

# Distinguished Graduate

# 2024



## Cecilia Dominguez

**SOCIAL WORK**

*“The world is indeed full of peril, and in it there are many dark places; but still there is much that is fair, and though in all lands love is now mingled with grief, it grows perhaps the greater.”*

**JRR Tolkien**

Cecilia A. Dominguez was born in Juarez, Mexico. She immigrated to the United States seeking asylum at a young age. Arriving to the country Cecilia did not speak the language but was ambitious to learn English from zero and quickly began to learn it by getting out of her comfort zone.

As of today, Cecilia has been awarded president’s list honors for three consecutive semesters and will graduate with distinguished honors from San Antonio College.

Cecilia studied in Ruidoso, New Mexico and moved to San Antonio, Texas where she graduated from Lanier High School. She joined Alamo Colleges in 2016, planning to pursue a degree in nursing.

However, the world during and after Covid changed her mind. During the migrant surge of 2020, Cecilia worked on the front lines, providing aid to unaccompanied minors for two years. While working in various youth shelters and educational institutions with minors for six years, she realized that social work focused on youth would be the perfect route to help her accomplish her goal of helping young people.

She is a civil and women’s rights activist in the company of her supportive husband, with the goal of making a difference for the youth who are our future.