

United Way of South Texas recognizes Top ISD Golden Apple recipients

SPECIAL TO THE MONITOR

United Way of South Texas recognized outstanding volunteers and supporters at the 2019 Campaign Annual Awards Ceremony in early March.

The following Top 5 Contributing School Districts and their Campaign Coordinators received a Golden Apple Award:

>> McAllen ISD (Ann Vega)

>> Edinburg CISD (Alonzo Barbosa)

>> La Joya ISD (Marissa E. Saenz)

>> Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD (Dr. Ruben Borrego)

>> Weslaco ISD (Susan Peterson).

Jose A. Gonzalez, superintendent of McAllen ISD, and Ann Vega, McAllen ISD Campaign Coordinator,

accepted the No. 1 Golden Apple Award. This was the second time in a row that McAllen ISD received Top Honor, although they have always been recognized as a Top 5 supporter.

"We appreciate United Way for this prestigious recognition. In McAllen ISD, we are blessed to have so many people who are kind, generous and ever mindful of the needs of families in our community," Gonzalez said. "If families can get a helpful boost, that, in turn, benefits our children. McAllen ISD is proud to partner with United Way."

Along with the Golden Apple Award, McAllen ISD also received a Red Apple Award for Highest Per Capita in the category of 3,000 employees or more. For the second consecutive year, McAllen ISD's Gonz-



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Pictured from left are Tyler Stone, Mayfair Properties/Rioco Partners, United Way 2020 Board Chair; D'uAndre Drain, GE Aviation, 2019 United Way Campaign co-chair; Alonzo Barbosa, Edinburg CISD; Marissa E. Saenz, La Joya ISD; Ann Vega, McAllen ISD; Jose A. Gonzalez, superintendent of McAllen ISD; Priscilla Canales, superintendent of Weslaco ISD, United Way Board Member; Susan Peterson, Weslaco ISD; Lisa Killion, 2019 United Way Campaign co-chair.

lez Elementary School was also awarded Highest Per Capita Campus. Congratulations to McAllen ISD and

the other Golden Apple Award recipients for their outstanding support and achievements.

The United Way Board of Directors also expresses their gratitude to all Superintendents, District

Campaign Coordinators, Principals, Directors, Professional Staff and School District Employees in Hidalgo and Starr Counties.

Along with the Golden Apple Award recipients mentioned above, the following school districts — from Mercedes ISD to Roma ISD — ran successful campaigns to benefit over 225,000 residents: Edcouch-Elsa ISD, Mercedes ISD, Mission CISD, Monte Alto ISD, Sharyland ISD, South Texas ISD, Valley View ISD, Region One, Rio Grande City CISD and Roma ISD.

Their contributions represented 21% of United Way's entire campaign. The board applauds their generosity and their daily commitment and dedication to the wellbeing and success of our students.