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President's Message



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

Dear EWI Members,

As we step into February, the month that celebrates love, I find myself reflecting on just how much I love this incredible community of women. Each of you brings brilliance, leadership, compassion, and strength to our association. Together, we are more than an organization—we are a sisterhood of leaders committed to lifting one another and making a meaningful impact in our community.

This year, our focus is on *Elevating the Member Experience* and truly rolling out the red carpet for each and every one of you. You deserve to feel valued, celebrated, and inspired every time you walk into one of our events. Our goal is to ensure your membership feels purposeful, powerful, and personal.

And speaking of rolling out the red carpet... our biggest night of the season is right around the corner!

Join us on **Friday, March 20th at 6:00 PM at Magnolia Garden** for a glamorous Hollywood-themed evening you won't want to miss. This unforgettable night will be filled with live music, incredible food, laughter, and purpose—all in support of our future stars through EWI scholarships.

✦ Enjoy live performances by Nate Rodriguez and the Reed Brothers, with another exciting act to be announced!

We are still seeking event sponsors and encouraging ticket purchases, so now is the perfect time to invite friends, colleagues, and community partners to join us. Your support helps us continue investing in the next generation of leaders and changemakers.


Thank you for the heart you bring to this organization. Thank you for showing up, stepping up, and shining brightly. I am so proud to serve as your President and to stand alongside such remarkable women.

With appreciation and love,
Lauren



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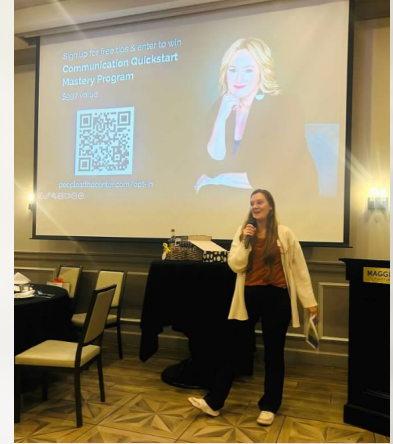
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 Submit info to:
jennifer.uecker@affiniuscaptial.com
 Next issue deadline: March 9, 2026

January Meeting Recap



January Meeting Recap



EWI February Membership Meeting - In Her Own Words

WHEN

February 19, 2026
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

[Add to Calendar](#)

WHERE

Pico de Gallo
111 S. Leona Street
San Antonio, TX 78207

[Get Directions](#)

TICKETS

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

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.

**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

Executive Women International-San Antonio
February Membership Meeting

IN HER OWN WORDS
Join us for an inspiring evening with an incredible, local leader

Jenna Saucedo-Herrera,
Head of Corporate Impact at USAA

WITH :
ERNIE ZUNIGA
KSAT 12 ANCHOR & "PICKUP LINES" TALK SHOW HOST

Pico De Gallo, 111 S. Leona St.

February 19, 2026
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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Reservations can be made by using the "Register Now" button no later than Monday, February 16th at 12:00pm.

Agenda:

- 5:30 pm Registrations and Reception
- 6:00 pm President's Welcome, Mission Statement, Installations, Roll Call, Inspiration, Dinner
- 7:00 pm Guest Speakers: Jenna Saucedo-Herrera & Ernie Zuniga
- 7:45 pm Fundraising, Announcements, & Adjournment

Menu:

- Chips & Salsa
- Beef & Chicken fajitas served with rice, frijoles de al charra, guacamole, pico de gallo & tortillas
- Iced tea or soda
- Sopapillas



Speaker Bios

February 2026

Jenna Saucedo-Herrera - As Head of Corporate Impact at USAA, a Fortune 93 Company, Jenna is spearheading initiatives that strengthen military family resilience and foster community development nationwide. With strategic oversight of the USAA Foundation, USAA Educational Foundation, citizenship, belonging, corporate philanthropy, and military advocacy, Jenna and her team are driving meaningful change through strategic partnerships and employee activation.

