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Your outstanding support for youth development and mentorship unites and transforms. Your extensive experience in broadcasting and leadership significantly influences both aspiring and established journalists.

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Welcome to the world of Kaleidoscope of ARTS

Kaleidoscope of ARTS, a multi-media student mentorship initiative, is excited to share *San Antonio Inspires Volume 2*.

More than a magazine, this emotional and insightful publication is entirely written by San Antonio College students. Through their own words, they reveal the invaluable life lessons and compelling journeys toward success, shared by their individual mentors.

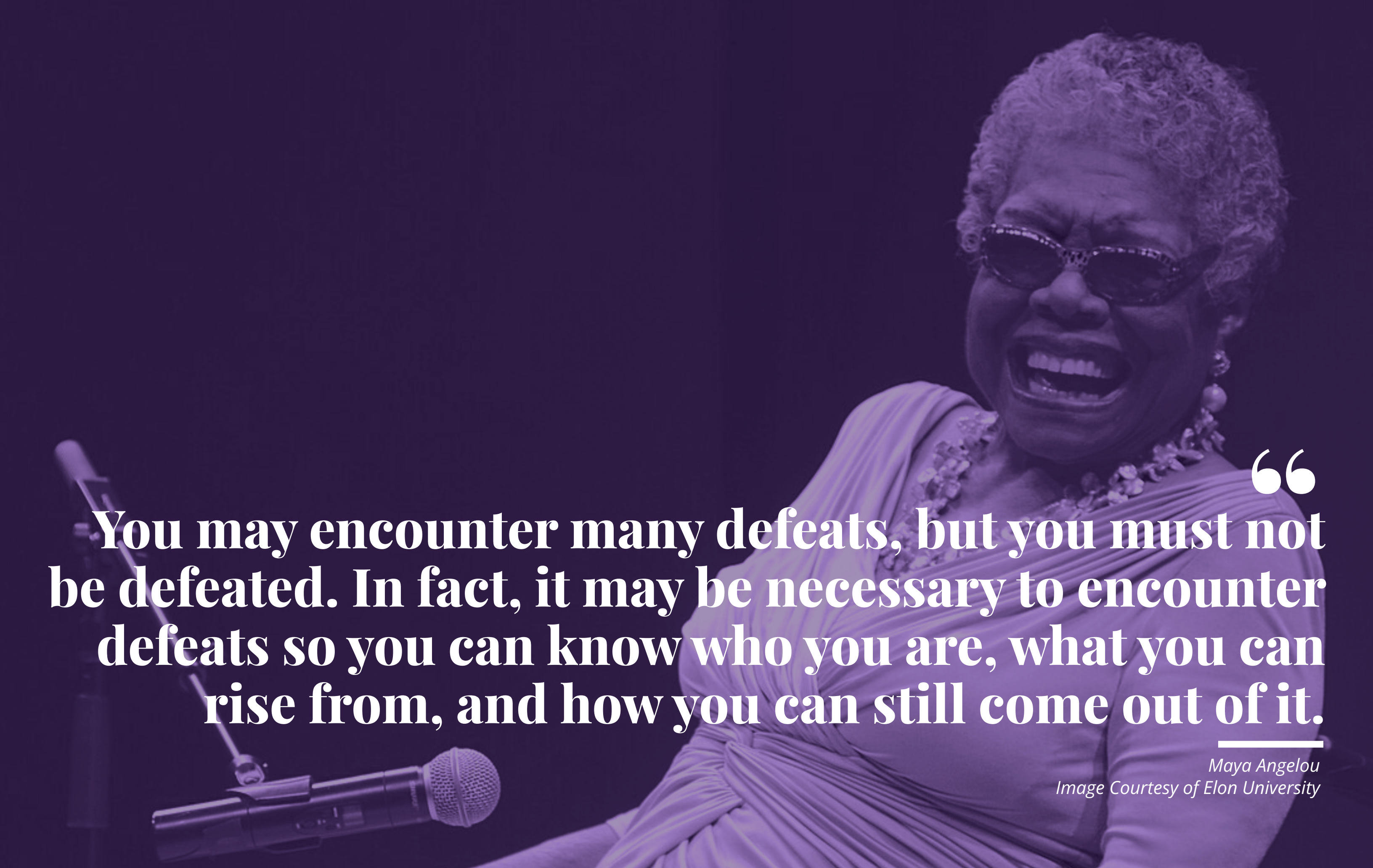
Within these pages, you will discover the vibrant creativity that blossoms when wisdom is shared and stories are brought to life. Kaleidoscope of ARTS through the Hope Faith Dreams Foundation remains committed to being a beacon for youth leadership through mentorship, education, and multi-media platforms. We are most appreciative of our community partners, mentors, and mentees.

