



## **EMILY BLUMENTRITT**

**HOUSTON, TEXAS**  
**M.S. IN RANGE & WILDLIFE  
MANAGEMENT**

### **Prior Education:**

Associate of Arts in General Studies from Lee College; Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology from Texas State University

### **Academic Achievements:**

Lee College Hall of Fame: Most Representative Student; Dennis Boe Paper Award from the Great Plains Honors Council; Jean Shepherd Award for Excellence in Historical Research; 1st Place Caldwell Memorial Award for Excellence in History; Dorothy Cooke Hayes Award for Outstanding First-Year Honors Student; Lee College Award for Excellence in the Humanities; Texas State University College of Science and Engineering Dean's List; Honors Undergrad Thesis: Gulf Coast Toads and the Urban Environment; Honors Project: Small-Scale Living Shoreline Viability in the Galveston Bay Estuary; Academic and scientific presentations at multiple conferences across the US

### **Professional Certifications & Organizations:**

Associate Wildlife Biologist with the Wildlife Society; Texas Master Naturalist (2016-2020); Texas Ornithological Society (2019)

### **Interesting Facts - Hobbies / Interests:**

Bird watching is one of my favorite hobbies. Since I grew up near the coast, I have a special place in my heart for wetland ecosystems and wetland birds, but I love to be out in nature exploring the beauties of every ecoregion. When I'm not out birding, I love reading, playing video games, and hanging out with family and friends.

### **Bio:**

I grew up in the relatively small town of San Angelo TX and have loved horses as long as I can remember. I got my first horse when I was eleven years old, which only solidified my passion and interest in them. Throughout grade school and high school, I was actively involved in the local 4-H competing in horse judging, hippology, horse quiz bowl, rifle, and food challenge. During my undergraduate degree my knowledge of horses grew, and my first equine certificate class made me decide I wanted to teach equine classes. Unfortunately, right when I started on the university horse judging team COVID-19 hit. During my junior and senior year, I participated as an undergraduate research assistant to help the graduate students with their thesis projects. Following graduation, I went to work as an assistant horse trainer for a performance ranch, during which I decided to learn more about the equine veterinary field. I then spent the next year and a half at three veterinary clinics varying from an equine vet tech, equine rehab tech, and receptionist. After which I decided to continue my education with a Master in Animal Science at Sul Ross, with possibly a second Master or PhD in my future.





## **DAYLN DUNBAR**

**DALLAS, TEXAS**

**MBA IN SUPPLY CHAIN  
MANAGEMENT**

### **Prior Education:**

Sul Ross State University graduate - bachelor's in business Admin.

### **Academic Achievements:**

Dean's List, Alpha Lobo

### **Professional Certifications & Organizations:**

Black Student Association, FCA, Sul Ross State Football Team

### **Interesting Facts - Hobbies / Interests:**

An interesting fact about me most people may not know is I love to travel. More specifically I'm addicted to cruising. I recently went on the biggest cruise ship in the world ICON of the Seas, and it was absolutely magnificent. I love going to other countries and learning about their cultures and trying new foods and seeing how other live through their perspective. It's always eye opening and keeps me humble and heals my soul.

### **Bio:**

Dayln was born and raised in Texas where he grew up playing every sport imaginable. He loved to be outdoors and go fishing, play basketball and football, and was very active as a child. He continued to play sports through high school where he earned the opportunity to play at Sul Ross while getting his undergraduate degree. He became a 2X all Conference player \*1st & 3rd team\* and tied for 1st in sacks in the 2023 season. Dayln will pursue his master's degree while also playing his last year of football and preparing for life after college where he dreams to make an impact within his designated field.



## **ANDRES GOMEZ**

**SAN ELIZARIO, TEXAS  
MASTER OF BIOLOGY**

### **Prior Education:**

Bachelors in biological sciences and an Associate of Arts

### **Academic Achievements:**

Graduated from UTEP with a bachelors in biological sciences, currently finishing up my masters, and will continue to med school

### **Professional Certifications & Organizations:**

The Wildlife Society; Student Association of Fire Ecology, TTU; Soil Science Society of America

### **Bio / Interesting Facts - Hobbies / Interests:**

I am a first generation; my parent's education consists of middle school so I have broken a cycle. All my siblings barely finished high school, as I am the youngest I wanted to do more and I have but there's still more to do. I graduated from an early college with both my high school diploma and associate of arts. After graduating I went to UTEP to obtain my bachelors and now I am here. Not into sports, at all. My hobbies consist of reading novels and playing chess, dominoes and poker. I would love to say that I have an amazing skill for cooking, maybe a bit spicy but still delicious. I am very friendly but quiet, it makes sense because I like to talk but to myself! Currently my first semester working on my thesis and hopefully it all goes well. I am glad to be part of this fellowship because it a way to meet more people that are intelligent and that are struggling with the same problems. Mi biggest goal is to become a pediatrician, so I am not down with school.