Prior to joining USAA in May of 2025, Jenna served as President and CEO of the greater: SATX Regional Economic partnership, where she led efforts to recruit new companies, foster global business relationships, and build the regional talent pipeline. Under her leadership, the organization expanded its reach to eight counties, added workforce and air service development initiatives, and established six global business development offices. Jenna's team created over 40,000 high-quality jobs through projects with major companies such as Guidehouse, JCB, Ernst & Young, Victory Capital, International Motors, and Toyota. In 2025, greater: SATX was recognized as one of the Top 20 Performing Economic Development Organizations in the United States by Site Selector Magazine.

Jenna brings over two decades of experience in brand management, corporate responsibility, and global business development to USAA. Her career began at CPS Energy, where she held various communications, project management, and change management roles, including serving as Chief of Staff. At the age of 29, she became the youngest Vice President in the history of CPS Energy, overseeing the Public Affairs and Brand Management department.

Her professional contributions have been widely recognized with numerous awards, including the '2015 Women in Leadership Award' and the '2017 40 Under 40: Woman of the Year Award' from the San Antonio Business Journal, and she was featured in the San Antonio Express-News' '2016 Women Who Run San Antonio.' More recently, she was named a 'Top 100 Texan' and a 'South Texas Power Broker' by the Business Journal in 2023 and 2025.

A proud San Antonio native, Jenna holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing Management from St. Mary's University and completed the RICE Executive Education program in 2012. She is a member of the Texas Women's Forum, the Texas Lyceum, and the International Women's Forum, and has served on several regional, statewide, and industry boards, including the Texas Association of Business, Texas Biomed, Visit San Antonio, and BioBridge Global. Additionally, she served as a JBSA Honorary Commander.

Ernie Zuniga is a veteran TV and media personality in San Antonio and is a 5, 6 and 10 p.m. news anchor at KSAT12. Currently, he is also the executive producer and host of his popular talk show "Pickup Lines," which is seen and heard weekly on-air and online. Previously, Ernie anchored the morning news on FOXSA for more than 17 years. Ernie also spent time as a sports anchor and reporter in San Antonio, Phoenix, Arizona, and in his hometown of Victoria, Texas.

Ernie attended Texas A&M University and graduated with a degree in Communications from the University of Houston-Victoria. Ernie has devoted much of his time in recent years to area nonprofits, including Blood Cancer United. He is also a member of the Rey Feo Consejo Educational Foundation. Every year, Zuniga emceeds dozens of events for these and other nonprofits and causes. Ernie has been married to his wife Tami for more than 26 years. Together, they have a daughter in college and twins in high school.



In Loving Memory

In the January Board Meeting, the Board approved an Honorarium donation in the amount of \$25 to be moved to the Scholarship Account in honor of:

Ralph Beaman (husband of Kathy Beaman)



EXECUTIVE WOMENS INTERNATIONAL
PROUDLY PRESENTS

20 MARCH 2026

LIGHTS CAMERA
GIVE

A HOLLYWOOD NIGHT SUPPORTING OUR FUTURE STARS

NATE RODRIGUEZ

REED BROTHERS

TO BE ANNOUNCED

MAGNOLIA GARDEN

DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM, FUN STARTS AT 6:30 PM
\$100 Entry Ticket, Sponsorship Tickets Are Available

Purchase Tickets Online www.ewisanantonio.org

Magnolia Garden- 2030 North Main Avenue SA TX 78212

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT EWI OF SAN ANTONIO & OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

**LIGHTS CAMERA
GIVE**
A HOLLYWOOD NIGHT
SUPPORTING OUR FUTURE STARS

**SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**

PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$10,000

- 20 TICKETS TO EVENT (2 TABLES), UNLIMITED DRINKS ALL NIGHT, 20 MEAL TICKETS
- RECOGNITION THROUGHOUT EVENT AS THE EVENT SPONSOR
- RECOGNITION ON SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS
- RECOGNITION ON THE EWI WEBSITE
- RECOGNITION DURING PRESENTATION AND THROUGHOUT EVENT
- INDIVIDUAL SIGN WITH LOGO/NAME ON STAGE

