



# ANA CAMPOS

DEL RIO, TX  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

FALL 2025 FELLOW  
AAO PPOHA



## **PRIOR EDUCATION:**

Sul Ross State University International  
BBAS Organizational Leadership

## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Graduated with an Associates Degree of Arts Cum Laude  
Graduated with Bachelors Degree Cum Laude

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:**

Licensed through Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations for Cosmetology

## **INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES/INTERESTS:**

My favorite hobby is cooking and that's usually followed right behind organizing. The hobby I really want to get a hang of is working out.

## **BIO:**

I am a 32 year old mother of three. I have overcome many trials in my life beginning from infancy. At 8 I was ran over by a vehicle and had to undergo many surgeries in order to survive that accident. Unfortunately, two years prior, my five year old brother was also hit by a car and did not survive. One could only imagine the dynamic of my household if two children were able to get hit by a car.

Fast forward to my adult life, I stayed away from any drugs or alcohol, but, I did begin to become addicted to food to the point where i became immobile. Thankfully, after a successful weight loss surgery, I am less than half that size right now.

Ultimately, my goal is to be able to get a career where I can purchase my own home and financially support my children without the assistance of government help. I want to start a new dynamic for my kids to follow. I am hopeful that I can finish my Masters. My dreams are big and my will is strong. I also believe God is with me and always has been.

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# CARISSA CHAMBERS

ALPINE, TX  
GEOLOGY

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## **PRIOR EDUCATION:**

Sul Ross State University  
BS in Geology



## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:**

NAGT/USGS Cooperative Summer Fellowship Program Intern (2015)

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:**

Member of SRSU Geology Club  
Member of Geological Society of America  
Member of West Texas Geology Society: Association for Women Geoscientists

## **INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES/INTERESTS:**

I'm a baker and decorate sugar cookies professionally. I love to paint when I have time. I enjoy camping and hiking. I have a goal to visit all the National Parks in the US by 2026. I have been to 25 so far!

## **BIO:**

I was born in Alpine, TX and grew up on a ranch along the border near Presidio, TX. Spending much of my childhood roaming around the desert fostered a love for nature and the outdoors, as well as the beginning of what has become an impressive rock collection. I decided to take a geology class after pursuing another major for a few years and realized that geology was my true passion. As an undergraduate, I was nominated for the NAGT/USGS Cooperative Summer Fellowship Program and was accepted for an internship with the USGS in Reston, Virginia after graduating. I was fortunate to work with some great scientists from different disciplines, researching floodplain geomorphology and water quality in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. After a few years out in the real world, I chose to return to Sul Ross to work towards a master's degree in geology, specifically studying structural geology in the Lower Canyons.

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# ANDREW DUBOVIK

MINSK, BELARUS/ALPINE, TX  
BUSINESS ADMIN/INFO TECH MANAGEMENT

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## **PRIOR EDUCATION:**

Sul Ross State University  
BS in Computer Science/Minor in Business Administration (2023)

## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Top 20 of High School Class- El Paso High School (2003)

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:**

American Society Clinical Pathology Certification Phlebotomy  
American Honor Society  
Certified Interpreter CyraCom International  
Pearson Certified Scorer Math Grade 9-12  
Working on my CompTIA A+ Certification and CompTIA CYSA+  
Worked as a substitute for Alpine Middle School and chaperoned many school events and field trips.

## **INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES/INTERESTS:**

I love watching jeopardy and compete with my highly educated family. My mother and stepfather both teach at Sul Ross State University, and we love Alpine and Alpine's diverse community. I love my dogs, traveling and exploring different cultures and learning new languages. I visited 15 states and traveled to 20 countries so far. I speak several languages fluently and always excited to learn new ones.

## **BIO:**

I am a dedicated and highly motivated individual who is passionate about information technology. My journey in this field began with a deep fascination for technology. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity and minor in Business Administration from Sul Ross State University where I gained a solid foundation in information technology, cybersecurity principals and business administration. I am thrilled to join Sul Ross State University, and I am eager to contribute to its ongoing success. I am looking forward to collaborating with the talented faculty, staff and engage with dedicated student body to support the university's mission of academic excellence.

