



# COMMENCEMENT 2025



A proud ending and a new beginning.



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<b>Michael Solis</b>	Principal
<b>Margot Watson</b>	Counselor
<b>Veronica Alejandro</b>	CCR Director



## ⌘ Guest Speaker **Noel Bernal**

President/Founder Main St. Public Financial

Noel is a seasoned leader in professional local government management, with nearly 15 years of experience driving civic innovation and infrastructure development. From addressing digital inequities in one of the nation’s most disconnected cities to tackling rural infrastructure challenges at just 25, Noel has built a career marked by a commitment to civic entrepreneurship.

With a strong academic foundation, including a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from the University of Texas Pan American and certifications from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and Texas State University, he has continuously expanded his expertise. His leadership extends to board positions with the Institute for Building & Technology Safety (IBTS), Local Government Hispanic Network (LGHN), and Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool (TMLIRP), as well as involvement with the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative.

In 2024, Noel founded Main St. Public Financial to help reshape how public institutions approach workforce retention and financial security. His vision is to advance entrepreneurial thinking in the public sector, ensuring that government employees have access to sustainable and innovative financial solutions.

# Commencement Exercises



**Welcome**

Arianna Pantoja

**Raising of Flag**

La Villa FFA, Jose Mariscal,  
Vanessa Galindo, Markus Rangel

**National Anthem**

Cardinal Band

**Invocation**

Krystal Cardona

**Pledge of Allegiance & Texas Pledge**

Kaycei Salazar

**Introduction of Guests**

Arianna Pantoja

**Salutatory Address**

Anabelle Gonzalez

**Valedictory Address**

Destaney Palomin-Ramirez

**Presentation of Senior Class**

Michael Solis, Principal

**Certification of Candidates**

Robert Muñoz, Superintendent

**Awarding of Diplomas**

Margot Watson, Counselor  
& Board of Trustees

**Changing of Tassel**

Michael Solis, Principal

**Alma Matter**

Cardinal Band

**Benediction**

Krystal Cardona

**Recessional**

Cardinal Band



## ❖ A Note From the LVECHS Principal

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**Congratulations, Class of 2025!** You've made it to the finish line of this chapter in your life. This is a momentous occasion and a huge accomplishment you should be proud of. As you prepare to embark on the next phase of your journey, remember to reflect on what you've learned, appreciate the memories you've made, and cherish the friendships you've formed. Keep an open mind and embrace the opportunities that come your way. With hard work, determination, and a positive attitude, you can achieve anything you set your mind to. Best of luck to you all!

Michael Solis

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## Senior Class Officers

**President**  
**Secretary**  
**Treasurer**  
**Parliamentarian**  
**Reporter**

Krystal Cardona  
Arianna Pantoja  
Karyme Gonzalez  
Kaylene Martinez  
Anabelle Gonzalez



## Senior Class Sponsors

Jessica Cervantes    Joseph Solis  
Maria Muedano      Abelardo Sanchez



## School Colors

Red & White



## Class Flower

Sunflower



## Class Song

“Good Old Days (feat. Kesha)” by Macklemore



## Class Motto

“How lucky I am to have something that makes  
saying goodbye so hard.” - Winnie The Pooh



## LVECHS Alma Mater

Oh, red and white, forever wave your colors in the sky.  
We cheer your name together and praise your name so  
high. La Villa High, we love you. You are so loyal and so  
true-and always will remember our dear La Villa High.

# Valedictorian



**Destaney Palomin-Ramirez**

Destaney Palomin-Ramirez is the Valedictorian of the La Villa Early College High School Class of 2025. She is the granddaughter of Ana and David Palomin. Destaney has been an active participant in the National Honor Society, Marching Band, HOSA, UIL Academics, Upward Bound, Color Guard, and Yearbook Club. During her senior year, she received her phlebotomy and medical assistant certifications. Destaney earned an Associate of Arts in General Studies at Texas Southmost College. She will be attending Texas Woman's University in the Fall where she will pursue a Bachelor's degree in Marketing and a minor in Business Administration. Afterward, Destaney plans to earn her Master's degree at Texas Woman's University. She would like to express her gratitude to her grandparents, family, and friends, who have shown her continuous support and appreciation throughout her educational journey.



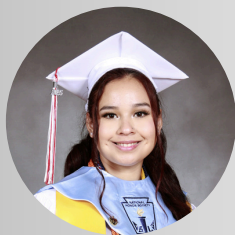
# Salutatorian



**Anabelle Lee Gonzalez**

Anabelle Gonzalez is the Salutatorian of the La Villa Early College High School Class of 2025. She is the daughter of Brenda Montelongo and Arnulfo Gonzalez Jr. Anabelle has been a proud participant in the National Honor Society, Upward Bound, HOSA, UIL Academics, Student Council, Marching Band, Yearbook Club, and Color Guard. She earned her phlebotomy and medical assistant certifications during her senior year of high school. Anabelle received an Associate of Arts in General Studies at Texas Southmost College. She will be attending Texas Woman's University in the Fall where she will be pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Nursing and a minor in Biology. Anabelle would like to extend her gratitude to her parents, family, friends, and dog, whose unconditional love and encouragement has motivated her throughout her journey.

