholarship was established to honor Rosa Contreras DeLeon and Regino DeLeon for their love and dedication to family and the community. The DeLeon's raised six children, all graduates of West Oso High School. As immigrants and migrant workers, they had limited opportunities growing up. The lack of opportunities did not stop the DeLeon's from instilling strong values in their own children. Both the value of education and the importance of giving back to the community were continuously reinforced family values. The DeLeon's set high expectations for their children, especially in regard to integrity and work ethic.

The Contreras DeLeon family credits West Oso ISD with supporting them in their endeavors to provide their children with a solid education and strong values. The goal of the scholarship is to keep their parents' memory alive by helping students further their education. Recipients selected will exemplify integrity, community service and a dedication to their studies.

The DeLeon's were proud of all six of their children's academic performance and accomplishments. Regino's and Rosa's six children attended a variety of colleges and universities; all of them have become successful and productive citizens carrying forward the values and principles taught by their parents. The youngest, Ricardo, graduated as Valedictorian of West Oso High School in 1982, and was the first West Oso alumnus to graduate from an Ivy League University, Princeton University, in 1986. Ricardo was inducted into the West Oso Hall of Fame in its inaugural year, in 1995. In order to honor their parents and their legacy, the Contreras DeLeon family has generously donated funds for this scholarship.



This scholarship will encourage West Oso ISD students to further their education and pursue their dreams for the betterment of the community. The Contreras DeLeon family has graciously extended this scholarship for an additional 5 years until 2030 in the amount of \$100,000. These funds will be distributed in increments of \$20,000 per year. The first Contreras DeLeon scholarships were awarded in 2021.

“Because of the Contreras DeLeon family who had a vision to establish this scholarship, and the community that continues to support our students, these funds will help support the education of our students far into the future,” said Superintendent Kimberly Moore.

“We are truly blessed to be on the receiving end of such generosity and support for the district. This scholarship will be instrumental in creating the vision for West Oso ISD and has set in motion the promise of an education to our scholarship recipients that is beyond measure.” Supt. Moore added.

If you would like to attend this event or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Diane Jackson at 361-806-5900 ext. 102 or [diane.jackson@westosoisd.net](mailto:diane.jackson@westosoisd.net).