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President's Message



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

Dear EWI Members,

Happy Summertime!

This month, we celebrate Father's Day. A time to honor the fathers, grandfathers, mentors, and father figures who have influenced our lives. Their guidance, encouragement, and example often help shape the leaders we become. Whether it's teaching us resilience, integrity, hard work, or compassion, these lessons continue to impact us both personally and professionally.

At Executive Women International, we understand the importance of relationships and the role they play in our growth. The connections we build within our Chapter often become sources of inspiration, support, and lifelong friendships. As you spend time with family this summer, I encourage you to reflect on the people who have invested in your journey and consider how you can continue to invest in others.

Looking ahead, I hope you'll also consider investing in your own professional growth by attending EWI's Leadership Conference & Annual Meeting (LCAM), taking place September 16-19, 2026, in Mobile, Alabama. This annual event provides incredible opportunities to learn from inspiring speakers, participate in educational sessions, network with members from across the organization, and bring fresh ideas back to our Chapter.

A friendly reminder that Early Bird Registration ends on June 30th. If you've been considering attending, now is the perfect time to secure your spot and take advantage of the discounted rate.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our Chapter and to the mission of EWI. I wish each of you a wonderful summer filled with meaningful moments, renewed energy, and treasured time with family and friends.

Remember to **roll the red carpet** out for you and your family this summer!

Warm regards,

Lauren Costley



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May Scholarship Night - Award Winners



Priscilla Martinez, 1st Place ASIST



Walter Bell, Valerie Manns Award



Nova Gian Martinez, Detective Marconi Award



Berklie Urbanczyk, 2nd Place EWISP

Not Pictured

Amanda Frazier
2nd Place ASIST



Hayden Avendano, 1st Place EWISP

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May Scholarship Night



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Scholarship Night Inspiration

To the young women and men stepping into new opportunities, the professional women leading with strength and purpose, and especially those who have fought through hardships to build a better future:

Never doubt the value of your voice, your dreams, or your determination. Every challenge you have faced has helped shape the strength, resilience, and courage within you.

To the young adults graduating high school and preparing to begin college for the first time, this is the beginning of a new chapter filled with opportunity, growth, and discovery. You may feel excited, nervous, uncertain, or even afraid of the unknown. College will challenge you in ways you may not expect, but it will also help you discover strengths within yourself that you never knew existed.

Do not be afraid to ask questions, take chances, meet new people, and step outside of your comfort zone. Believe that you belong in every classroom, every conversation, and every opportunity placed before you. Your ideas matter, your future matters, and your presence has purpose.

To the women beginning college while balancing work, raising children, healing from painful circumstances, or rebuilding after hardship — your journey is extraordinary. For those working to create a better future for yourselves and your families, your courage does not go unnoticed. Choosing education, growth, and hope in the middle of adversity is one of the bravest decisions a person can make.

There will be moments of exhaustion, fear, and uncertainty, but do not allow those moments to convince you to stop moving forward. Your story is not defined by the hardships you have endured, but by the strength and determination you show in rising above them.

To the professional women who have paved the way, continue to encourage, mentor, and uplift others. Your support, wisdom, and example have the power to change lives in ways you may never fully realize.

Success is not measured only by titles or accomplishments, but by perseverance, compassion, integrity, and the impact you make on the lives of others along the way.

Support one another. Encourage one another. Celebrate every victory — big or small. The future is brighter because of people who refuse to give up, who continue to rise despite adversity, and who dare to believe that a better life is possible.

You are stronger than you know, your journey matters, and your future is filled with purpose.

Submitted by: Cheri Wiese, UT San Antonio

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EWI of San Antonio - June Firm Night and Business Meeting



WHEN

June 18, 2026
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

WHERE

Porter Loring Mortuary - West
1710 West Loop 1604 N
San Antonio, TX 78251

TICKETS

\$0 Member Ticket
\$0 Non-Member/Guest
\$0 Sustaining Member

Join us for our upcoming meeting on

Thursday, June 18 at 5:30pm at
Porter Loring Mortuary - West for a firm
night and business meeting!

