Taiwanese Alumna Brings Inspiration to TAMIU

Promoting charity, medical care, education and culture, Dr. Yu-Mei “Eunice” Tsai ‘88 has made a profound impression on the students of the Tzu Chi College of Technology and the Laredo community while presenting the sign language opera Love Transcends the Skyline.

Eunice immediately thought of TAMIU when she was asked about the prospects of taking her troupe abroad. She said, “I want to build better connections with a place I hold close to my heart.”

Even though TAMIU is not a religious based university, Eunice stated that “Laredo is a perfect place for our students to witness how two cultures integrate.”

After her proposal was granted by the Taiwanese Ministry of Education, Eunice hurriedly began recruiting students in early January. And, in less than three weeks, she acquired and trained a group of about fifteen students to come to Laredo.

Under the spiritual guidance of Buddhism, Eunice, along with Dharma Master De-Yin and the students, delivered a reflective message of love and compassion for all people. This message provides those individual with need, hope and the will to help others.

Eunice’s migration to Laredo occurred when her sister Gina Mejia ’87 was recruited as a student in 1986 by Candy Hein, vice-president for Institutional Advancement and then public information officer. Eunice was later encouraged by her family to study at TAMIU because of the warm invitation Hein and other University administrators had provided them while on a trip to Taiwan. “I feel close to Candy, [she] feels like family,” stated Eunice.

And now, after twenty years, Eunice finds that the campus has been relocated and multiplied beyond belief. Yet, the wonderful people that had once welcomed her to the university were here to greet her a second time. “I feel very close to these people; people are the important factors that make you long to come back,” replied Eunice.

By: Jessica Rodriguez ‘09
In Memoriam

Eduardo Vela ’99

Alma Carillo Garza ’89 serves as the CEO of M.J. Carillo Company, INC and she is also a Board Member of the Laredo Licensed US Customs Brokers Association.

Ruben Costilla ’96, ’00 and wife Maylen happily welcomed baby Ivan on Feb. 18, 2008.

Cesar Vela ’98, ’06 was recently promoted to comptroller at Laredo Community College.


Jorge J. Flores ’02 and Danielle Flores ’03, ’05 welcomed a new baby boy, Jorge J. Flores, Jr. into their small but very loving family. Little Jorge was brightly received by his now big brother Alec Jourdain.

Juan Jose Garza ’04 and Aaron Canales both joined in partnership with J. Clayton Baum, CPA, here in Laredo. The firm now operates as Canales, Garza & Baum, PLLC.

Prabhakar Muriki ’04 was recently employed by JP Morgan and Chase as the new Technical Lead and Data Architect. He and his wife Sravanthi live in California.

Elsa “Elsy” Martinez ’08 and Juan de Dios Nieto ’05 were married on Dec. 5 2008 in Monterrey, Mexico. Juan also recently received a promotion with Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA). The couple now live overseas in Bilbao, Spain.

Jaime Peryam ’05 has joined T-Mobile in Laredo and he is offering all Dustdevils discounted rates. You can contact him at (956) 726-6565 or (956) 231-9061.

Mayra Skopal ’07 joined the HEB Grocery Company Management Team last fall and is happily married to Roman ’05, ’07. The couple live in Laredo.
TAMIU ALUMNI
Pre-Game Mixer & Alumni Quarterly Meeting

Sunday, March 8th @2:45 pm
Laredo Entertainment Center - Club Level *

*Wristbands required for Club Level accessible at Gate B from 2:30 pm to 3:00pm. Limited free game tickets available. Or, purchase yours for $5 only at the LEC Box office with the TAMIU Alumni One Card. For Tickets and Questions call TAMIU Alumni Relations 326-2171 or email alumni@tamiu.edu

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