# The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News

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## 12 Students Awarded JNA Scholarships



2014 JNA Evelia Reyna Scholarship recipients bookended on the left by scholarship chair, Ms. Elia Reyna and JNA President, Mr. Ted Guerra, and on the right by Jefferson HS Counselor, Ms. Nora Potthast and Jefferson HS Vice-Principle, Mr. Randolph Kowalik.

On June 9, 2014 twelve exceptional area students were awarded JNA Evelia Reyna Scholarships. JNA members work year round gathering funds for this annual highlight of our organization.

Congratulations to these bright young people and to all the graduates of 2014 as they begin new chapters in their lives.

**Maritza M. Caballero** graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. She is an active member of the student council and National Honor Society and has made an extraordinary effort to excel academically. Her passion is to pursue a career in the medical field with a degree in forensic science. She has been accepted to The University of Texas at San Antonio.

**Miguel Alejandro Chavez** graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is involved in several extra-curricular activities such as varsity soccer, varsity cross-country, mariachi and member of the Senate high school club. His goal is to pursue a degree in journalism and marketing. He has been accepted to DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois.

**David Anthony Fernandez** graduated from St. Anthony Catholic High School. He graduated "valedictorian" from St. Anthony Middle School and will graduate "salutatorian" from the high

school. He is also a participant in the brainpower connection, a program for St. Anthony students to take college level classes at the University of the Incarnate Word and has maintained "A"s in all nine courses. He is also in the National Honor Society. He will pursue a major in the accounting fi eld. Due to his academic achievement he has been awarded a "presidential scholarship" to the University of the Incarnate Word.

Layla G. Hausner graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. Besides her commitment to academic excellence, she is both a scholar and a community leader. She is presently student council president and has accumulated 70 hours of volunteer service to the community. Her goal is to pursue a degree in social work. She has been accepted to the University of Houston, her major is university studies.

Abel Hernandez graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. He is the parliamentarian of the Military Science and Public Magnet Club and 1st Lt in Delta Company in the Thomas Jefferson High School Army JROTC, Mustang Battalion; he is also vice president of student council, and the chaplain of the National Honor Society. His goal is to become a pharmacist. He has been accepted to The University of Texas at Austin to the College of Natural Sciences, with a major in undeclared/pre-pharmacy.

Allison Kimball graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School.

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### **HELPFUL CONTACTS**

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#### **SAPD Non-Emergency:**

207-SAPD (7273)

SAPD West Substation: 207-7420

SAISD Police: 271-3124

SAISD Truancy Office: 223-2360

Code Compliance Issues: 311 or download the City's "311" phone app

**Animal Control Issues: 311** 

Graffiti in Progress: 911
Graffiti Abatement Program:

207-BUFF (2833)

VIA Transit: 362-2019

**SA Water System:** 724-7097 **CPS Energy:** 353-2222

## A Word from New JNA President Pablo Ledesma

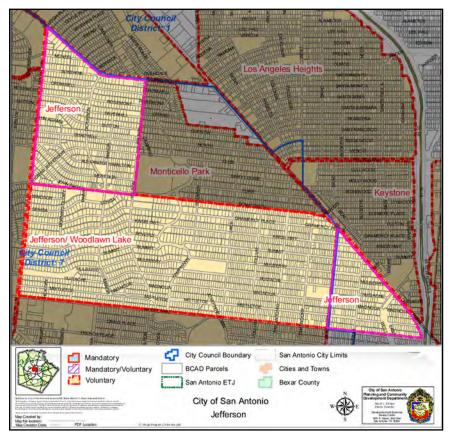
My name is Pablo Ledesma. I want to thank you for the great honor of electing me to serve you as president of this organization. I'd like to thank Ted Guerra for an outstanding job as president, along with the support of the rest of the board.

I have been married to my wife, Patricia, for 19 years and we have an 18 year old son, Daniel. We have lived in the neighborhood 20 years and have witnessed this community grow and prosper.

I'd like to see an increase in our membership because I believe there is strength in numbers. I want to continue building relationships with our surrounding neighborhood associations, elected officials, San Antonio Police Department, Code Enforcement and other entities in order to keep our neighborhood safer.

This association believes in keeping members informed via the newsletter and monthly meetings. There are many opportunities to become involved and share your talents. If you have any questions, comments or concerns feel free to contact me or any of the board members.

I am looking forward to a prosperous year with a refreshed energy directed towards making The Jefferson Neighborhood Association bigger and stronger.



