

Anything for Student Success

Alumna Imelda Chapa '02, '06, the Science Department Head and an eighth grade teacher at Antonio Gonzalez Middle School, promised her students that if most of them passed the Science STAAR, she would hold a sign on Hwy 359 saying, "My students rocked the STAAR." Her students succeeded, and she kept her promise. As she held her sign, cars would honk, and people would give her a thumbs up. She has now been featured by news channels including Pro8News and on Hot 106.1's Facebook Page.



Imelda holds a Bachelor of Arts in Biology with a Minor in History, and a Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction with a Minor in Reading, both from TAMIU.

PGA Minority Collegiate Championship

TAMIU's Men's Golf team won the runner-up trophy for the PGA Minority Collegiate Championship. They nearly had first, but struggled a little on day three, and were well ahead of the rest of the field.



"Three of the men signed up for and passed the PGA Playing Ability Test. This means that, once they graduate, they are eligible to enroll in the PGA Teaching program to become certified golf instructors. This is an extremely special accomplishment for them." said Rebecca Foster, Coach of Men's & Women's Golf.

The team also impressed the presenters at the Golf Industry Career expo since they were prepared with résumés and good questions. They were complemented on how well spoken and personable they were. The Golf Channel was there capturing the action and will air a one-hour special presentation on Wednesday, July 3 at 8 p.m. CST.

New Dustdevil Athletics Director

After a nation-wide search, TAMIU has named its new Athletics Director for the 11-sport TAMIU Dustdevil Athletics Program. He promises to elevate TAMIU's program. Meet him [here](#).



This summer, keep your child active in body and mind by registering them in any of the multiple sport or educational summer camps at TAMIU! Camps vary in length from 4 - 8 weeks and ages 4 - 17 are welcome. View a listing of available camps [here](#).

Volunteer by Recruiting Students

The Office of Recruitment is expanding its outreach to several communities. TAMIU asks all alumni interested in volunteering to represent the University at college night functions to contact alumni@tamiu.edu.

Alumni on the LOOK!

Andrea Beattie, '11, '12 Accepted to University of Michigan with \$250,000 Educational Package

Andrea Beattie will begin a new life to follow a dream larger than she ever expected. She was one of 15 candidates, from a total of 350 applicants, accepted to pursue a joint doctoral study in public policy and social science at the prestigious Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan (U-M) in Ann Arbor. In addition, her fully funded, U-M educational package offer is estimated at over \$250,000.



"It's unreal, it really is," she said of her offer, "Sometimes, I feel like my close friends, family and significant other could see my potential more than I could see it myself."

As a TAMIU adjunct instructor, Andrea taught national and state government to 400 students at TAMIU this Spring semester, and has been active in the University community over the years.

In 2010, she traveled to Singapore with a group of faculty members and students for a "Sociology of Science" survey funded by the National Science Foundation Science of Science and Innovation Policy (SciSIP). She was also one of TAMIU's inaugural class of six University students chosen to take part in the Center for Public Leadership, John F. Kennedy School of Government Latino Leadership Initiative (LLI) at Harvard University.

Andrea said her future plans changed over the course of her undergraduate study.

"When I started out at TAMIU I believed strongly that I wanted to be a lawyer," she said, "I didn't know how many more opportunities were out there. By traveling and studying, I realized that there are other jobs that are unique to my personality."

Once she culminates her doctoral studies, she looks forward to becoming a researcher for an international organization.

"If TAMIU didn't empower me, I wouldn't be here," she said.

Andrea holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a Minor in Economics and a Master of Arts in Political Science.

Juan D. Plascencia, '07

Juan earned a Master in Business Administration in International Business Administration. Six years later, he is graduating again with a Master in Bilingual Education at TAMIU. Afterwards, he will continue his Ph.D. in Bilingual Education at TAMU in Kingsville.

He is currently working for Caterpillar, a manufacturer of construction and mining equipment, diesel and natural gas engines, industrial gas turbines and diesel-electric locomotives.

Valentin Aguilar, '96

Valentin holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Business Administration. He recently earned a Master of Science in Psychology with a specialization in Leadership Coaching Psychology at Capella University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is now pursuing his Ph.D. in I/O Psychology at Capella.



He will begin teaching at Richland College at Dallas, TX, where he says he will be the first Hispanic instructor of Psychology.

You got benefits!

TAMIU graduates are entitled to numerous benefits and privileges.

Some are:

- Lifetime E-mail Account
- Library Services
 - Check Out Books
- Access to Computer Labs
- TAMIU Bookstore Discounts
- TAMIU Alumni One Card
- Free Parking
- Free Entrance to Regular Season Athletic Events
- Entry to REC Center (Small Fee Associated)

Additionally, the Office of Career Services offers

FREE services to our alumni, including:

- Résumé Writing
- Career Counseling and workshops
- Information on Job Openings
- Access to Dusty Works
- Mock Interviews
- Participation in the Annual Job Fair/Opportunities to meet recruiters.



Download the **TAMIU app** for TAMIU news, events, images, directory access, social media, maps, faculty, shop, audio, and tools are available for smartphones and iPad.

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