



Women's Legacy Award HONORING AGGIE WOMEN



Irma Alvarado '70, graduated from Texas A&M with a Bachelor of Arts in education in 1970. She was one of the first Hispanic females to complete a degree from Texas A&M and the first in her family to attend Texas A&M University. She is an active educator with more than 25 years' experience who is passionate about educating, guiding, and leading the way for students and family members to attend the university in addition to contributing her skills in teaching, counseling and developing leaders throughout her community.

Her recognized accomplishments include Counselor of the Year in her district and Region One in the Rio Grande Valley. In addition, she has trained and mentored women throughout the state and other countries. She has traveled to Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and Australia teaching leadership conferences. Previously, she served as president for the Donna Library, state president of the Hispanic Women Missionary Union, vice-president of the Hispanic Baptist Convention and the director for the Rio Grande Valley Hispanic Baptist Women Missionary Union. In 2009, Aggie Access recognized Mrs. Alvarado's contributions naming a learning community in her honor. Mrs. Alvarado was also featured in the exhibit at Cushing Memorial Library "¡Siempre! Hispanics at Texas A&M, Celebrating 130 Years."

Mrs. Alvarado remains very active in the local community and continues to promote education including serving on the Board of Consultants for Christian Life Commission, an advocacy organization for public policy. She is also a great supporter and committee member for the selection for scholarships in the Baptist Convention and in her community. She is presently teaching a class on spiritual leadership through the Baptist University of the Americas and serves as chairman of the Trustees at First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Alvarado is also a business partner and owner of Alvarado Architects, Inc with her husband of over 48 years, Erasmo Alvarado Jr., Class '69 and son Erasmo Eli Alvarado, Class '98. In addition, she was the business owner for Mi Mansion Adult Daycare Center over 8 years.

Mrs. Alvarado has inspired all in her family to succeed. Since her graduation she has encouraged and supported 10 family members through graduation at Texas A&M. Her legacy continues through a 3rd generation of Aggies, with her nephew who has been accepted at A&M and her grandchildren who have visited campus and are keeping up their grades to attend Texas A&M University in the near future. Mrs. Alvarado has four grown children and five grandchildren. Two of her children are graduates of A&M and all five grandchildren are planning on attending A&M in the future! She and her husband love to travel and to assist with disaster relief efforts. In addition, they have dedicated themselves in helping others to grow spiritually and are members of First Baptist Church where they teach Sunday School.

Irma Alvarado continues her legacy through her leadership and mentorship promoting student success to her church, family and community. She truly displays both the true spirit of her faith and of Texas A&M University.