

Elizabeth Pompa Garza, Ph.D.
Retired Superintendent and Community College
Administrator



Elizabeth P. Garza, Ph.D., devoted her career to ensuring that all Texas children live a life of possibilities and opportunities. Through accomplished leadership in education, this San Antonio native has always worked to improve children's lives through a quality education.

Beginning her career as a kindergarten teacher, Elizabeth progressed through education positions in various settings always keeping children at the heart of her goals. She served in various leadership positions at the Edgewood Independent School District for over 18 years, including as Superintendent and Chief Officer for the district. Additionally, she held positions in AVANCE, Laredo Community College, Intercultural Development Research Association, the Texas Education Agency and the University of Texas at Austin. Her most recent full-time position was as a Director for the Alamo Colleges District, overseeing its Center for Student Information until her retirement in January 2018.

Elizabeth earned her Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Texas at Austin. She also holds a Master of Arts degree from the University of Texas, and a bachelor's degree from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio.

Over the years Elizabeth's work has been recognized for her accomplishments through several awards including the Image Outstanding Woman Role Model Award, the Governor's Yellow Rose of Texas commission, the La Prensa Foundation Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Award, the Constance Allen Heritage Lifelong Learning Award, and induction into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame.

In retirement she continues her service to the community by volunteering for the San Antonio Area Foundation, the GED Holiday Brunch Committee, and the Mexican American Unity Council Scholarship Luncheon Committee. She also serves as an independent consultant with J.L. Powers & Associates and on dissertation committees for aspiring education leaders.