## **PAOLA GUTIERREZ**

**EL PASO, TEXAS**

**EDUCATIONAL/INSTRUCTIONAL  
TECHNOLOGY**

### **Prior Education:**

Bachelor of Science in Education EC-6th Sul Ross State University

### **Academic Achievements:**

Sul Ross Honors Graduate

Dean's List Fall/Spring 2019-2022

TSTA-AE District 6 Vice President

Cum Laude, Bachelor of Science, Sul Ross State University

### **Professional Certifications & Organizations:**

ESL Certified

### **Interesting Facts - Hobbies / Interests:**

I was a cheerleader at Sul Ross throughout my undergraduate career. A couple of more interesting facts would be that Spanish is my first language and I am left-handed!

### **Bio:**

My name is Paola Gutierrez, and I was born and raised in El Paso, Tx. I moved to Alpine to attend Sul Ross in Fall Of 2019. I chose Sul Ross because my high school principal strongly recommended its education program to me. I truly believe that I made the best choice attending this University because of the amazing community and the constant 1 on 1 support. I am now a Kindergarten teacher. Being a teacher is something I always knew I wanted to be, but I aspire to one day help the education system from outside of the classroom. I am constantly trying to learn new things which I think goes hand in hand with education since it is constantly changing. I am excited to be a part of this fellowship and continue to expand my knowledge amongst my peers!





## **CAMRYN MEDINA**

**EL PASO, TEXAS**

**1ST YEAR GRADUATE STUDENT**

### **Prior Education:**

Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology (Exercise Science)

### **Academic Achievements:**

J. Pat Evans Honor Award; W.H Perryman Outstanding Kinesiology Undergraduate Student Award; Summa Cum Laude Honors- Sul Ross State University; American Southwest Conference All Academic Team; Dean's List.

### **Professional Certifications & Organizations:**

McNair Scholar; AED & CPR Certified (American Red Cross); Currently studying to become a Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist through the National Strength & Conditioning Association (CSCS)

### **Interesting Facts - Hobbies / Interests:**

I have a passion for fitness, health, & wellness. Growing up I stayed active by participating in a multitude of different sports (basketball, volleyball, competitive swimming, karate, golf, baseball, soccer, weight lifting). I love to cook and bake for myself, my family, and friends. I enjoy spending time in nature and also tending to my many plants that I take care of in my dorm. When I'm not spending time with friends or studying I love to be in the weight room! I enjoy painting and also have a passion for fashion. I can play the violin and have recently been learning to play the guitar. Outside of my hobbies and interests I'm also a team captain for the Sul Ross State University Women's Basketball Team. Being a part of the team has been one of the groups of people who have turned into family and I wouldn't trade the experience for the world!

### **Bio:**

My name is Camryn Medina and I am a proud El Paso, Texas native. Growing up I had always been surrounded by sports and was always pushed by my parents to participate in something to stay busy. After trying out a variety of sports I decided to focus on basketball so much to the point where a couple of my teammates and myself enrolled to attend a strength & conditioning facility to improve our strength, power, and speed. I didn't know what to expect when it came to the type of training we would be...





**CAMRYN  
MEDINA**

**EL PASO, TEXAS**

**1ST YEAR GRADUATE STUDENT**

**Bio Continued:**

...partaking in, but upon walking in that first day of training I instantly fell I love with everything I was seeing. Our trainer and the facility that he ran was so amazing that I continued to train year after year. In addition to finding a new passion, I also found a field of work that I immediately new I wanted to be apart of. I sought guidance from my trainer and he helped ensure that I would be on the right path towards becoming a strength & conditioning coach. With my goals in mind, I excelled in my undergraduate courses and graduated with a B.S in Kinesiology (Exercise Science) in the Fall of 2023 and with the honors of summa cum laude. I am currently working on my Master's in Health & Human Performance at Sul Ross State University and hope to graduate in the Spring of 2025. Additionally I have been studying to become a Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist by the NSCA which serves as the gold standard in the field of strength & conditioning. My goals are to become a strength & conditioning coach for a Division I NCAA team, preferable in women's basketball or for football. I also desire to get my PhD in the future as well. I have served in two internships and am also a graduate/teaching assistant for the Department of Kinesiology here at Sul Ross State University. With that, I hope to keep building my resume and gaining knowledge in the field so I can help aspiring athletes like myself reach their sport goals.



## **YCELA ORTIZ**

**UVALDE, TEXAS**

**MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH**

### **Prior Education:**

Bachelor's of Arts in English, Sul Ross State University (2022); Associate of Arts in General Studies, Southwest Texas Junior College (2020)

### **Academic Achievements:**

Graduate Assistantship (Fall 2023 - Spring 2024); Title V Graduate Fellowship (Summer 2023 - Spring 2024); Dean's List (Fall 2021 - Fall 2022)

### **Professional Certifications & Organizations:**

Sul Ross State University Writing Center (Tutor)

### **Interesting Facts - Hobbies / Interests:**

I am an only child; I own one cat; I own many, many books; Despite being 24, I love stuffed animals.