GOLD SPONSOR: \$5,000

- 10 TICKETS TO EVENT(1 TABLE), 20 DRINK TICKETS, 10 MEAL TICKETS
- RECOGNITION ON SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS
- RECOGNITION ON THE EWI WEBSITE
- RECOGNITION DURING PRESENTATION AND THROUGHOUT EVENT
- SIGN WITH LOGO/NAME ON STAGE



SILVER SPONSOR: \$2,500

- 4 TICKETS TO EVENT, 8 DRINK TICKETS, 4 MEAL TICKETS
- RECOGNITION ON SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS
- RECOGNITION ON THE EWI WEBSITE
- RECOGNITION DURING PRESENTATION AND THROUGHOUT EVENT
- SIGN WITH LOGO/NAME ON STAGE

BRONZE SPONSOR: \$1,000

- 2 TICKETS TO EVENT (OPEN SEATING), 4 DRINK TICKETS, 2 MEAL TICKETS
- RECOGNITION ON SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS
- RECOGNITION ON THE EWI WEBSITE
- RECOGNITION DURING PRESENTATION AND THROUGHOUT EVENT
- SIGN WITH LOGO/NAME ON STAGE

SILENT AUCTION/RAFFLE SPONSOR

- SIGN UNDER EACH DONATION
- RECOGNITION DURING RAFFLE FOR QUALIFYING LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

For more information contact
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Magnolia Gardens
2030 North Main Avenue
San Antonio TX 78212

March 20, 2026
6 PM - 10 PM

Happy New Year!

Many spiritual traditions view the New Year as a time to release things that no longer serve us – whether that's negative emotions, unhealthy habits, or toxic relationships. Letting go doesn't mean forgetting; it means accepting that some things are beyond our control and don't need to be carried into the new year.

This year, consider giving it to God to be fulfilled.

Some suggestions include:

- 1. Teach with intelligence.** "Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies..." (2 Timothy 2:23-24).
- 2. Pray for guidance.** "If any of you lacks wisdom, ...ask God..." (James 1:5).
- 3. Forgive those who have hurt you.** "Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Colossians 3:13).
- 4. Take care of yourself.** "...your body is a temple..."(1 Corinthians 19:20).
- 5. Love others.** "...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...Love your neighbor as yourself."
- 6. Be a role model.** "Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity" (Titus 2:7).
- 7. Don't be discouraged by failures.** "...Be strong and courageous." (Joshua 1:9).
- 8. Value your friendships.** "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-11)
- 9. Help those in need.**

May you have many blessings this year.

Submitted by Margaret Eckhardt

ewi Emerging Executive Women

At EWI, we grow leaders! To demonstrate our commitment to this focus, we are continuing our professional development program, "Emerging Executive Women." This program will advance the growth and development of EWI's leaders by investing in their learning to ignite their career and impact their community. Recognizing that leaders emerge at various points in their professional careers; this program is open to all EWI members. Our main focus is to give our members the support and encouragement they need to build their confidence and achieve their career goals.

Program details:

- *Program launches January 26, 2026, with awards granted in April 2026.*
- *Winners will be paired with a coach from the Corporate Board or membership (must be in a senior leadership role in their firm*) to complete six (6) dedicated coaching sessions throughout the current EWI year (at a cadence determined by the coach and recipient).*
- *Winners will receive a grant to participate in a training or leadership program, certificate program or specialized conference. Monies are paid directly to the entity providing the training, program, or conference, not to the individual.*
- *Monies from this program will not fund any professional development program organized by EWI or its Chapters.*

Eligibility:

- *Applicants must be in good standing with their chapters to apply!*
- *Applicants must have at least four years of professional career experience and submit an essay explaining their desire to take their career to the next level and how this program will help them reach their goals. Grantees must provide a formal written summary at one year and two years post- program to describe how they are applying the skills and knowledge gained from the program in their career.*
- *Members can only apply for one grant per year. If awarded, members must wait two years before re-applying.*

**A senior leader is defined as someone that leads strategic planning, has critical decision-making skills and/or supervises and mentors others.*

For questions, please contact Lesley Comathan at lcornathan@columbusconventions.com

Please submit all applications to the Development committee at lcornathan@columbusconventions.com

no later than 5:00 p.m. CST on April 3, 2026!

