



# 2025 *Distinguished* GRADUATE

## LAUREN ORTEGA | Music

Lauren Ortega was born and raised in San Antonio and is a proud graduate of Harlandale High School. Music has been a lifelong passion, especially singing and choir. For the past nine years, she has immersed herself in choral music, participating in a variety of ensembles, including the prestigious 2022 TMEA All-State Treble Choir and serving as an intern for the San Antonio Youth Chorale.

These experiences deepened her connection to music and inspired her to pursue a degree in the field. Over time, Lauren discovered a profound love for music education and the joy that comes with helping others grow through music.

She plans to continue her studies by earning a bachelor's degree in music education, with the goal of becoming a choir director. Lauren hopes to spark the same love and appreciation for music in her future students that her own directors inspired in her. Through teaching, she aims to cultivate both talent and confidence, helping others find their voices just as she found hers.

**“Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.”**

— Berthold Auerbach

