



ANDY RAMOS JR.



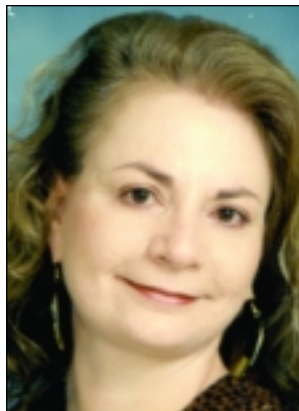
BLAS CASTAÑEDA



DORIS VALLS



JUAN MALDONADO



ESTELLA QUINTANILLA



ESTELLA KRAMER



GABRIEL CASTILLO

AT RIGHT: Evan Quiros Jr. was a fighter pilot during the Vietnam War and received several medals, including the Silver Star. After graduating from Martin High School in 1961, he accepted a nomination to the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he received a bachelor's degree.



EVAN QUIROS JR.



CHITO SALINAS



RICARDO VILLARREAL



VIRGINIA MILLER

Martin High honors 2008 Tiger Legends

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Martin High School will recognize 11 former students at the 14th annual Tiger Legends ceremony at the school Friday at 3 p.m. at the Col. Roberto J. Flores Wellness Center.

Coordinating the Tiger Legends ceremony are MHS Principal Blas Martinez and Laura Flores, assistant principal as well as many instructors and their departments.

The honorees are:

FERNANDO A. SALINAS CLASS OF 1942

Fernando A. Salinas, South Texas and Northern Mexico's retired business leader and philanthropist attended Central Elementary School and grew up in the Barrio Azteca. At Tigerland, he was a member of the Pan American Student Forum, La Pitahaya yearbook staff and served Sigma Phi president. His message to the student body: Do the best you can with what you have and share what is possible and it will come back to you in many ways.

ESTELA ZAMORA KRAMER CLASS OF 1946

Estela Zamora Kramer attended St. Peter's Elementary School.

At Tigerland, she was a member of the band, Pan American Student Forum and was

voted Senior Star. Some of her recognitions include being honored by the Laredo Morning Times as one of the city's Ten Outstanding Women and being inducted into the Latin Sports Hall of Fame in 1981.

DORIS DUKE VALLS CLASS OF 1948

Varsity Girls Tennis Coach Doris Duke Valls joins the select group of teachers known as Tiger Legends "Golden Mentors." She attended Heights Elementary School and grew up in the Heights.

At Tigerland, she served as secretary of the mighty Tiger band, reporter for the Courtesy Service Club and as an ROTC sponsor.

Her message to the student body: Always strive to do your best to achieve your goals.

1ST LT. RICARDO VILLARREAL CLASS OF 1952

The late 1st Lt. Ricardo Manuel Villarreal attended Macdonell Elementary School and grew up in the barrio "El Trece."

At Tigerland, he served as president of the Student Council, vice president of the Senior Class, business manager of the La Pitahaya yearbook and as Lt. Col. of the ROTC. He was voted Best All-Around by the Senior Class. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in electrical engineering.

As a navigator for a U.S. Air Force C-130

during the Cold War, he was shot down by Soviet MIGs in 1958.

A memorial in his honor stands at Fort Meade, Maryland

VIRGINIA PUIG MULLER CLASS OF 1956

Virginia Puig Muller, better known as "Cookie," attended St. Peter's Elementary School and grew up in the barrio Azteca.

At Tigerland, she was a Tigerette baton twirler, a member of the student council, national honor society and an ROTC sponsor. She is a real estate broker/owner of La Bota Realty Development Co.

ANDRES RAMOS JR. CLASS OF 1958

Andres "Andy" Ramos Jr. attended Bruni Elementary School and grew up in the barrio La Colonia Guadalupe. At Martin, he participated in the mighty Tiger band and was a cadet in the ROTC program.

He served two terms as City Councilman and was Webb County Judge from 1988-1992.

His message to the student body: "Be

the best at what you do and you will be rewarded for your efforts."

EVAN JAMES QUIROS JR. CLASS OF 1961

Evan James Quiros Jr., successful businessman and community leader, attended Heights and Ryan Elementary Schools and lived in the Heights. At Tigerland, he was a member of the science club. Quiros was a fighter pilot during the Vietnam war and is the recipient of the Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross. His message to the student body: the power of persistence and determination will help you realize your goals in life.

ESTELA R. QUINTANILLA CLASS OF 1965

Estela Ramirez Quintanilla also joins the select group known as Tiger Legends "Golden Mentors." She attended Heights Elementary School in the Heights barrio. At Tigerland, she was a member of the Courtesy Service Club, National Honor Society, mighty Tiger Band, Journal staff and served as an ROTC sponsor. She is LISD Campus

Crime Stoppers District Coordinator.

JUAN L. MALDONADO, PHD CLASS OF 1967

Juan L. Maldonado, president of Laredo Community College, attended Central Elementary School and grew up in the barrio Azteca. At Tigerland, he was the president of his Senior Class, co-captain of the Tiger football team and participated in the National Honor Society. The senior class voted him Most Likely to Succeed. His message to the student body: Be committed to what you want to achieve in life and help others. In helping others, you help your community be a better place to live.

BLAS CASTAÑEDA CLASS OF 1970

Blas Castañeda attended Bruni and Don Tomas Sanchez Elementary Schools while

growing up in the barrios Guadalupe and Las Cruces. An expert welder, Castañeda brought Martin three Texas State VICA welding titles in a row. Castañeda served two terms as Laredo City Councilman 1988-1992 and as Mayor Pro-Term in 1992-1993 His message to the student body: Always be prepared for any opportunity that may come your way.

GABRIEL CASTILLO CLASS OF 1979

Gabriel Castillo attended Leyendecker Elementary School and grew up in the barrio Los Amores. At Tigerland, he excelled in academics and served as Student Council president, Senior Class vice president and was on the Student Advisory Board to then-Superintendent Vidal M. Treviño. Presently, he is the "Surfing the City" columnist for the Laredo Morning Times, editor of the LMT Divino Magazine and a business consultant.

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JOSE CAMPOS



Jose Campos, 76, passed away Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at a local hospital.

Funeral arrangements are pending with the Hernandez-Lopez and Sons Northside Chapels, 800 Boston St. at San Bernardo Avenue. Information with regard to the funeral service



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