Together, we created insightful work that will have lasting value.



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A photograph of Maya Angelou speaking into a microphone, overlaid with a purple tint. She is wearing glasses and a necklace, and her mouth is open as if she is speaking or singing. The background is dark.

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**You may encounter many defeats, but you must not
be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter
defeats so you can know who you are, what you can
rise from, and how you can still come out of it.**

*Maya Angelou
Image Courtesy of Elon University*



CHAPTER ONE

Integrity Is Key
Candice Robertson

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Mentor **Dr. Cheryl Davis**
Mentee **Candice Robertson**

Story **1**

INTEGRITY IS KEY

by Candice Robertson

Growing up in San Antonio, Texas, I experienced firsthand its rich tapestry of diverse cultures and historical depth. I am inspired by numerous community leaders who not only celebrate cultural diversity but also serve as role models for overcoming societal obstacles.

When I was offered to participate in the mentorship program, a collaboration between San Antonio College and Kaleidoscope of ARTS, it sparked immense joy within me.

Dr. Cheryl Davis, an outstanding leader in our community as well as a pioneer in medical and dental research, was my chosen mentor.

A graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham dental school, Dr. Davis has dedicated herself to a life of selfless support for the highest good. She exhibits a vibrant personality, always seeking understanding and solutions in both her dental practice and community involvement.

Dr. Davis, serves our Eastside community through her dental practice. She has provided dentistry to state prisoners of Bexar County, and has contributed to the homeless community through Haven for Hope. These acts of humanity are a direct result of her upbringing.



As an African-American woman, growing up in the South, Dr Davis experienced the daily adversity of overcoming the obstacles of segregation. She watched people struggle and sometimes lose hope.

Fortunately, she had a loving family who were always willing to lend a hand and uplift the spirits of their family, friends, and neighbors. They believed that faith, family, friends, and love would provide the perfect support.

As a result, they faced challenges with unwavering hope and resilience.



Dr Cheryl Davis is a beacon for equality and diversity, illuminating pathways for positive changes. She serves as a daily testament to the power of embracing our differences and cultivate an inclusive space where everyone can flourish. This resolve is an inspiration to her dental team and community friends.

As I conclude, the enduring lesson from Dr. Cheryl Davis rings true:

“ Each person must learn that life is unpredictable, full of peaks and valleys. Faith, gratitude, and hard work will empower you to overcome adversity.”



Mentor **Jim Lefko**
Mentee **Fedrico E. Dominguez**

Story **2**

LEAP OF FAITH

by Fedrico E. Dominguez

Being an older college student, I never imagined I could connect with an insightful mentor. Especially a mentor with achievements in the exact industries of my new career goals.

Growing up, I was interested in both government service and the sports world, and these remain my career goals since my transition from active military service.

I am lucky to be paired with Jim Lefko, Director of Communications for Bexar County Judge Peter Sakai