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# KIAHNA GARCIA

DEL RIO, TX  
ENGLISH

## **PRIOR EDUCATION:**

Sul Ross State University- BA in English (2020)  
University of Texas at San Antonio (2017-2018)  
Southwest Texas Junior College- Associate of Arts (2017)

## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Title V PPOHA: Advancing Graduate Programs en la Frontera Fellowship (Fall 2022, 2023, 2025)  
Sigma Tau Delta Spring Poetry Contest, 1<sup>st</sup> place for the poem "Voices of Lineage" (2022)  
"Chat with a Stranger", published in *The Sage* (2022)  
"The Mexican-Imposter", published in *The Sage* (2021)  
Outstanding English Graduate Student (Spring 2021)  
Dean's List, SRSU (Fall 2018 and Fall 2019)  
Creative Arts Contest Award, 1st place for the story "A Chat with A Stranger", SWTJC (2019)  
International Good Neighbor Council Scholarship (2019)  
Student Service Fee Scholarship, Middle Rio Grande College (2019)  
Student Deposit Scholarship, Middle Rio Grande College (2019)  
The Bank & Trust Scholarship (2019)  
President's List, UTSA (Spring 2018)  
President's Honor Roll and Dean's Honor Roll, SWTJC (Spring 2017)  
Halloween Short Story Contest Award, 1<sup>st</sup> place for the story "Rose Creek", SWTJC (2017)

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:**

Graduate Student Council, SRSU (2022)  
Sigma Tau Delta, SRSU (2020)  
National Honors Society of Leadership and Success (2017)  
National Honors Society (2014)  
Phi Theta Kappa (2014)

## **INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES/INTERESTS:**

Interesting fact is that I once grew a tooth on the roof of my mouth. I was entertained by my body's decision to grow a tooth in a location that was not my gums, but my poor mother was petrified as my oral surgeon told her his clinic get 12 cases like mine every year. My hobbies/interests include gardening, reading, baking, traveling, playing video games, and learning Spanish and Japanese! I am learning Spanish to perfect my speaking and writing abilities and I am learning Japanese at a language school as I would like to read Japanese literature in Japanese.

## **BIO:**

I am 1<sup>st</sup> generation American from my mother's side & 4<sup>th</sup> generation American from my father's side. My love for reading & writing began when I was little as my mother, who wanted to make sure that we would not struggle with English as she did when moved here from Mexico, would take my sisters & me to the library every day. I would eagerly read the books & check out the ones I did not finish so that I could read them at home. Since then, my love for literature grew (my love for writing soon followed after). By the time I graduated high school at 16, I knew that I wanted to major in English so that I can teach the wondrous world of English literature to others. Eight year later, that desire has not gone away as I am still happily shoving books in my face. The only thing that *has* changed is that I grew to love literature from other countries as well. Which is why I decided to move to another country to study its language and its literature. In the future, I hope to get my Ph.D in English or Japanese Literature at Kyoto Seika University or Osaka University.

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# PALOMA JIMENEZ

EAGLE PASS, TX  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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AAO PPOHA



## **PRIOR EDUCATION:**

Sul Ross State University  
BS in Criminal Justice with a Minor in Business Administration

## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Dean's List, SRSU  
Magna Cum Laude, SRSU  
Member of Alpha Chi, SRSU

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:**

Alpha Chi certificate  
Dean's List recipient for every semester

## **INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES/INTERESTS:**

My birthday is the exact date of 09/11/2001, I like to read Colleen Hoover books and spend time with my loved ones.

