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## President's Message



**Lauren Costley**  
Deacon Recruiting  
2025/2026 Chapter President  
EWI of San Antonio®

Dear EWI of San Antonio Members,

As we step into April, I want to take a moment to sincerely thank each of you for your incredible support during our March fundraising event. Because of your generosity, energy, and commitment, we raised over \$20,000—an achievement that truly reflects the strength and spirit of our chapter. This success would not have been possible without you.

Now, we look ahead with excitement to one of our most meaningful events of the year—our Scholarship Night on Thursday, May 14th. This special evening will also be our “Bring Your Executive” night, and I encourage each of you to invite a guest to experience the impact of EWI firsthand. Together, we will celebrate and award scholarships to deserving local recipients, made possible by the funds we raised in March. Your presence and continued support will make this evening even more memorable.

As we continue “Rolling Out the Red Carpet” and elevating our member experience, I want to remind you that your voice matters. I am always here to listen and welcome your feedback on how we can continue to grow and strengthen our chapter.


And finally, as San Antonio kicks off Fiesta this week, I hope you take time to enjoy the celebrations, traditions, and vibrant spirit of our city. Have fun, make wonderful memories, and as always, please stay safe.

Thank you again for all that you do for EWI San Antonio. I am proud to serve alongside each of you.

Warm regards,  
Lauren Costley



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Next issue deadline: May 6, 2026

### *March Fundraiser Recap*



# March Fundraiser Recap



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## Thank you for your support!

Thank you again for your generous sponsorship of our fundraising event last month.

What an unforgettable evening!

On behalf of Executive Women's International – San Antonio Chapter, thank you for being part of our Lights, Camera, GIVE! event. Because of your generosity, energy, and support, we are thrilled to share that we raised over **\$20,000** for our annual scholarship program!

From the incredible live performance and delicious food to the exciting silent auction and dazzling Hollywood style, the night was truly one to remember. Most importantly, your contributions will make a lasting impact by helping students pursue their educational and career dreams.

A heartfelt thank you to:

- Our sponsors and donors for your generous contributions
- Everyone who donated silent auction items
- Our performers for an amazing show
- Our Fundraising Director, Kathryn Shelton, and the Watermark Group & the volunteers and committee members who worked behind the scenes
- And each of you who attended and supported this special cause

Your commitment to giving back and empowering future leaders is what makes this community so extraordinary. We couldn't have done it without you—and we are so grateful to have you as part of the EWI family. Please be on the lookout for announcements about our Scholarship Night held in May, where you will have the opportunity to witness the impact of your support as we present scholarships to the winners.

With appreciation and excitement for what's ahead.

Warm regards,  
Lauren Costley  
Executive Women International – San Antonio Chapter President

EWI of San Antonio - April Membership & Business Meeting



Don't forget to RSVP and join us on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at Alamo Cafe on 281 for a business meeting & Fiesta kick off!

WHEN

April 16, 2026  
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Reservations can be made by using the "Register Now" button no later than Monday, April 13 at 12:00pm.

WHERE

Alamo Cafe 281  
14250 Hwy 281 N  
(at Bitters Rd)  
San Antonio, TX 78232

Agenda:

- 5:30 pm - Registrations and Reception
- 6:00 pm - President's Welcome, Mission Statement, Installations, Roll Call, Inspiration, Dinner
- 7:00 pm - Business Meeting & Fiesta Fun: Vamos a la Fiesta!
- 7:50 pm - Fundraising, Announcements, & Adjournment

TICKETS

- \$55 Member Ticket
- \$55 Non-Member/Guest
- \$28 Sustaining Member

Menu:

Mixed Fajitas, rice, beans, lettuce, pico de gallo, shredded cheese, guacamole, sour cream, tortillas, chips, hot sauce & sopapillas

PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. StarChapter Pay\* - via website
2. Cash or Checks\*\* - payable to Executive Women International San Antonio

\*Please note that credit card transactions through the website will include a \$4.00 transaction fee. If you wish to pay by cash or check, you can still register but click the "Bypass Payment" button under where you enter your credit card information.

We'd love to see your medals!

Don't forget to bring your company's fiesta medals to exchange.



\*\*Checks accepted at meeting or mailed. Please mail to:

Melissa C. Molina  
Executive Assistant to the President  
University of the Incarnate Word  
4301 Broadway, CPO 303  
San Antonio, Texas 78209

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**Notice of Annual Chapter Business Meeting**

**To Chapter Representatives:**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Standard Chapter Bylaws of Executive Women International the second annual business meeting of the Chapter will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at Alamo Café (281 Location).

**The Representatives will:**

- Receive annual reports of Officers and Directors and committee chairs
- Elect Officers and members of the Board of Directors
- Approve budget for ensuing year
- Elect representative(s) as member(s) of the nominating committee
- Take action on any other matters that may properly come before the annual business meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Garcia', is written over a horizontal line.

