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MYRA CARDENAS | Criminal Justice, A.A.S.

Myra Cardenas is a dedicated mother, driven student, and passionate advocate for justice. Originally from the small rural town of Crystal City, she graduated from Crystal City High School in 2013. In 2021, she moved to San Antonio, where her work with a local nonprofit supporting victims of domestic violence inspired her to pursue a degree in criminal justice.

As a full-time employee and mother to four children — Noemi, Juan, Catalina, and Lucia — Myra has balanced her responsibilities with grace and determination. Despite the demands of her busy life, she has maintained a 3.9 GPA and is an active member of multiple honor and leadership organizations, including Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the Honors Academy, and the National Society of Leadership and Success.

Myra has been accepted to St. Mary's University, where she plans to continue her studies in criminal justice with a minor in political science, while also joining their pre-law program. Her ultimate goal is to attend law school and become a judge — using her voice and experience to advocate for justice and serve her community.

With resilience and purpose guiding her path, Myra is turning her dreams into reality — not only for herself, but for the future she's building for her children. "Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

- President Barack Obama

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