### **Bio:**

I am a small town girl, but I grew up moving throughout various towns and cities throughout Texas. Every summer, I would spend time with my grandparents and three younger cousins who are like siblings to me. Within my family, I am the only one who has pursued anything higher than a high school diploma, making me a first-generation college graduate. Writing holds a very special place in my heart, and with it I hope to portray the everyday details of life as I see it. I still haven't the faintest clue of what I want to do with my life, but I figured that's okay. Because that's certainly a part of living.





## **ARACELI PEREZ**

**EAGLE PASS, TEXAS  
M.ED. IN EDUCATIONAL  
LEADERSHIP**

### **Prior Education:**

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies from Sul Ross State University.  
Associates of Arts in Education from Southwest Texas Junior College.

### **Academic Achievements:**

Dean's List at Sul Ross State University.

### **Professional Certifications & Organizations:**

Texas Educator Certificate: Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading grades 4-8.

Texas Educator Certificate: English as a Second Language Supplemental grades 4-8.

### **Interesting Facts - Hobbies / Interests:**

Reads educational books.

### **Bio:**

I proudly come from a low-income socioeconomic class. I am a first generation college student. Graduated from C.C. Winn in 2000, and after so many years I finally had the resources to continue my education and graduated with my Associates of Arts in education in 2018 from South West Texas Junior college. Further in time, I had three part-time jobs, I was a health care provider, a substitute teacher, and a work-study student at the SWTJC Library. I graduated with my Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies from Sul Ross State University in 2020 during covid-19. I was waiting for my special moment of the commencement ceremony but sadly due to covid it was virtual. My dream is to complete a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and pursue a Doctorate degree in Education.





## **ALMA RODRIGUEZ**

**EAGLE PASS, TEXAS**  
**M.ED. IN EDUCATION &  
INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY**

### **Prior Education:**

Sul Ross Bachelors of Science, Emphasis on Organizational Leadership

### **Academic Achievements:**

Sul Ross University- Deans List Spring 2022

### **Professional Certifications & Organizations:**

Hispanic Women's Network of Texas-San Antonio

### **Bio / Interesting Facts - Hobbies / Interests:**

I enjoy reading self - development books and last year committed to reading one book a month. On my downtime I enjoy taking nature walks and journaling. | Results driven Talent Development Specialist with over 16 years of diverse experience in the banking industry. Last year, I transitioned into the corporate training and development, leveraging my extensive banking background knowledge to facilitate engaging and impactful training to new hires. I am currently pursuing a master's degree in Instructional Technology to gain additional skills and knowledge to drive employee growth and add even greater value in my corporate learning and development career. I am passionate about delivering talent and fostering a positive organizational culture of continuous learning.



## **AUDREY TAULLI**

**LUCAS, TEXAS**

**M.S. IN RANGE & WILDLIFE  
MANAGEMENT**

### **Prior Education:**

B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences with a Minor in Forestry- Texas A&M University

### **Professional Certifications & Organizations:**

Professional Leadership Certification through the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets; Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society; Texas Wildlife Association; The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators; Guild of Natural Science Illustrators

### **Interesting Facts - Hobbies / Interests:**

I have a huge love for being outdoors, including horseback riding and camping. I also love art, and am working on becoming a certified Scientific Illustrator. I enjoy drawing, painting, and digital illustration.

### **Bio:**

I grew up north of Dallas in a small town called Lucas, TX. I spent a lot of time outside as a kid, either playing sports, riding horses, or hunting/fishing and camping as a kid. A trip to Yellowstone National Park when I was in high school helped me realize I could have a job that involved being outside, and I was hooked. I spent my undergrad years at Texas A&M and with the Corps of Cadets, and after graduating worked for the AgriLife Research and Extension branch of the University. I spent four and a half years on a crew surveying military installations in eastern and south central New Mexico. I also began a Scientific Illustration certification program last year that I am slowly working through with the hopes of becoming a published illustrator in the future.





## **DAVID TONNESSEN**

**OSLO, NORWAY**

**THESIS MASTERS IN NATURAL  
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

### **Prior Education:**

Bachelor's of Science in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, CU Boulder

### **Academic Achievements:**

Scholarship recipient from organizations including Colorado Field Ornithologists and Borderlands Research Institute.

### **Professional Certifications & Organizations:**

Current committee member of the Colorado Rare Bird Records Committee, current treasurer for the Sul Ross Bio Club, former board member for the Colorado Field Ornithologists.

### **Interesting Facts - Hobbies / Interests:**

My personal interests include bird evolution, bioacoustics, bird migration, photography, black licorice, and Mexico.

### **Bio:**

I grew up in a large family as a first-generation American, with current strongest ties to the US state of Colorado. Discovering birding changed my life and drove me towards spreading a love for nature and conservation, and also generated a passion for research. Now, I'm on a mission of making birding and science accessible and educational, and driving towards my eventual PhD. One step in this process is through a cool project at the Borderlands Research Institute to survey for Montezuma Quail and earn an M.S. in the process.