## Top Ten Graduates



**Destaney M. Palomin-Ramirez** <sup>1</sup>



**Anabelle Lee Gonzalez** <sup>2</sup>



**Arianna Rae Pantoja** <sup>3</sup>



**Kaylene Marie Martinez** <sup>4</sup>



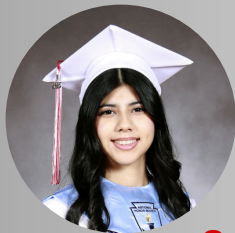
**Krystal Marie Cardona** <sup>5</sup>



**Kaycei Lynn Salazar** <sup>6</sup>



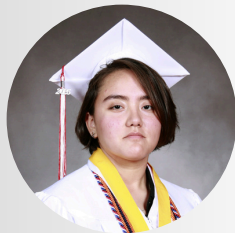
**Ameliah Jayd Escobar** <sup>7</sup>



**Itzel Sanchez** <sup>8</sup>



**David Cortina** <sup>9</sup>



**Luna San Miguel** <sup>10</sup>

**Once a Cardinal - Always a Cardinal!**





# Texas Southmost College Graduates

With an Associate Degree



**Destaney M.  
Palomin-Ramirez**

Associate of Arts in General Studies



**Anabelle Lee  
Gonzalez**

Associate of Arts in General Studies



**Arianna Rae  
Pantoja**

Associate of Arts in General Studies



**Kaylene Marie  
Martinez**

Associate of Arts in General Studies



**Krystal Marie  
Cardona**

Associate of Arts in General Studies

# Candidates for Graduation

Top Ten Candidates for Graduation	1	Palomin-Ramirez, Destaney M.	Garcia, Destiny
	2	Gonzalez, Anabelle Lee	Garcia, Ezequiel
	3	Pantoja, Arianna Rae	Garza, Isaac Lee
	4	Martinez, Kaylene Marie	Gonzalez, Jessica Marie
	5	Cardona, Krystal Marie	Gonzalez, Karyme Laritza
	6	Salazar, Kaycei Lynn	Gonzalez, Robert Andrew
	7	Escobar, Ameliah Jayd	Harrison, Allison Marie
	8	Sanchez, Itzel	Lopez, Orlando Emilio
	9	Cortina, David	Luna, John Anthony
	10	San Miguel, Luna	Martinez, Ashley Sarahi
		Acosta, Andrew	Martinez, Evelynne Madalyne
		Alvarado Ramirez, Ana Karen	Martinez, Nehemias
		Cantu, Rainee	Mata, Maximus Jovanny
		Carranco, Shawn Eli	Núñez, Juan Pablo
		Castillo, Janelle Martha	Ortiz, Katalyna Fay
		Cavazos, Ismael Ian	Pedraza, Sara Nevaeh
		Cerda, Heaven Rose	Rangel, Aiden Jacob
		Elissetche, Jose Angel	Reyes, Modesto Alverardo
		Esquivel, Cynthia	Snyder, Kendal Avery
		Flores, Ronnie Lee	Stephens, Vincent James
		Galindo, Janessa Maree	Treviño, Dianita



# Academic Regalia



<b>Red, White &amp; Blue Cords</b>	Distinguished Graduate
<b>Yellow Cords &amp; Medal</b>	Top Ten Honors Graduate
<b>Blue Pendant Stole</b>	National Honor Society
<b>Pink Ribbon Medal</b>	Performance Acknowledgement
<b>White Stole</b>	Texas Southmost College Graduate
<b>Blue Cord</b>	Multi-Disciplinary Endorsement
<b>Green Cord</b>	Business & Industry Endorsement
<b>Purple Cord</b>	Public Service Endorsement
<b>Teal Cord</b>	Arts & Humanities Endorsement
<b>Orange Cord</b>	STEM Endorsement
<b>Gray Stole</b>	Phlebotomy Certification
<b>Royal Blue Stole</b>	Level Two Security Guard Certification
<b>Orange Stole</b>	Fundamentals of Animal Science Certification
<b>Red Cord</b>	Principal's Award
<b>Gold Cord</b>	Leadership Award
<b>Teal Stole</b>	Certified Medical Assistant
<b>Purple Stole</b>	Floral Design Certification
<b>Red Stole</b>	AWS Welding Certification
<b>Light Blue Stole</b>	NOCTI General Management Certification



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