

# The Legacy

Lamar Bruni Vergara  
January 22, 1910-April 16, 1989

Lamar Bruni Vergara, born in 1910 to Annie Reiser Bruni and Louis H. Bruni, was raised and educated in Laredo and spent much of her life becoming acquainted with the city and its residents.

Her love for the city and a fondness for its people led naturally to a sincere interest in the welfare of the community. Over the years, she dedicated many unselfish hours to the Catholic Church as well as local social service organizations. As her health declined in later years, Vergara called upon her cousin J. C. Martin Jr. and longtime friend, Solomon Casseb Jr. to ensure that her mission of caring for the community would continue after her death. J.C. Martin III now sits as a co-trustee, replacing his late father. She stipulated in her estate that the majority of her wealth be shared with charities in the area.

Upon her death in 1989, Martin and Casseb worked diligently to execute the legacy of Lamar Bruni Vergara through the trust's continuous support of religious, health, and educational initiatives in the community.



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Students

Ms. Lamar Bruni Vergara



# Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust



Lamar Bruni Vergara Memorial Garden  
(Dedicated April 16, 2003)

The Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust was established in 1989. The legacy of its name-sake continues through the enhancement of the Catholic Church, educational and health institutions, and numerous local social services organizations.

As her health deteriorated in later years, she sought to ensure that her care for her community would continue. She was a Laredo philanthropist whose vision and legacy of assisting higher education continues through the benevolent acts of the Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust. Her cousin, J.C. Martin Jr. and friend Solomon Casseb Jr. formed a trust to provide continuous support of the social, religious, health and educational initiatives of the community.



Lamar Bruni Vergara  
Planetarium and Science Center  
(Dedicated April 16, 2005)

## Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIPS - Tuition up to \$3,000 per year (\$1,000 each semester, including summer).

## Fellowships

FELLOWSHIPS- Tuition up to \$6,000 per year. A fellowship is a financial award to a graduate student for part-time work (10 hours per week) in teaching or research while pursuing an advanced degree.

## Assistanships

ASSISTANTSHIPS – Tuition up to \$9,000 per year. An assistantship is a benefits eligible financial award to a graduate student for part-time work (20 hours per week) in teaching or research while pursuing an advanced degree.



Lamar Bruni Vergara Trustees  
J.C. Martin III & Judge Solomon Casseb Jr.

## Eligibility Requirements

1. You must be fully admitted graduate students working towards a master's or doctoral degree.
2. You must enroll in 6 graduate hours each semester (or summer) while receiving LBV funding.
3. You must maintain an overall GPA of 3.5.

**Application Deadline: May 1st**  
(Late Applications are accepted based on the availability of funds.)