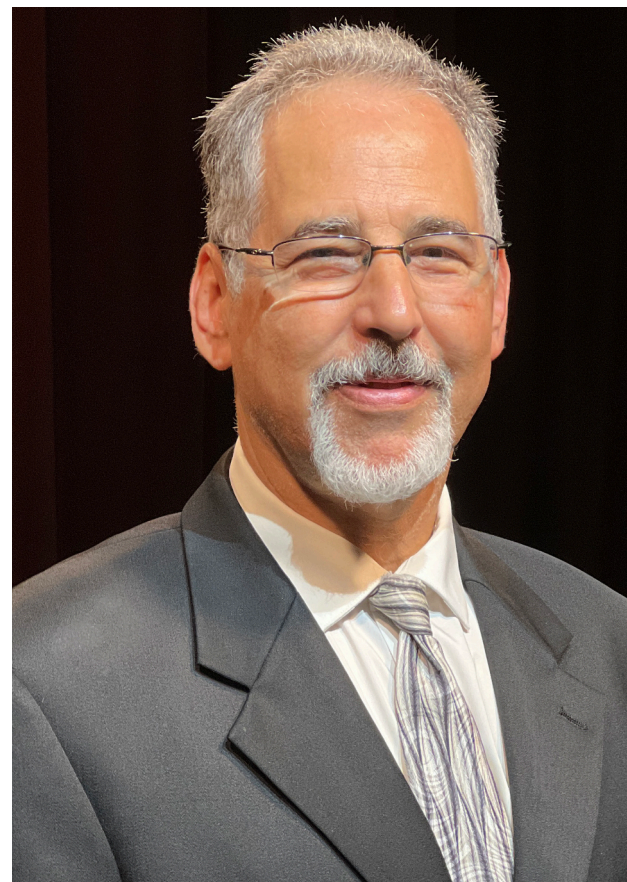
He also graduated from my dream school, The University of Texas at Austin. Having earned a degree from the school of Journalism, Lefko began his career as a journalist.

After paying his dues writing for publications in Texas, Lefko received the news: the Indianapolis Indy Star newspaper was offering him the position of sports editor.

In this new role, Lefko directed sports coverage for major events, including an NFL Super Bowl. The Indianapolis Colts played the Chicago Bears. As Lefko recalled, this was a memorable day.

"One of my career highlights came in 2007. I directed a staff of 15 reporters and photographers at the Super Bowl in Miami. It was one of the most grueling yet gratifying periods in my life, culminating with the Colts' only Super Bowl championship that we chronicled in award-winning fashion for our readers."

These types of experiences open doors to curiosity and reinvention. Life is always changing, sometimes you have to take a leap of faith.



In 2023, Lefko assumed his current county government position. Lefko crafts speeches for Judge Sakai, serves as the primary media liaison, while also contributing to the essential team monitoring Bexar County's future development.

Lefko proved to be an intellectually honest and empathetic mentor, consistently offering wise and useful career advice. As I embark on my journey of reinvention and learning as an older college student, I will always keep in mind Lefko's wisdom:

“ Learn to navigate your work environment, be open to change, recognizing that significant opportunities may require a leap of faith.





CHAPTER TWO

Dignified News Voice Evolving Digital Journalist
Zayla Rivera David J. Agleton



Mentor **Stephania Jimenez**
Mentee **Zayla Rivera**

Story **3**

DIGNIFIED NEWS VOICE

by Zayla Rivera

Stepping outside my comfort zone, I was privileged to be mentored by news anchor Stephania Jimenez of KSAT 12 Television.

Stephania Jimenez grew up in Brooklyn, New York. She said it was common for families in her neighborhood to gather around the television every night to watch the evening news. That early exposure sparked Stephania’s interest in journalism.



Stephania has learned that everyone has a story and deserves to be heard.

When she began high school, Stephania reported for her school newspaper. Her dedication and writing skills eventually landed her the role of editor-in-chief. That experience and her education at Syracuse University helped her obtain an internship at Fox News Radio in New York City. She excelled in this fast-paced environment. After graduating from Syracuse University, Fox News Radio hired her as a writer/producer.

However, Stephania's big television news career break came in 2010, when KTSM in El Paso hired her to be a reporter. After a few months, she was promoted to weekend anchor and then evening anchor. Her success in El Paso led the way for more opportunities. She has worked in Connecticut; Corpus Christi, Texas; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and now she works at KSAT12 in San Antonio.

Stephania Jimenez has consistently demonstrated her journalistic and ethical skills in her coverage of major stories like Hurricane Harvey and the Uvalde school tragedy. Through it all, she holds firm to her ethics and commitment to the community:

“Never exploit the people involved. Be respectful and when needed- give space.”

This mentorship provided me with insight into the business of television news, and thus, broadening my media arts perspective. Moreover, Stephania's wisdom helped me build my confidence and answer questions about my future career in graphic design.

I was honored to collaborate and learn from a respected news journalist and a true mentor. Stephania Jimenez's commitment to uplifting others resonated deeply, as evidenced by her own words; *“I've had awesome people help me grow and I'd love to do the same for others.”*





Mentor **Rebecca Salinas**
Mentee **David J. Agleton**

Story **4**

EVOLVING DIGITAL JOURNALIST

by David J. Agleton

From the brink of academic overwhelm to the forefront of inspired leadership, my journey took an unexpected turn thanks to the mentorship received from Rebecca Salinas.