[CLICK HERE for Program Guidelines and Application](#)





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



LCAM 2026
September 16-19, 2026
Mobile, Alabama

There's no time like the present, mark your calendars and SAVE THE DATE now.

LCAM Justification Toolkit to come.



A kind thank you note for EWI San Antonio Chapter's generosity in the Bras from Claus fundraising campaign in December. Thank you to our Chapter for blessing the women at Magdalena House as well as a big thanks to our fundraising team for coordinating the efforts.



Dear Executive Women International San Antonio chapter,

On behalf of everyone at Magdalena House, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation of bras to our residents. Your kindness and willingness to support the women we serve is truly a blessing.

Acts of generosity like your help restore confidence, dignity, and hope in the lives of the families in our community.

Your support reminds our residents that they are seen, valued, and cared for by others.

Thank you for partnering with us in such a meaningful way. We deeply appreciate your compassion and commitment to making a difference.

With lot of love and gratitude,
Magdalena House ❤️

Board of Directors Spotlight



Meet Gloriane 'Glo' Quintanilla

A Heart for Service • A Spirit Rooted in Nature • A Life Filled With Love

About Me

Glo serves an Executive Assistant at **Bank of Texas** to:

- Mark M. Johnson, Chairman | Central Texas
- Parker M. Hensley, Market President | San Antonio

She and her husband, Jesse share a beautiful family:

- 1 child: Sabrana
- 2 grandsons – Jonathan and Owen
- A lively home with 4 dogs, 1 horse and cattle.

It's a full, joyful and exciting life.

EWI Service

Glo is a dedicated and active member of EWI San Antonio, currently serving as:

- Sergeant at Arms

Her past leadership roles include:

- Two terms as Secretary & Director at Large
- One term as Philanthropy Chair

Her service is heartfelt, steady, and always centered in community.

My Hobbies

In her spare time, you'll find Glo in the garden, playing with her family and grandchildren, and spending precious time with friends or hiking. Glo is passionate about wellness — natural healing, herbs, essential oils, and meditation.

Favorite Quote

The greatest healing therapy is friendship and love – Hubert H. Humphrey

Favorite Places:

- Place: Hawaii
- Music: Country
- Color: The Rainbow

Education

Gloriane holds Bachelor of Science Degree in International Business from Maharishi International University in Fairfield, Iowa.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Samantha Martin
*Managing Partner & Accountant
The Firm Roberts & Martin*

Welcome our newest Member from **The Firm Roberts & Martin, Samantha Martin**, who began her career in the medical field and later transitioned into accounting and entrepreneurship. As a mother of three, she balances her career and family while making time for country dancing, dinner with friends, and traveling.

“
God has led me down this path and we started our firm and it has blossomed into something so unimaginably wonderful and continues to grow.”

WELCOME SAMANTHA!!






Happy Anniversary

United Way of San Antonio
CPS Energy

4 years
68 years

Happy Birthday

Amanda Avendano, <i>Enterprise Fleet Management</i>	February 5
Joyce Stuart, <i>Sustaining Member</i>	February 17
Vicki Chapman, <i>SWBC</i>	February 27
Julie Lyssy, <i>Sustaining Member</i>	February 28
Cheri Wiese, <i>UT San Antonio</i>	March 10
Cathy Rogers, <i>Omni La Mansion-Del Rio</i>	March 14
Cali Beeman, <i>The ETC Companies</i>	March 27
Marsha Garza, <i>USAA</i>	March 30



2025–2026 MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

February 19, 2026	Pico De Gallo
March 20, 2026	Magnolia Gardens
April 16, 2026	Alamo Cafe 281

BOARD MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

February 25, 2026	Deacon Recruiting
March 25, 2026	TBD
April 22, 2026	TBD





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 Committee Chairs

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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, Diane Skillrud

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