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President's Message



Lauren Costley
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2025/2026 ChapterPresident
EWI of San Antonio®

Dearest EWI Sisters,

As I write my final President's Letter, I find myself filled with gratitude and a tremendous sense of pride for all that we have accomplished together this year.

Our theme of **"Rolling Out the Red Carpet"** was more than a theme - it was our invitation to elevate the EWI experience for every member, grow our membership, strengthen our connections, and create a chapter where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and included. My goal throughout the year was to bring our chapter closer through meaningful engagement, encourage inclusivity, and make every member feel that they truly have a place in our EWI family.

I am especially proud of the ways our chapter has strengthened its connection to the San Antonio community. Through philanthropy, community service, and sharing our efforts through social media, we have been able to give back while also letting our community see the heart and purpose behind EWI San Antonio.

What a wonderful way to close out the year! Our TEXOMA Regional Conference in Corpus Christi and the LCAM Conference in Mobile, Alabama gave us opportunities to connect, learn, share ideas, and celebrate the incredible organization we are part of. The themes of Connectedness, Innovation, and Growth truly captured the spirit of these events and reminded us of the many possibilities that lie ahead when we continue to learn from one another and move forward together.

I also want to give a very special shout-out to our Philanthropy Committee for the tremendous work that went into our Reading Rally at Wood Middle School. This was such a thoughtfully planned and meaningful event, and it was made possible because of the generosity and involvement of our member-firms and members. Together, we helped create a wonderful reading space for the students in the "ALS" Alternative Learning program. Seeing our EWI community come together to make a tangible difference was one of the highlights of my year.

To our board members and every one of our members, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for your support, your encouragement, your ideas, your time, and your willingness to step forward and make this year special. Serving as your President has been an incredible honor, and I am deeply grateful for the trust you placed in me. This year would not have been possible without each of you.

As I pass the gavel to our incoming board, I do so with great confidence in the year ahead. I wish our new board tremendous success as they begin their journey, and I encourage all of our members to continue supporting them, participating, sharing your talents, and helping EWI San Antonio continue to grow. While this may be my final President's Letter, it certainly isn't the end of my EWI journey. I will carry the friendships, memories, lessons, and experiences from this year with me for many years to come.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, to lead, and to be part of such an extraordinary group of women and member-firms.

With heartfelt gratitude and appreciation,
Lauren Costley



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Next issue deadline: October 6, 2026

August Meeting – Recap



Wonderful presentation by Jennifer K. Miley discussing Transitional Intelligence



Welcome to our guests









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August Meeting Recap – cont'd

















August Meeting Recap – cont'd

















Relationships

Relationships don't suddenly appear when we need them. We build them over time by showing up, staying connected, and continuing to make room for new people.

Thank You for placing us in each other's lives and giving us the gift of community. Lord, we pray that You would grant us the grace and the strength to hold each other up when the burdens of life feel too heavy to carry alone.

When one of us stumbles, give the other the patience and compassion to lend a steady hand. When we are weary, be our ultimate source of renewed energy and hope. Help us to communicate with grace, to listen with understanding, and to constantly uplift one another.

May our relationships be a safe space of encouragement, lifting one another up through both the storms and the quiet moments of life. Let Your peace be the foundation of our bond, and let us be a true blessing and support to one another.

In your name we pray.
Amen



Submitted by Margaret Eckhardt, Affinius Capital

Reading Rally Event









Our Special Guests - UTSA Athletes



Frank Harris
Kadari Johnson
Camryn Robillard



Rowdy

Special thanks to our Philanthropy Committee, our special UTSA guests and to our generous members for a successful fundraiser!



Highlights from LCAM 2026

Recognition Awards





Academy of Leadership Graduate



Membership Growth Award













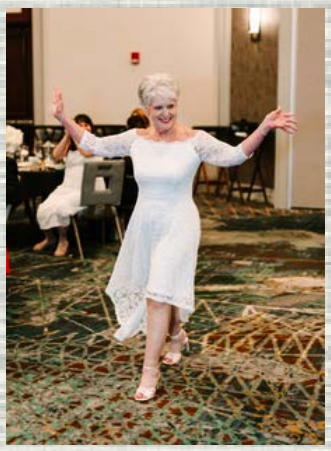
Highlights from LCAM 2026- cont'd



















EWI of San Antonio - September Business Meeting & Board Installation

WHEN

September 24, 2026
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

WHERE

Roosevelt Library
311 Roosevelt Avenue
San Antonio, TX 78210

TICKETS

$65 Member Ticket
$65 Non-Member/Guest
$33 Sustaining Member

Join us on **Thursday, September 24** at 5:30pm at **The Roosevelt Library** for our last business meeting of the year and to install our 2026/2027 Board of Directors!

