

WEST OSO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Contreras DeLeon Scholarship Luncheon
Friday, May 8, 2026 at 11:30 am

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 8, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. at the Coastal Bend Food Bank, 5442 Bear Lane, Corpus Christi, TX 78405.

The following recipients include:

- Noah Arredondo
- Rigoberto Barron
- Kaitlyn Cantu
- Kailyn Castaneda
- Esmeralda Cruz Trejo
- Lilliana Garcia
- Regina Lopez Uribe
- Kristabel Perez
- Kaelee Rivera
- Gabriella Rodriguez
- Ja'Cari Smith
- Damaris Whittington

Two additional students that applied for the Memorial Scholarship/Award Number 2 will receive \$2,500 each.

This year, the Contreras DeLeon Family has donated additional funds to create the Teacher Impact Award, in which one additional student will receive \$2,500.

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 honored to receive such generous support for our district. This scholarship is a powerful investment in our students and in the future of West Oso ISD,” 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@westosoid.net.