

**Pan American Round Table  
of McAllen, Texas  
Installation of 2011-2013 Officers & Awarding of Scholarships  
May 3, 2011**

The incoming 2011-2013 McAllen Table officers were installed at their regular May meeting at the McAllen Country Club by Installing Officer and outgoing Area C Director Lily Torrez. Choosing colorful butterflies as an installation theme, Lily explained that butterflies had been an integral and beautiful symbol of their recent and very successful state convention, and felt that it would be a fitting tribute. She also explained that, as new officers, they will start by facing new challenges in a very low key, much like caterpillars, but with the test of time they will be transformed into beautiful soaring creatures, like butterflies.



Left to Right: Lily Torrez-Installing Officer, Deanna Longoria Ramirez – Recording Secretary  
Mandy Pena – 1<sup>st</sup> Associate Director, Alma De La Garza – Director, Carmen Guerra (standing in for  
Becky Strong – 2<sup>nd</sup> Associate Director), Yolanda McCarty – Treasurer, Charlene Hertz – Parliamentarian



Outgoing officers from left: Mandy Pena, 2<sup>nd</sup> Associate Director,  
Charlene Hertz – Director  
Lily Torrez – Parliamentarian  
Alma De La Garza – 1st Associate Director  
Minnie Lanham – Recording Secretary  
Marlon Levine, Treasurer

Three scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each, were awarded at the regular May meeting of the McAllen Table to Eduardo A. Rodriguez, graduate of McAllen High School, Gabriela Castillo from Nikki Rowe High School and Gabriel Jorge Torres from Memorial High School. Of the three, Eduardo Rodriguez was the only recipient who was able to be present to receive the award. With his mother present at the luncheon, Eduardo delivered a very moving and heartfelt note of appreciation to the members, informing them of his goals for the future and how PART will play such a big role in his pursuit of a successful future.

Gabriela Castillo and Gabriel Jorge Torres were not able to attend the awards ceremony due to previously scheduled school exams. However, Gabriel Jorge was represented by his mother, Saida Delgado, who delivered a personal letter of appreciation. The letter was read to the members by Scholarship Chairman Mary Lou Trevino.



Charlene Hertz – Outgoing Table Director,  
Eduardo Rodriguez and his Mother

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