



## **LOCAL MEDAL MANIAC/QUEST GRAD DESIGNS ONE OF A KIND FLACO JIMENEZ FIESTA MEDAL**

San Antonio--- Former QUESTER Mark Provencio has designed a medal for SA Flavor and named Project QUEST (QUEST) the recipient of a portion of its sales. Every year SA Flavor (a blog about the best food and culture of San Antonio) partners with “medal maniacs” to create one of a kind fiesta medals for the community to purchase during Fiesta. Provencio’s medal, chosen this year, is called “The Accordion” and features the lyrics “Ay Te Dejo En San Antonio” from local favorite Flaco Jimenez.

When asked how he was inspired to design his Fiesta medal, Provencio responded, “SA has always been about conjunto music. It’s what comes to mind.” The medal, of which \$1 from each sale will be donated to QUEST, can be purchased on the SA Flavor web page at <https://store.saflavor.com/collections/fiesta-medals>

Provencio chose QUEST as his charity to contribute funds to because “Project QUEST, along with Rackspace’s Open Cloud Academy, helped get me into the tech job I hold now with Rackspace. Project QUEST and Open Cloud Academy changed my life. There is no clear path to get into IT in San Antonio and Project QUEST and Open Cloud Academy provide a clear pathway into an IT future,” he said.

Provencio first learned about QUEST in 2013. A retired member of the military, he first came to San Antonio for a contract job. At that time, Provencio began attending UTSA to work towards a Master’s degree, but quickly learned that his wife was about to lose her job. He looked around for IT training and found that the QUEST’s partnership with OCA was first class, and tuition came hand in hand with the program. Provencio had a great experience with QUEST Career Advisors who walked him through the paperwork and even helped some of his

classmates to get eye exams and glasses. “They really cleared the way for us to learn,” says a joyful Provencio, now a Linux Technician at Rackspace.

Project QUEST, Inc., is a primary economic development broker, providing critical support, expertise and resources to develop highly-qualified employees for career path opportunities. In collaboration with community stakeholders, QUEST identifies demand-driven occupations, partners with local colleges for education and training, and provides specialized case management to achieve graduation and job placement for its participants. To learn more, visit [www.questsa.org](http://www.questsa.org).

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