## **BIO:**

I am always so eager to learn new things and expand my knowledge, I love school as much as I hate to admit it because I have been in school most of my life now as a graduate. I have traveled to Japan which is one of my dreams come true. I work for the Health and Human Services Commission as a Texas Works Advisor. I like to help families in need and helping people in general. I am a hardworking and dedicated person who wants to accomplish anything I set my mind to. Nothing is impossible if you just believe and work hard. I was born and raised in Eagle Pass, TX and continue to live in my hometown because my heart is fulfilled by creating memories with loved ones and I have everything I could have ever wanted here. I am the youngest of three siblings and we are all girls. I will be graduating in Spring 2026. God willing, I plan to work in a job related to law enforcement that is in between CBP or in Homeland Security.

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# THOMAS LEVRIE

DEL RIO, TX  
BIOLOGY

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## **PRIOR EDUCATION:**

Sul Ross State University  
BS in Biology

## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Magna Cum Laude  
L for Leadership Award  
Who's Who Award

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:**

McNair Scholar  
Member of Phi Theta Kappa

## **INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES/INTERESTS:**

I sing, play guitar, piano, love astronomy, water sports, scuba diving, and solving rubix cubes.

## **BIO:**

My interest is focusing on answering the "Origin of Life" question. I love microbiology, with a focus in astrobiology. I hope to fly for a space program one day. I'm also a devout Christian, so my faith is everything to me. Hope to get my Ph.D in cellular sciences, before pursuing my major research.

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# ALONZO MARTINEZ

ABILENE, TX  
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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## **PRIOR EDUCATION:**

University of Texas Permian Basin  
BA in Politic Science

## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:**

4.0 GPA for Spring 2025 semester

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:**

Secondary Composite Certification for Social Studies, grades 7-12  
Active member of the National Education Association  
Active member of the Texas State Teachers Association

## **INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES/INTERESTS:**

I spend most of my free time hiking, camping, fishing, mountain biking, or doing anything outdoors. I also have an affinity for BBQ, travel, reading, and the American West.

## **BIO:**

Hello, my name is Alonzo Martinez. I grew up in a few different places between Abilene and San Angelo, TX. I've lived the majority of my life and continue to live in Abilene, where I graduated from high school. As a young man, I completed my undergraduate degree in Odessa, TX, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. After graduating from UTPB, I moved back to Abilene and have taught Social Studies in some form for the last 13 years. I enjoy interacting with my students, whom I see as future citizens. I hope that my interactions with students have allowed me to make a positive impact and provide some resolution to the issues that collectively affect our shared communities.

I chose to complete my graduate studies at Sul Ross due to the recommendation of a friend. I am glad that I took their advice. Naturally, Sul Ross is the logical western conclusion to my higher education journey. I have lived in West Texas in some form or fashion my whole life, and while I enjoy traveling extensively, I'm always happy to come home. I am concerned about our unique policy problems, particularly in education, that affect rural and less populated urban areas that are representative of the life I encounter every day. It is my hope that I might have something to contribute to those policy areas in my studies and give back to this region that has given me so much.

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# JACOB MORALES

EL PASO, TX  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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## **PRIOR EDUCATION:**

Sul Ross State University  
BBA in Business Administration

## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Cum Laude Graduate, SRSU (2024)  
Man of the Year, SRSU (2024)  
Dean's List, SRSU (2023-2025)  
Commissioners List Lonestar (2024-2025)

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:**

PPOHA Fellowship, SRSU

## **INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES/INTERESTS:**

During my free time I like to fish, lift weights, and spend time with family.

## **BIO:**

My name is Jacob Morales, and I was born and raised in El Paso, TX. I am a first generation Mexican American student will be the first to graduate with a Masters degree. I graduated with my Bachelors in Business Administration in 2024. I'm set to graduate this fall with my MBA. I plan on starting my own small business after I graduate.

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# HUMBERTO MORENO

EL PASO, TX  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CYBERCRIME

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## **PRIOR EDUCATION:**

Sul Ross State University  
BA in Criminal Justice & Homeland Security

## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:**

McNair Scholar, SRSU  
PPOHA Scholarship, SRSU (3 Semesters)

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:**

Associates Degree in Science, El Paso Community College (2022)

## **INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES /INTERESTS:**

I like to fish

## **BIO:**

My name is Humberto, I am a grad student here at Sul Ross. I am a first generation graduate as well as an early college student, meaning I attended El Paso Community College while still in high school. I am very excited to share my research with you. I am studying policy integrity within police academies. I am also a graduate assistant for the Department of Criminal Justice furthering my knowledge any chance I get.

