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WGU Texas Presents \$2,000 Surprise Scholarship to Harlandale ISD Para Professional

SAN ANTONIO — (Mar 22, 2018) Stephanie Riojas was a stay-at-home mom and started working as a Pre-K assistant when her oldest son started kindergarten. For the past six years, she's worked in the classroom at Schulze Elementary School in San Antonio and discovered a love for helping students learn and develop.

On March 2, WGU Texas surprised Riojas with a \$2,000 [Finish to Go Further with WGU Texas Scholarship](#) during a presentation at the school. The scholarship will help Riojas reach her goal of finishing her bachelor's degree and becoming a teacher.

"I think being an educator is one of the best professions anyone could ever have," said Riojas. "Educators lay the foundation to our future and I am excited that I will be a part of this profession." She earned an associate's degree and will use the scholarship to complete her bachelor's degree in elementary education from WGU Texas.

"Providing this scholarship will open so many doors," said Victoria Treviño, H.W. Schulze Elementary School Principal. "I truly appreciate WGU Texas giving Mrs. Riojas this opportunity to continue her education. I can't wait to see what her future holds!"

WGU Texas' competency-based learning model is ideal for adult learners—because it allows students to take advantage of their knowledge and real-world experience to move quickly through material they already know so they can focus on what they still need to learn. Students who devote additional time to their studies can often accelerate their programs, saving both time and money. WGU Texas mentors work one-on-one with students, offering guidance, support, and individualized instruction.

Harlandale ISD is also an ESC-20 partner school district. Employees are eligible for exclusive scholarships through the corporate partnership at <http://texas.wgu.edu/ESC20> and the ESC-20 website <http://www.esc20.net/>.

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