**JNA Boundaries** 

### Save the Date!

September 13 @ 2p at the Bihl Haus: HOT! closing event: a reading by Montana Nature poet Melissa Kwasny

September 16 @ 10a & September 27 @ 5:30P: Free graffiti wipe-out volunteer training: call Lisa McKenzie 207-5430

September 20, 9a-2p, Deco Farmer's Market, 1800 Fred Rd

October 7 @ 6p: JNA and Monticello Park

Natl National Night Out at Monticello Park.

More details coming...

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the new 2014-15 officers and board members elected at the August 11 meeting:

President: Pablo Ledesma
Vice president: Marie Cooper
Secretary: Stan Waghalter
Treasurer: Liliana Moreno
Board: Gil Moreno
Board: Lynn Waghalter
Thanks, also to JNA members
Robb Charles and Gloria
Valenzuela, who also

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participated in the elections as
nominees. The future of our
organization depends on
dedicated volunteers like
these!



### **Membership Is Our Future!**

We're proud that the following businesses have chosen to grow in partnership with the Jefferson Neighborhood Association. If you are a JNA member ask if they give a JNA discount!

- Big Bob's Burgers, 447 W. Hildebrand Ave.
- Chile, Tomate y Cebolla Mexican Rest, 1009 Donaldson
- Deco Pizzeria, 1815 Fredericksburg Road
- Rosa Maria "Rosie" Gonzales, Attorney at Law, 224-1283
- Horno Mision San Jose Bakery/Uptown Taco, 1212 Fredericksburg Road
- Jefferson Thrift Store, 2002 Bandera Road
- Vee's Hair and Spa Salon, 1022 Donaldson

We encourage all our members to frequent these businesses. For questions or to join please contact Pablo Ledesma at presidentofina@gmail.com



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### Scholarship Chair: Elia Reyna

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# **Hospitality Committee:** Mary Morales, Judy Jackman and Marie Cooper

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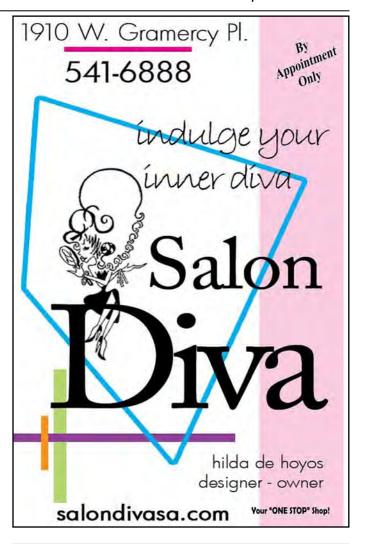


The guest speaker at the next JNA meeting on September 8, will be Officer Flores with the CoSA Animal Care Services department. He will be addressing skunk, possum, rodent, strays and other pest questions. Web site: www.sanantonio.gov/animalcare/ for more info.



#### Did You Know...

San Antonio's City Code requires that all water heating facilities to be properly installed, maintained and capable of providing an adequate amount of water to be drawn at every required sink, lavatory, bathtub, shower and laundry facility at a temperature of not less than 110°F. (2011 Property Maintenance Code, Sec. 505.4). To see the City's Property Maintenance Code, log on to: sanantonio.gov/dsd/codes.asp



#### About our new interim District 7 Councilperson

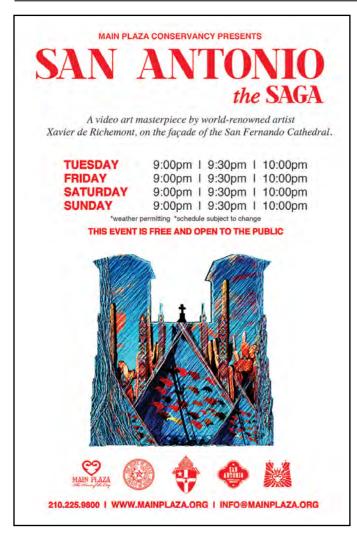
Mari Aguirre-Rodriguez is a community connector with ten+ years of experience.

Mari is the founder and CEO of Opt In Experts. A company focused on Marketing, Public Relations and Public Affairs services. Opt In works with talented experts across these sectors to build capable and talented teams. Experts as a Service -- expertise at the right time, for the right job. Mari served as the founding Executive Director of Generation TX, leading strategic planning, operational management and guided a team of educators, event planners and brand leaders. Mari built the organization's 501c3 operating structure and helped with the public launch of the organization.

Prior to GenTX, Mari led Rackspace's Community Affairs department and created the award winning Rackspace Foundation and Rack Gives Back. Working for Mayor Phil Hardberger, Mari led his education and workforce initiatives; creating the citys P16 Council and hosting the first city-wide education and workforce summit for over 500 community members.

