Graduate Recognition Ceremony

In December, more than 150 QUESTERS graduated from one of nine training programs supported by QUEST. QUEST graduated one of its largest nursing classes to date, with 55 Registered Nurses and 31 Licensed Vocational Nurses. According to Workforce Solutions Alamo, the Registered Nurse sector is expected to increase by 31% between 2014 and 2024, which makes it one of the fastest growing sectors in San Antonio. Adding 155 graduates is proof that Project QUEST continues to aid QUESTERS in achieving full-time, meaningful work in the San Antonio area.

All of our Graduate Recognition Ceremony pictures can be found on Flickr: https://www.flickr.com/photos/141894392@N08/albums

"Workforce development is an economic generator, not only are we changing people’s lives, we’re putting San Antonians to work and that’s good for business, it’s good for our economy, it’s good for our city."

- Executive Director, David Zammiello
The Santikos Charitable Foundation, Simpson-Noee Fund, and Valley View Trust of the San Antonio Area Foundation awarded QUEST a $25,000 grant! Project QUEST will be able to pay for the licensing fees of 125 healthcare participants who are working toward a better tomorrow for their families. Without this kind of help from the San Antonio community, QUEST wouldn’t be able to support the people who rely on us the most. Thank you to the San Antonio Area Foundation for your continued support.

KENS 5 was in attendance for our Graduate Recognition Ceremony. They interviewed our Executive Director and two of our participants. This KENS 5 story helps get our name out within the community and also proves that Project QUEST is becoming a household name.

For full access to the KENS 5 story click on the link below:

Team QUEST volunteered at the San Antonio Food Bank in September stuffing more than 5,000 backpacks for children in San Antonio. Not only are we strengthening San Antonio’s workforce, but we are also helping the future workforce.

Last month, Father Al Jost dropped by to visit QUEST. Father Al was a founder of QUEST after the Levi Strauss closing in 1992. He was instrumental when it came to getting Project QUEST into the San Antonio community. We are very humbled to still be in Father Al’s heart after all these years.
This quarter we said goodbye to four board members ending their terms. Dr. Dianna M. Burns, MD, Mary Alice Cisneros, Father Walter D’heedene, CICM, and Father Francisco Alfredo Macias. We wish them well in their future endeavors and hope they continue to spread the Project QUEST message.

As we say goodbye to some board members, we also say HELLO to six new board members! Katharine Farmer, Deborah Carter, Carolyn King (not pictured), Rev. Joshua Snyder, Steve Mendoza, and Deacon John Mark Luther. We welcome our newest board members to the Project QUEST family.

THE BIG GIVE

The Big Give is South Central Texas’ 24-hour online day of online giving to nonprofits! The goal of the Big Give is to support the nonprofits in our region that are committed to making South Central Texas a great place to live, work, and play. This year’s Big Give will take place from midnight to midnight on Thursday, March 22, 2018. So mark your calendars and support Project QUEST during this year’s Big Give!
In November 2017 we held our Silver Anniversary Luncheon, celebrating 25 years of impacting San Antonio’s workforce. The event brought more than 500 guests to the Grand Hyatt San Antonio. In attendance were six elected officials, including Mayor Ron Nirenberg who delivered the keynote speech. We were extremely blessed to have more than 40 grads/participants attend our event. We also celebrated our original founders for their years of continued support. Thank you C.O.P.S./Metro Alliance, City of San Antonio, Frost Bank, and Broadway Bank.

All of the Silver Anniversary Luncheon pictures can be found on our Flickr page at: https://www.flickr.com/photos/141894392@N08/albums

Don’t forget to Save the Date for our 2018 Luncheon!
November 14, 2018
11:30 a.m.
San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk
889 E Market St, San Antonio, TX 78205