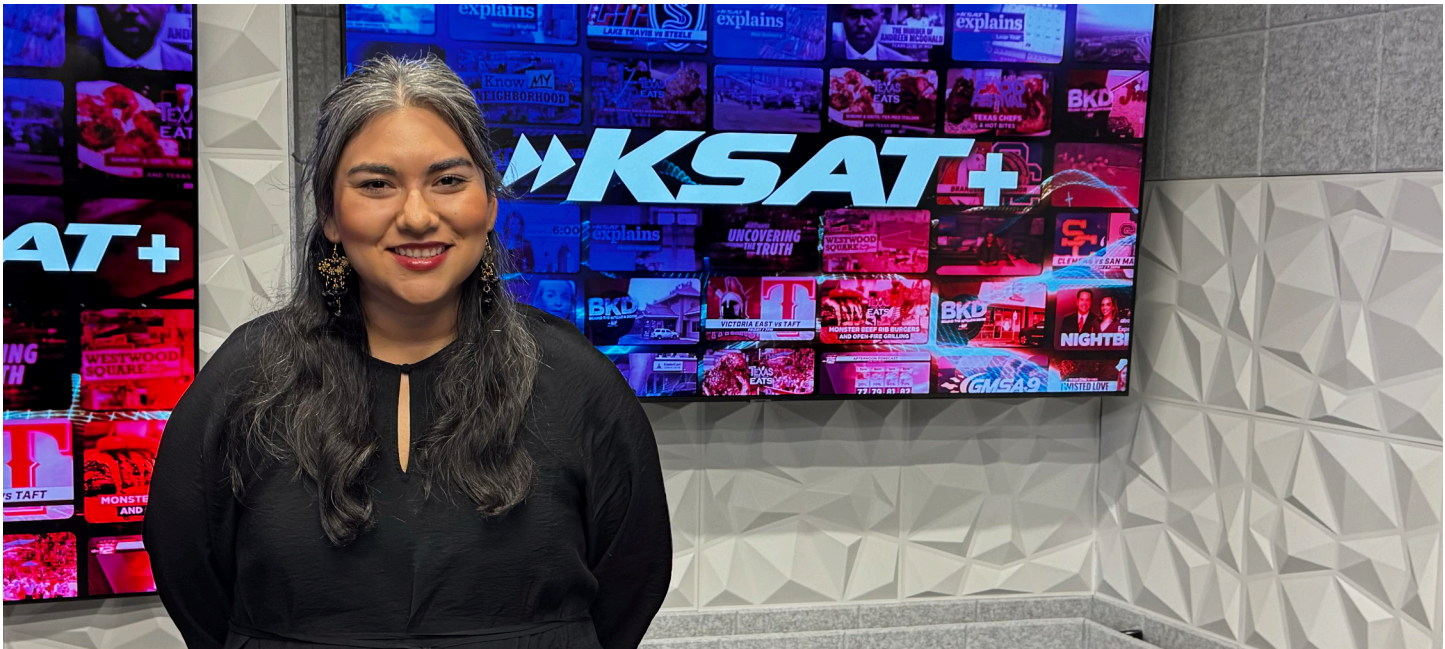
At the beginning of the 2024 fall semester, I was running low. I was a full-time student working full time to pay for tuition and necessities. My luck changed when I decided to join the Kaleidoscope of ARTS mentorship program; I saw this as an opportunity to push myself and meet more people.

From the roster of mentors, my first choice was Rebecca Salinas, Digital Executive Producer at KSAT 12 News.

Eager to glean insight from a seasoned journalist, I was thrilled to learn about her captivating journey. Rebecca Salinas’s career training began at San Antonio College, where she soon joined the school newspaper “*The Ranger*.”

Through experience, she honed the journalism skills that propelled her to an award-winning digital journalist at KSAT 12 News. Salinas’s continued dedication to tasks was rewarded in 2024 with her current position, leading the digital news team.

In her new role, I asked Rebecca about her leadership style and how she manages her digital writing team. With a confident nod, Rebecca emphasized the importance of respectful and critical leadership, adding that adaptability is paramount. She went on to say,



“ Collaboration is crucial in providing the most up-to-date news information.