Reservations can be made by using the "Register
Now" button no later than **Monday, June 15**
at 8:00am.

Agenda:

5:30 pm Registrations and Reception
6:00 pm President's Welcome, Mission
Statement, Installations, Roll Call, Inspiration,
Business Meeting
6:20 pm Buffet Dinner
7:00 pm Porter Loring Mortuaries Presentation
& Tour of Facilities
7:50 pm Fundraising, Announcements, &
Adjournment

Menu:

Chicken Poblano
Confetti Salad (romaine hearts tossed with black
beans, whole kernel corn, red and yellow bell
peppers, queso fresco, crispy corn tortilla strips
and a lime cilantro vinaigrette)
Spanish Rice
Corn Kisses
Kahlua Brownies
Water and Iced Tea



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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, June 18, 2026, at Porter Loring Mortuaries West, 1710 W Loop 1604 N, San Antonio, TX 78251.

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.

Chapter Secretary

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The Nominating Committee would like to present the following slate of Officers & Directors for 2026-2027. The EWI of San Antonio Board of Directors has approved the slate and it will be presented to membership to vote on at the June 18th membership meeting.

Proposed slate of Officers & Directors for 2026-2027:

President-Elect – Melissa Molina, University of Incarnate Word

Vice President/President-Elect – Marsha Garza, USAA

Secretary – Margaret Eckhardt, Affinius Capital

Treasurer – Christina Casiano, Standard Aero

Sergeant-At-Arms – Frances Dominguez, Holt Cat

Membership Director – Benita Collins, VIA Metropolitan Transit

Publication Director – Jennifer Uecker, Affinius Capital

Program Director – Sarah Bisang, SWBC

Fundraising Director – Cheri Wiese, UT San Antonio

Director-At-Large – Kelsey Hankins, Porter Loring Mortuaries

Chapter Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1B

Nomination of Chapter Board of Directors: Prior to the business meeting at which the Nominating Committee reports, written notice of the proposed slate shall be sent to all representatives. Other nominations may thereafter be submitted in writing to the President fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual Meeting, and the President shall notify the membership. Further nominations may be made from the floor of the meeting. If there is more than one nominee for an office, the vote shall be by ballot.

The slate of officers will be voted on at the June 18th meeting. Other nominations may be made to the President in writing by any five (5) representatives through June 9th, at which time the nominations are automatically closed. All nominees **must be in good standing** and have indicated their willingness to serve if elected.

In addition, according to the EWI of San Antonio Standing Rules, two of the voting delegates for the EWI Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting (LCAM) will be the **President (Lauren Costley, Deacon Recruiting)** and **Vice President (Melissa Molina, University of Incarnate Word)**. EWI of San Antonio qualifies for three voting delegates and two alternates and the nominating committee recommends **Marsha Garza USAA** as the third voting delegate to LCAM. The committee is recommending **Gloriane Quintanilla, Bank of Texas** as the **1st alternate** and **Kelley Butler, The Frame Gallery** as **2nd alternate**.

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Chapter Meeting & Dinner

Thursday, July 30 at 6:00 PM

TEXOMA Conference

Friday, July 31 & Saturday, August 1

Venue: Omni Corpus Christi Hotel

Registration Details:

- o Early Registration (by July 1st): \$250
- o Standard Registration: \$300
- o Chapter Meeting & Dinner: \$50

Early registration is now open, and you are encouraged to secure your spot and take advantage of the discount.

