



Standing back row left to right: Sylvia Chavez*, Juan Galvan*, Crystal Ramirez-Garcia*, Nelda Villarreal*, Claudine Viera, Raul M. Ramirez*, Jaime Lopez, Peggy Clark*, Sara Slowinski, Amanda Saenz & Lavoyger Durham*. Front row sitting left to right: Norma Garza, Krystal Garza, Jessica Davila & Dalinda Abrego. Not pictured Rolando Caro Jr. (* Los Mesteños Career Academy board and staff)

Los Mesteños Celebrates Nurses' Aide Graduates

Los Mesteños Career Academy (LMCA) recently hosted a celebration of its fall Certified Nurses' Assistant (CNA) graduating class. At the graduation ceremony, instructor Nelda Villarreal, R.N. let the nine graduates know the importance the CNA's role in the health care system. She said, "There is a critical shortage of nurses, so the CNA is shouldering more and more of the first-hand patient care". She also encouraged the graduates to continue to follow their dreams and, if they choose, to forge ahead with advancing their training in the health care professions.

Many family and friends were in attendance to support the graduates in their accomplishment. LMCA director Crystal Ramirez-Garcia let the audience and graduates know that the Academy is recruiting for a new CNA class and an online medical terminology course, both starting in January. For further information, Ms. Ramirez -Garcia can be reached at crystalgarcia@losmestenos.org