

Program

**Scholarship Award Reception
& Dance**

7:00-8:00 Music

8:00-8:15 **David Barbosa**

-Welcome

-Introduction of ITO Executive Board

-Introduction of 2017-2018 Scholarship Recipients

8:15-12:00 Music/Dance



Executive Board of Directors

- President **David Barbosa**
- Vice President **Johnny Reyes**
- Treasurer **Irma Dominguez**
- Secretary **Nellie Mendoza**
- Chair-Public Relations **Mercy Galicia**

Thank you

**Thanks to ALL the volunteers who helped make our
15th Annual Tejanofest a success!**

Extra special thanks to:

**Grupo Sensacion ❖ Chente Barrera ❖ David Farias
Michael Brandon ❖ Adriana & the Boyz ❖ Magia Negra
DJ Art Barbosa ❖ DJ Pena ❖ DJ JV Guzman ❖ DJ Rudy G.**

Special Thanks to our Sponsors:



Thank you to our Scholarship Committee:

- Mary Alice Diaz, Chair**
- ❖ **Dr. Alejandro Benavides**
- ❖ **Mrs. Anne Benavides**

Illinois Tejano Organization



**19th Annual Scholarship Award
Reception & Dance**

Saturday, September 9, 2017

7:00pm—Midnight

**American Legion
123 Main Street
West Chicago, Illinois 60185**

Goals and Objectives

The Illinois Tejano Organization is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization with the following goals:

1. Preserve and promote pride in Tejano music and Hispanic culture;
2. Support the education of Hispanic students and their schools;
3. Demonstrate Hispanic community involvement and organizational leadership

The Executive Board would like to thank everyone this evening. The Board fully recognizes that those here tonight and those who regularly support the ITO events are the true core of the organization.

Thank You

Upcoming Events:

- General meetings are the first Saturday of each month.
- TejanoWeen—Saturday, October 28, 2017
- Winter Wonderland Dance/Hesed House Benefit — Saturday, December 16, 2017

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2017-2018 Scholarship Recipients...

Alfonso R. Dieppa —

Alfonso is a Junior at San Diego State University. "SDSU is predominantly white, so there are many times that being a minority can feel pressuring. That pressure is what pushes me to exceed and continue to chase my dreams... I was the first Dieppa to even receive a high school diploma. I have paved the road to success for all my siblings and cousins who come after me, and have shown them that it CAN BE DONE."



Marbella Duran —



Marbella is a Junior at DePaul University. "... It is now that I realize that all my life lessons and experiences directly reflect who I am as an individual, a proud Mexican-American and voracious learner. I feel that every individual is a product of their many experiences. Those experiences good, bad or indifferent can help create the strengths in everyone's character..."

Angelica Juarez —

Angelica is a Junior at Western IL University. "As ... I have gotten older, I have begun to see how much my parents really go through to give us everything we have, from working long hours -dawn till dusk- to getting second jobs, to sacrificing dreams that they've wanted so that we could live ours. "...



Francisco Juarez —



Francisco is a Freshman at Waubunsee Community College. "I have been influenced by my parents to get good grades as well. They have showed me how to focus on what is most important at this moment in time and not to worry about little things that are interfering with my goals. I am tougher, smarter, and more focused person because of them."

Maria I. Marungo —

Maria is a Junior at Saint Anthony college of Nursing. "There wasn't a time we weren't doing some volunteer work as a family. From SKs to community gardens and even ITO events we were spending time together helping others. My compassion and passion have always made me strive to help others who are in need."



Rebecca A. Marungo —



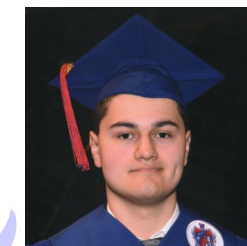
Rebecca is a Freshman at Kishwaukee Community College. "I feel very strongly that each generation needs to push the one after to reach higher or go further than the one before. ...it is our responsibility to always try to lend others a helping hand. This does not always have to involve money. There are many ways we can help others and one of them is through volunteer work."

Rosa M. Tovar —

Rosa is a Sophomore at Dominican University. "Due to my grandparents being first generation migrants, the family as a whole faced many financial problems and worked very hard to put my father, aunts and uncles through school to be the successful people they are today. The stories of [my father's] youth ... influenced me to take more control over the goals in my life and to be the leader that I would always be willing to follow myself."



Tristan A. Tovar —



Tristan is a Senior at Northern Illinois University. "The reason I want to pursue [software development] can solely be credited to my passion for learning and understanding technology ... there exists plenty of positions that can be remote as well. This benefits me greatly as my one greatest personal goal is to travel the world as much as possible."