Higher Education’s Elite

Ricardo Ortegón, ‘92, ’96

a Laredo native, has a remarkable track record in the world of higher education. At only 5’8”, his stature is not imposing, but his shoes can only be filled by the biggest of giants.

Ricardo is currently the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management at Ramapo College of New Jersey. His largest responsibility and most immediate focus is heading up a Strategic Enrollment Management team, an advisory board consisting of four university-wide working teams.

Prior to this appointment, Ricardo acquired 10+ years of administrative experience at Montclair State University and our very own TAMIU.

While at TAMIU, his efforts and talents were wisely utilized to increase enrollment at this fledgling university. Some of the initiatives and programs that he founded 15 years ago are still applied at TAMIU… a mark of something (tried and true).

Q: What do you do for fun?
A: (long pause) Work!

As far as the future is concerned, Ricardo has found his perfect job in the perfect industry, higher education. So he is happy waking up everyday and going to work. However, he’s states that he is geographically mobile.

Editor’s Note: If you ever have the opportunity to work with Ricardo Ortegón, ‘92, ’96.

Danielle Marie Gomez Perez, ’03 , ’05 has been recently promoted to Marketing Director at South Texas Regional Medical Center (STRMC). Prior to her current position, Danielle was a communications specialist with Laredo Medical Center.

Alumni Notes
Career Opportunities!

Interested in the Pharmaceutical Industry?

An insightful discussion on how to break into pharmaceutical sales from the perspective of field veterans and fellow alums:

**Monica Gutierrez, ’95, Jaime Martinez, ’96, Gabriel Tijerina ’96, and Hector Chapa, ’97**

You’ll learn the answers to the most frequently asked questions about getting your foot into the door. Some of the topics that will be discussed are profile, pre-requisites, and resumes. They will also share their own aspects and experiences.

**Join Us:**
Tuesday, July 15th, 2008
5:45pm
Western Hemispheric Trade Center –125.

Refreshments will be served—Please RSVP at alumni@tamiu.edu


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**In Memoriam**

**Humberto Jacinto Jr.,’76**

**Elia S. Vela, ’72**

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**Happy Birthday**

Check out who celebrates their Birthday in July!

**Christina ’99 and Mike Dancause celebrate baby Bella Grace’s baptism.**

**Best Wishes to the newly married Andrea, ’07 and Eduardo Richer!**

**Proud parents Marissa , ’06 and Jesse and Garcia-Perez baptized their daughter Alyna Raquel.**

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**Share Your News With Your Classmates**
Elections for Board Members took place on June 30, 2008.
Pictured from Left to Right:
Secretary Raquel Sepulveda Juarez ’00;
President Fernando Morales Jr., ’06;
Vice-President Mary L. Martinez, ’07; in absentia, Juan Jose Garza ’04.

Class Notes

Ana B. Hinojosa, ’88 recently received a promotion with the US Customs and Border Protection Agency as the director of Field Operations in El Paso, TX.

Minerva Ayala Santos, ’98, ’01 is an AVP & Financial Advisor for BBVA Investments, Inc., a subsidiary of LNB, a Division of Compass.

Brandy Peacock Rios, ’01 is living in Fort Collins, CO with her two children and her husband, Javier. Brandy works at Colorado State University.

Enrique Kladis, ’97 is in the School of Retail Leadership with HEB.

Carlos Sanchez, ’04 works in Washington, DC as a Press Advisor for Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Lynn M. Williams, ’07 is also participating in HEB’s School of Retail Management.

Richard Fansler, ’08 is another alum who is enrolled in School of Retail Management with HEB.

Rodrigo Corral, ’08 has acquired an internship position with HEB’s Management Program.