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 & 2026/2027 Board of Directors Installation
7:50 pm Announcements, & Adjournment

Menu:

Mixed Green Salad: Seasonal mixed greens with cucumber, tomato, and house vinaigrette
Boneless, Braised Beef Short Ribs
Herb-Roasted Potatoes
Roasted Crew-Cut Carrots
Valrhona Chocolate Mousse with fresh berries

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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 a business meeting of the Chapter will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at The Roosevelt Library at 311 Roosevelt Avenue, San Antonio, TX.

The Representatives will:

__ Receive annual reports of Officers and Directors and committee chairs

__ Elect Officers and members of the Board of Directors

_X_ 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



Submitted by Caro!ine Diaz, Port Authority of San Antonio


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Thank you for a great year!
Melissa
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Submitted by Melissa Molina, University of the Incarnate Word

Game Day Kickoff: Football Facts & Traditions

It's football season, and we're all happy to watch the professional and college games – cheering for our favorite teams and players. Did you know that the first college football broadcast was in 1963. Below are some historical and interesting football facts:

- College football was first played in 1869. That first game was between Rutgers University and Princeton University.
- The University of Michigan has the most wins in college football history with over 1,000 victories since starting in 1879.
- College football coaches often make more than the presidents of the universities which employ them.
- Football has about four billion fans globally, making it the most watched sport on Earth.
- Pop Warner was named for Glenn "Pop" Warner, a legendary college coach who pioneered the single-wing formation and the use of shoulder pads.
- Unlike American football, soccer players rely strictly on skill, teamwork, and quick passing with no protective padding or helmets.
- College football players can wear any whole number from 0 through 99.
- The NFL banned jersey number 00 (and single-digit 0) in 1973 for administrative simplicity, and while single-digit 0 returned in 2023, 00 remains prohibited.
- NFL rules state that Quarterbacks must wear numbers between 0 and 19.
- The NFL was formed in 1920 and is head-quartered in New York City.
- The current trophy of the NFL is the Vince Lombardi Trophy. The Super Bowl trophy was officially renamed in 1970 after Vince Lombardi, who as head coach led the Green Bay Packers to victories in the first two Super Bowls. Unlike the previous trophies, a new Vince Lombardi Trophy is given to each year's champion. Lombardi Trophies are made by Tiffany & Co. out of sterling silver. Additionally, players, coaches and personnel of the winning team are awarded Super Bowl rings to commemorate their victory. The winning team chooses the company that makes the rings; each ring design varies, with the NFL mandating certain ring specifications, including requiring the Super Bowl logo be on at least one side of the ring. The losing team are also awarded rings, which must be no more than half as valuable as the winners' rings, but those are almost never worn.

Source: Wikipedia; Submitted by Margaret Eckhardt, Affinius Capital



September Anniversaries

Morgan Stanley	49 years
Weston Ventures	4 years
University of the Incarnate Word	4 years

Happy Birthday

Brenda Martinez, *CPS Energy*	September 4
Susie Salazar, *St. Mary's University*	September 20
Sylvia Rodriguez, *Sustaining Member*	September 28
Martha Hawkins, *Sustaining Member*	October 1
Erika Reyna, *UT San Antonio*	October 13
Kathy Beaman, *Sustaining Member*	October 20
Bobbi Lutz, *Sustaining Member*	October 24
Kelley Butler, *The Frame Gallery*	October 26
Sylvia Spanos, *SSFCU*	October 26
Gloria Eastwood, *Sustaining Member*	October 26
Pat Nava, *USAA*	October 29
Belinda Smith, *Sustaining Member*	October 31

2025–2026 MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

September 24, 2026*	Roosevelt Library - Installation of 2026-2027 Board of Directors/ Approving 2026-2027 Budgets
October 15, 2026	Enterprise Fleet Management

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

BOARD MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

September 26, 2026	University of the Incarnate Word
October 21, 2026	University of the Incarnate Word



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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Hospitality	Frances Dominguez, Sylvia Spanos
Budget	Melissa Molina
Parliamentarian	Frances Dominguez
Historian	Lorie Lopez
Nominating	Alicia Clark
Bylaws	Caroline Diaz
Social Media	Lauren Costley, Cali Beeman
Membership	Cali Beeman
Membership Retention	Cheri Wiese
Chaplain	Margaret Eckhardt
Care & Concern	Joyce Carothers
Programs	Pat Nava
Publications	Jennifer Uecker
Fundraising	Kathryn Shelton

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