Chapter Secretary

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**EWI TEXOMA Forum 2026**  
July 30 - August 1  
Location: Corpus Christi, Texas





## LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16-19, 2026 | MOBILE, AL

EWI's Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting ("LCAM") is an annual professional development conference where members from our Chapters gather to connect, network and grow professionally. Keynote speakers, workshops, seminars, group discussions, and more offer diverse learning opportunities. Social gatherings provide networking and establish new connections. Reading Rally events and other philanthropic activities reach the local community and help the Chapters learn how to implement programming in their communities. Our annual Celebration Gala allows recognition of our members and the many successes of our Chapters. Delegates representing each Chapter meet to approve the budget, elect the slate of officers and conduct the business of the organization during our annual business meeting.

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

EVENT SCHEDULE

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

SPONSORSHIP DETAILS

### REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:**

\$950 - Early Bird, ends June 30  
 \$1,000 - Regular Registration  
 \$1,250 - Non-Members

**REGISTRATION + LEADERSHIP CAUCUS:**

\$1,100 - Early Bird, ends June 30  
 \$1,150 - Regular Registration

**GALA ONLY:**

\$125

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**TITLE TBD**

Carrie and Grace Key



### NEW AOL MODULE!

**LEGACY LEADERSHIP: BUILDING BRIDGES TO TOMORROW**

Kristi Emmons Jones



## LEADERSHIP CAUCUS

### HOLLY STEPHENSON – BUILDING BLOCKS OF STRONG BOARD LEADERSHIP

Have you ever considered what the building blocks are to strong leadership and a strong board? Be sure to join this year's Leadership Caucus where you will explore "Building Blocks of Strong Board Leadership". Strong board leadership is built one block at a time - through experience, independence, trust and open dialogue. Come prepared to learn and grow together!

This additional programming is essential for Chapter Board Members, Committee Chairs, and any other members who are interested in additional learning. (If attending this programming, please select LCAM registration with Leadership Caucus. Additional cost applies.)

Need assistance with justifying your registration, use our LCAM Justification Tool Kit!

BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS SPOTLIGHT  
**Patricia Nava**



**About Me**

Pat is a CEO Executive Assistant at USAA and has proudly served the organization for 31 years. She and her husband have two beautiful children, J.T. and Madisen, and are also blessed with a wonderful step-daughter, Carissa. She also has a handsome grandson Gavin, who will start high school in the fall.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13  
I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST  
WHO STRENGTHENS ME

**EWI Service**

Pat currently serves as the Programs Director, working with her team to identify venues and coordinate speakers for monthly meetings.

**My Hobbies**

Pat enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She is an avid runner and loves working out. Pat and her family also enjoy traveling, hiking, and spending time outdoors, especially by the beach and the pool.

**My Favorites:**

- Music: Country
- Food: Loves a good salad and Mexican food
- Movie: Man on Fire
- Season: Fall



**Education**

Pat graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School and earned her bachelor's degree in business management from Our Lady of the Lake University.



# WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

## Sarah Bisang

*Learning & Professional Development Facilitator  
SWBC*

Welcome our newest Member from **SWBC**, **Sarah Bisang**. Her role at SWBC is to partner closely with leaders and subject-matter experts to create programs that support employees' development, engagement, and business success. Her passion is educating and supporting others.

“  
The values that EWI stands on and the way the organization gives back to their communities are all reasons why I've been so eager to join.  
”

**WELCOME Sarah!!**





**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBER!**

**Christina Casiano**  
*Bid Specialist, StandardAero*

Welcome back, Christina Casiano, representing a **new member firm, StandardAero!** Christina has been involved with EWI for many years at the Chapter and Corporate levels. She has her MBA in Finance and a BA in Human Resources, making her a valuable professional and a great role model for her three children.

**“** *I have carried my EWI membership through 3 employers and it has been very beneficial through each career.* **”**



**WELCOME BACK Christina!!**





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# WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

## Angela Theesfeld

*Vice President, Davidson Camp Insurance*

Welcome our newest Member Firm, **Davidson Camp Insurance**, represented by **Angela Theesfeld**. With over 25 years in the health insurance industry, Angela and **President Valerie Vasquez** focus on providing small employers with affordable group health plans for their employees. She is a trusted local health insurance advisor for employers, married to her kindergarten sweetheart, and the mother of Ben (age 16).



*As a visitor all the ladies were so encouraging and kind, friendly and welcoming. I am a big believer in the power of a good group of gals!*

**WELCOME Angela!**

DAVIDSON CAMP  
*Insurance Services, LLC*

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# WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

## Benita Collins

*Executive Assistant to the Deputy CEO  
VIA Metropolitan Transit*

Welcome our newest Member from **VIA Metropolitan Transit, Benita Collins**, who has a history of leadership roles within EWI Dallas. Her background is mostly in Executive/C-Suite support and she has been married for 30 years with 4 children and 3 grandchildren Welcome back Benita!!.

“  
A wonderful sisterhood with  
lasting friendships and continual  
professional development and  
engagement.”