Mari has served as a board member of The Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women, The San Antonio Area Foundation's Hispanic Fund, led the Greater Chamber of Commerce IT Committee, and she currently serves as a member of the Kyms Kids Foundation.

Mari is mother to a tenacious one year old son, Emiliano Francisco and wife to Raul Rodriguez, a commercial real estate agent and entrepreneur.













The new school year has begun for most of the youngsters in our neighborhood. Please be watchful of the school zone speed limits and remember that the current cell phone school zone laws are being enforced.

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Business Leaders of America and serves as a member of the Federal Reserve student board of directors. Her goal is to become a doctor. Due to her academic excellence, she has been accepted to the David B. Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics, Nutrition Science Program, at Syracuse University, New York.

Daniel Ledesma graduated from St. Anthony High School. In middle school he was Who's Who scholar and a member of the honor roll. He has many hours of community service, volunteering for the Haven for Hope and Habitant for Humanity. He has decided to enter the medical field and graduate with a degree in diagnostic medical sonography. He has been accepted to St. Philips College and Austin Community College in Austin to complete the sonography program.

Alyssa Lynn Mendoza graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. Besides being a student and a volunteer, she is has been a three year member of the school's Lasso dance team, and has been a member of the National Honor Society. She is pursuing a career in nursing and after college will join the Air Force Nursing Corps and become a nurse practitioner. She has been accepted to Texas A&M Corpus Christi to pursue a degree in nursing and health sciences.

Angela Ramirez graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. Throughout her high school career, Angela has demonstrated impressive grades and has taken challenging courses. She is a dedicated athlete and has participated in the dance, soccer, and cross-country teams. Her goal is to pursue a degree in business. She has been accepted to The University of Texas at San Antonio her major is management.

**Diana V. Rodriguez** graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society. Her grades testify to her well-rounded knowledge in all areas of instruction, which support her achievement and quest for knowledge. Her goal is to pursue a degree in business administration and own a successful business. She has been accepted to Texas State University in San Marcos.

**Isaiah Xavier Saenz** graduated from Christian Academy of San Antonio. Presently, he is enrolled in the dual credit program Palo Alto Community College, has 6 hrs credit and maintained an "A" grade. He is pursuing a career in the medical field with a degree in diagnostic cardiac sonography. He has been accepted to San Antonio College.

Kimberly A. Vasquez graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. She is a senior army officer in the Thomas Jefferson High School Army JROTC, Mustang Battalion, National Honor Society, Art and French Club. During her tenure in the corps, she has consistently maintained a high GPA and received the academic excellence award. Her goal is to pursue a degree in nursing. She has been accepted to Texas State University in San Marcos.







Join the Office of Historic Preservation for the 6th Annual Historic Homeowner Fair

Pearl, Full Goods Studio & Breezeway 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Free and open to the public, the fair provides a unique opportunity to interact and discuss issues related to caring for older homes.

**Educational sessions** and **hands-on demonstrations** cover numerous topics related to preserving San Antonio's unique architectural character.

Check out the **Exhibitor Hall** to find products, services, and information targeted to residents interested in improving their older homes.

Visit <u>www.sanantonio.gov/historic</u> to learn more. Questions? Email OHP@sanantonio.gov or call 210-215-9274







The City is taking a stronger stance on graffiti as illustrated in their new logo: No Graffiti SA. Recent improvements include banning the placement of stickers on public or private property, proactively



a bating non-City in frastructure, and standardizing all City department service levels agreements. All City departments will work to abate graffiti within an average of three business days. To report graffiti, call 311 or

download the free 311 mobile app for your smart phone or mobile device at the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android). Use keyword SanAntonio311.



Is your kitchen pantry filled to the brim with plastic bags? Starting Aug 01, 2014 you can bundle them in soccer sized balls and toss them in your blue recycle cart. You can also recycle thin plastic packaging, dry-cleaning and ziplock bags (remove the zipper). Please do not include black plastic bags.





# Support your JNA: 2014-15 dues are now due!

Dues are accepted year round. We prefer to get them in September each year, but if you join later, that's ok too. Your dues help support our scholarship program and help pay for the newsletter published each month. Memberships expire at the end of August each year.

Jefferson Neighborhood Association Membership Form		
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Name		Birthday (mo/day)
Address		
Zip	Phone	E-mail
	s: \$10 per year for an individual \$15 per year for families \$25 per year for business	FY 2014-15 Calendar year is September to August  Cut out and mail form to:  JNA, PO Box 28552, SA TX 78228

The next JNA meeting will be Monday, September 8, 2014, at 7 PM at the Jefferson United Methodist Church, Donaldson and Wilson.