In the competitive news industry, intent resolve is a needed strength to deliver impactful, accurate reporting. As I continue my media studies, I found this experience provided a deep dive into the disciplines and hard work needed to succeed in broadcasting.

More importantly, Rebecca Salinas, my mentor, taught me that commitment and adaptability will define my career.



CHAPTER THREE

Steady, True Path
Aaron Wing

Achieving Dreams
Carson Shade



Mentor **Victor Caballero**
Mentee **Aaron Wing**

Story **5**

STEADY, TRUE PATH

by Aaron Wing

The multi-cultural -influences of San Antonio are colorful, vibrant, kaleidoscopic. From our heritage, to our sports teams, we are a city of thinkers and doers who want to build a better future. One of these proud San Antonians is my mentor, Victor Caballero.

He is the Marketing Manager for the Convention, Sports, and Entertainment Facilities Department, which includes the Alamodome, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center and the Carver Community Cultural Center.

Caballero has created an amazing professional career, approaching every opportunity with professionalism and respect.

Growing up in San Antonio, Caballero was captivated by Tejano music and radio DJ's who played it. This new and exciting interest fueled his passion to work in the Tejano radio industry.

His first career break was landing an internship at KRIO, Tejano Radio. The internship provided first-hand experience on radio station operations and on-air presentation. Caballero's big break came from a popular radio station in San Diego, California. They offered him the coveted morning drive show. Having reached his largest audience yet, he received an offer from Los Angeles radio.

Caballero took the L.A. opportunity to expand his Hispanic audience with Reggaeton and Regional Mexican fan bases. Leveraging his rising radio career, he expanded his skill set into sales and marketing, launching an advertising agency and landing LiveOne, a global digital media company dedicated to music and live entertainment.



Enjoying the Southern California lifestyle, everything changed one afternoon with a phone call from his brother. As Caballero recalls, his brother greeted him by saying:

“ I am having barbacoa tacos with Mom and Dad.



Those simple words, in that instant, painted a clear family vision, a path back to San Antonio.

Upon his return to the Alamo City, Caballero landed at iHeartMedia, leading their Latin properties. In time, he caught the eye of the City of San Antonio and earned his current high-profile marketing position. I am grateful for the opportunity to have met and be mentored by Victor Caballero. I learned that respect, professionalism, and continuous learning are essential for career development.



Mentor **Joe Aguilar**
Mentee **Carson Shade**

Story **6**

ACHIEVING DREAMS

by Carson Shade

In October 2024, I accepted a mentorship opportunity with a multi media entrepreneur. His focus and fierce determination enabled him to own and publish two community newspapers and host his own weekly sports radio show.

My mentor is Joe Aguilar, CEO and owner of both Sol Newspapers and Overtime Sports Radio. He fundamentally changed my perspective, teaching me to be open to opportunities and always embody a positive outlook.



Fortified with a media studies degree from the University of the Incarnate Word, Aguilar envisioned his future in the radio broadcast industry.

As fate happens, career journeys rarely proceed directly. Aguilar began his career in the high quality, collaborative world of commercial printing.

This experience eventually led him to the sales department. Prospecting, account management and solution presentation honed the exact skills required for his next career advancement.

In 2002, Joe Aguilar launched Sol's newspapers, creating a vital community cornerstone for both the medical and Hispanic communities. After establishing his publishing business, Aguilar extended his reach and realized his dream of being on the radio, talking sports

The highlight of our mentorship was being invited to Over Time Sports. I expected to sit on the sidelines and watch everything unfold. Instead, I was given a seat at the table with a microphone.

"Wow! I am going to be on live radio!" The thought electrified me. I kept repeating, *"This is it, the ideal chance to learn."* As a future sports broadcaster, I am deeply grateful for this experience and the many invaluable lessons Aguilar imparted. In particular,

“ Career paths are rarely direct; keep expanding your skill set.



Honoring Creative Minds.

Highlighting Hope Faith & Dreams Creative Contributors

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KOA media director

Karen Garcia-Coronado is the creative mind behind the Hope Faith Dreams Foundation's digital presence. She uses her gift for storytelling to inspire hope in every post. She graduates in December 2025 with a degree in Mass Communications and a minor in Business Administration.



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