**WELCOME BENITA!!**



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## Happy Anniversary

Circle K  
Holt CAT

7 years  
30 years

## Happy Birthday

Barbara Johnson, *Sustaining Member*  
Jennifer Uecker, *Affinius Capital*  
Margaret Eckhardt, *Affinius Capital*  
Debbie Saldana, *H-E-B*

April 1  
April 2  
April 13  
April 25

Benita Collins, *VIA Metropolitan Transit*  
Lori Reed, *The Watermark Group*  
Sheryl Seabaugh, *Weston Ventures*  
Chloe Knauer, *UT San Antonio*

May 10  
May 19  
May 21  
May 30



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## **2025–2026 MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS**

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| April 16, 2026       | Alamo Cafe 281                               |
| May 14, 2026*        | UT San Antonio - Downtown                    |
| June 18, 2026        | Campus Porter Loring - West                  |
| July 2026            | No Meeting                                   |
| August 20, 2026      | Embassy Suites                               |
| September 24, 2026** | Installation of 2026-2027 Board of Directors |

\*Please note May meeting is the 2nd Thursday of the month

\*\* Please note September Meeting is the 4th Thursday of the month

## **BOARD MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS**

|                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| April 29, 2026           | Bank of Texas                 |
| May 20, 2026 (Lunch Mtg) | Four Brothers, 112 College St |





***If you would like to see the previous General Meeting or Board Meeting minutes please reach out to our Chapter Secretary.***

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## 2025-2026 Officers & Directors

|   |   |  |   |
|---|---|--|---|
| <p><b>President</b><br/> <b>Lauren Costley</b><br/>                 Deacon Recruiting<br/>                 210-807-5627<br/>                 lcostley@deaconrecruiting.com</p>                          |    | <p><b>Membership Director</b><br/> <b>Cali Beeman</b><br/>                 The ETC Companies<br/>                 210-323-7846<br/>                 cali@eligibilitytrackingcalculators.com</p>  |    |
| <p><b>Vice President/President Elect</b><br/> <b>Melissa Molina</b><br/>                 University of the Incarnate Word<br/>                 210-832-2125<br/>                 mcmolin1@uiwtx.edu</p> |    | <p><b>Program Director</b><br/> <b>Pat Nava</b><br/>                 USAA<br/>                 210-913-7033<br/>                 patricia.nava@usaa.com</p>  |    |
| <p><b>Secretary</b><br/> <b>Marsha Garza</b><br/>                 USAA<br/>                 210-859-4650<br/>                 marsha.garza@usaa.com</p>   |    | <p><b>Publications Director</b><br/> <b>Jennifer Uecker</b><br/>                 Affinius Capital<br/>                 210-254-2849<br/>                 jennifer.uecker@affiniuscapital.com</p>   |    |
| <p><b>Treasurer</b><br/> <b>Melissa Molina</b><br/>                 University of the Incarnate Word<br/>                 210-832-2125<br/>                 mcmolin1@uiwtx.edu</p>                      |   | <p><b>Fundraising Directors</b><br/> <b>Kathryn Shelton / Lauren Costley</b><br/>                 Watermark Group / Deacon Recruiting<br/>                 210-599-0400 / 210-807-5627<br/>                 kathryn@thewatermarkgroup.com<br/>                 lcostley@deaconrecruiting.com</p> |   |
| <p><b>Sergeant-At-Arms</b><br/> <b>Gloriane Quintanilla</b><br/>                 Bank of Texas<br/>                 210-639-6397<br/>                 gquintanilla@bankoftexas.com</p>                  |  | <p><b>Director-at-Large</b><br/> <b>Kathryn Shelton</b><br/>                 Watermark Group<br/>                 210-599-0400<br/>                 kathryn@thewatermarkgroup.com</p>  |  |

## 2025-2026 Chapter Advisors

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| <p><b>Advisor</b><br/> <b>Alicia Clark</b><br/>                 Ernst and Young<br/>                 210-606-5866<br/>                 alicia.clark@ey.com</p> |  | <p><b>Advisor</b><br/> <b>Kelsey Hankins</b><br/>                 Porter Loring<br/>                 210-227-8221<br/>                 khankins@porterloring.com</p> |  |
|--|---|--|---|

## **2025–2026 Committee Chairs**

ASIST/EWISP  
Philanthropy  
Hospitality  
Budget  
Parliamentarian  
Historian  
Nominating  
Bylaws  
Social Media  
Membership  
Membership Retention  
Chaplain  
Care & Concern

Chloe Knauer  
Debbie Saldana, Christina Cardenas  
Frances Dominguez, Sylvia Spanos  
Melissa Molina  
Frances Dominguez  
Lorie Lopez  
Alicia Clark  
Caroline Diaz  
Lauren Costley, Cali Beeman  
Cali Beeman  
Cheri Wiese  
Margaret Eckhardt  
Joyce Carothers

### **OUR MISSION**

Executive Women International (EWI) brings together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purpose of promoting member firms, enhancing personal and professional development, and encouraging community involvement.

### **OUR VISION**

To enhance professional growth and development within a diverse group of women while empowering them to make a difference as they inspire others.

### **OUR VALUES**

Integrity | Excellence | Respect | Collaboration