

2021 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES

SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE



Liajaira Ureno

Early Childhood Studies

“I wish children could grow according to their natural pace: sleepy, when sleepy, wake up when rested, eat when hungry, cry when upset, play and explore without being unnecessarily interrupted; in other words, be allowed to grow and blossom as each was meant to.”

-Magda Gerber

Liajaira Ureno was born in California and raised in Mexico. She is receiving an associate of applied science degree in early childhood studies. Her childhood experiences shaped her decision and dream of becoming a pre-school teacher.

Liajaira lived in a village far away from the city. Being a woman and the oldest of her family that had limited resources impeded her educational opportunities. Adapting to new people, a new place, and a new way of life was also challenging. She had to find a job while learning English, and was unable to drive. After she was married and had two children, her dream of becoming an educator remained. She volunteered at her children's school and found enjoyment and satisfaction in helping children. She loved seeing them playing and exploring while learning to read and write their first words.

Attending San Antonio College helped her realize her dream of becoming a teacher could come true. She will never forget this incredible experience, amiable teachers, and every person who helped her start working towards reaching her goals of finding fulfillment doing what she loves for a living. It has truly a dream come true.