Link to the Registration Page:

<https://www.corpuschristiewi.org/2026-ewi-texoma-conference/>

Hotel Information & Links:

Omni Corpus Christi Hotel: 900 North Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

[Omni Corpus Christi Hotel | Hotels in Corpus Christi, TX](#)

Holiday Inn Corpus Christi Downtown Marina: 707 North Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

[Corpus Christi Hotel | Holiday Inn Corpus Christi Downtown Marina](#)

Residence Inn by Marriott Corpus Christi Downtown: 309 S. Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

[Residence Inn Corpus Christi Downtown | Long-Stay Hotel with In-room Kitchens](#)

This will be a dynamic program featuring illuminating speakers, networking opportunities, and a fun Friday evening experience you won't want to miss.





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 SPOTLIGHT



Kelsey R. Hankins

Kelsey is an Administrative Assistant at **Porter Loring Mortuaries**. Born & raised in San Antonio, she has spent over 13 years with PLM. You can often find her assisting on services, training new employees and helping wherever needed.

Kelsey has been a part of **EWI for 12 years** and served in numerous roles, including Philanthropy Chair, Program Director, President and Advisor. She credits EWI for giving her so many amazing women to learn from as a she's navigated her 'first real job'.

Q & A's

What topic could she give an impromptu 20-minute talk on? 'Bad' reality TV and how it's actually good for your brain.

If her day had a soundtrack, what genre would it be? Y2K in the morning, instrumental during the day, and Texas country from evening until night.

What's the best way to get her in a good mood? Take her to a river, beach, or pool - she's not picky as long as there's some water.

Hobbies

Kelsey enjoys spending time with her family and boyfriend traveling and experiencing new places. If she's not on a trip, she's at home with her dog - taking a nap, reading or enjoying the backyard. One of the easiest ways to get her to stay out late is if there's live music or yummy food.

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Sarah Bisang's husband and soon to be Dad



Sarah Bisang's Dad
SWBC



Jesse Carreon,
Grandfather of Melissa Molina
University of Incarnate Word

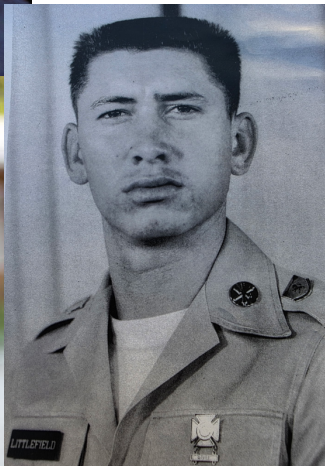
Ronnie Littlefield
Glorianna Quintanilla's Dad
Bank of Texas



Earl Finnell
Diane Skillrud's Dad
Sustaining Member



Jim Marconi
Debbie Saldana's Dad
HEB





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Save the Date

New Member Celebration & Orientation

Board Leadership & Prospective Members Also Welcome

July
Thursday 09 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Hosted at Deacon Recruiting
719 Carnoustie Dr
San Antonio, TX 78258

*Brought to you from your
Membership Committee*

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Happy Anniversary

Urban Concrete	10 years
Enterprise Fleet Management	15 years
Port Authority of San Antonio	22 years
UT San Antonio	26 years
SSFCU	29 years

Happy Birthday

Barbara Jordan, <i>Sustaining Member</i>	June 7
Christina Casiano, <i>Standard Aero</i>	June 9
Adriana Estevez, <i>Morgan Stanley</i>	June 12
Alicia Clark, <i>Ernst & Young</i>	June 16
Caroline Diaz, <i>Port Authority of San Antonio</i>	June 18
Kelsey Hankins, <i>Porter Loring Mortuaries</i>	July 9
Mary Padron, <i>Sustaining Member</i>	July 11
Charito Lincoln, <i>Methodist HC Ministries</i>	July 16
Lauren Costley, <i>Deacon Recruiting</i>	July 17
Diane Skillrud, <i>Sustaining Member</i>	July 28
Denise Cross, <i>Sustaining Member</i>	July 31



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2025–2026 MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

June 18, 2026	Porter Loring - West
July 2026	No Meeting
August 20, 2026	Embassy Suites
September 24, 2026*	Installation of 2026-2027 Board of Directors

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

BOARD MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

June 24, 2026	Virtual
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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

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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