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# TINA NEUFELD

SEMINOLE, TX  
GEOLOGY

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## **PRIOR EDUCATION:**

Sul Ross State University  
BS in Geology

## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Outstanding Undergraduate Student (2022)  
Society of the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science Travel Scholarship (2022)  
Dean's List and Cum Laude  
SRSU McNair Scholar

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:**

Member of the SRSU Geology Club  
Member of the Sul Ross Hill Club  
Member of the Geological Society of America

## **INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES/INTERESTS:**

I enjoy baking bread and sweets, cooking my favorite meals, and taking care of my plants. I also love ceramics, always working on creating bigger and brighter pieces. In my spare time, I enjoy long walks, camping, and reading books- my current favorites being political and historical nonfiction.

## **BIO:**

I was born and raised in Seminole, TX. I grew up working in cotton and peanut fields, running under irrigation systems, and riding with my dad in semis hauling cotton bales, dirt, and cottonseed to dairy farms in New Mexico. I was always fascinated with irrigation systems, wanting to know where our water came from and the relationship between agriculture communities and their water resources. Since moving to Alpine, I fell in love with the desert, shifting my interest from farming communities and their water to communities reliant on water in the desert. As an undergrad, I began researching the impact of transient groundwater use on the local minor aquifers in the Big Bend Region of Texas; I am continuing this project as my thesis, using Object-Based Image Analysis technology to produce a longitudinal study of short-term rental property developments in south Brewster County, and conducting qualitative research to gain insight into the local communities perspective on groundwater use in the region. Following my masters, I intend to attend law school focusing on a Water Law or Law and Science concentration. My career goal is to work with the US Environmental Protection Agency or a state agency to help produce policies focused on surface and groundwater preservation and protection of water rights for municipalities, private well owners, and the agricultural sector.

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# MIRANDA PEÑA

AUSTIN, TX  
ENGLISH

## **PRIOR EDUCATION:**

Sul Ross State University  
BA in English, Minor in Spanish  
University of North Texas  
Master of Library Science

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## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:**

First generation college student  
Maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout my MLS program  
Officer for the Library & Information Science Student Association (LISSA)

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:**

Member of the American Library Association (ALA)  
Member of the Texas Library Association (TLA)  
Former committee member for the TLA roundtable for new member mentoring

## **INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES/INTERESTS:**

I'm an avid traveler. I have visited 14 countries, including backpacking in South America for six months and living in the Dominican Republic for four years. I'm an animal lover! I currently have two mini Australian Shepherds, a Maine Coon cat, an aging, retired, racehorse, and an inherited leopard tortoise.

## **BIO:**

My name is Miranda Peña, I'm currently working as a librarian for a rural community college in North Texas. I'm a Sul Ross alumni, receiving a BA in English before going on to earn a Master of Science in Library Science from University of North Texas. I've devoted my entire career to education, and am now pursuing my second masters in English so that I have the flexibility to transition to college faculty. The area of research that most interests me is AI, more specifically how its rise is affecting student's research, writing style and voice.

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# RYAN SMITH

ALLEN, TX  
GEOLOGY

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## **PRIOR EDUCATION:**

Sul Ross State University  
BS in Geology

## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Best Geology Non-Traditional Undergraduate Student, SRSU (2023)

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:**

Student Member of Geological Society of America (GSA)

## **INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES/INTERESTS:**

I play the saxophone.

## **BIO:**

I was raised in Allen, TX where I graduated high school in the top 10 percent. I went to school for computer engineering, but after breaking due to Covid, I switched majors to Geology and transferred to Sul Ross in 2002. I received my Bachelors degree in 2024. Currently, I am working on my masters with a thesis on "Lesser Known Trackways of West Texas".

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