



2015-2016 CTE “In the Spotlight” Teacher Information

(Second Semester)

Name: Leticia Peña

Hometown: Mission, TX

University: University of Texas Pan American

Degrees: Bachelor of Science in Biology with a minor in Chemistry and a Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Sciences

One item from your bucket list: go to Niagara Falls

What area of industry did you work in before teaching? I worked in the medical field as a Medical Technologist

What inspired you to become a teacher? I was inspired to become a teacher because I wanted to make a positive difference in the students’ lives. I want every student to succeed and become a lifelong learner. I strongly believe that education is the key to success and every student deserves an excellent education in order to have a brighter future. Seeing the students succeed is a great feeling and worth every second of it. As a teacher, all of these are things that inspire me.



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(Second Six-weeks Grading Period)

Name: Sylvia Q. Garza

Hometown: Mission, TX

University: University of Texas Pan American, Edinburg, TX ____

Degrees: BBA in Business Education, Master of Education, Mid-Management Certificate

One item from your bucket list: To be able to complete visiting each of the top historical landmarks in each of the 50 states

What area of industry did you work in before teaching? Retail Sales and Banking

What inspired you to become a teacher? I had excellent teachers in high school that taught with so much dedication and passion. One of them took me under his wing and gave me the opportunity to help with teacher record keeping and instilled in me a sense of leadership and confidence. Anything else you would like to add: Thank you for this *special recognition* to the CTE Department and for helping me provide my students with the opportunity to acquire college credit and industry certifications as a Microsoft Office Specialist in Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Access.



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Name: Maggie Treu

Hometown: McAllen

University: Texas A & I University Kingsville, Texas

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Home Economics Vocational Education

One item from your bucket list: Travel to Spain

What area industry did you work in before teaching? Marketing Valero Energy Corporation

Nutritionist with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program

What inspired you to become a teacher? My mother worked for McAllen ISD for 35 years. She was my inspiration for my becoming a teacher.

Anything else you would like to add? I would like to express my sincere appreciation for this award and for the opportunity to work with the CTE Department and teach at Memorial High School. I thoroughly enjoy working with my high school students and teaching them the skills necessary for their lives. I also am grateful for having the opportunity to be an advisor to student leaders in Family, Career & Community Leaders of America.