



Standing back row left to right: Raul M. Ramirez, Sylvia Chavez, Carson Gates, Lavoyger Durham, Andy Garza and Joe Hayen. Front row sitting Crystal Ramirez-Garcia, Olivia Gonzalez, Olivia Carbajal, Paula Cruz, and Nelda Villarreal.

Los Mesteños Career Academy Graduates 16th Certified Nursing Assistant Class

Los Mesteños Career Academy (LMCA) board and staff recently celebrated graduating their 16th Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) class, conducted in partnership with Coastal Bend Community College (CBC). The six students who completed the class on February 11th said they are all excited about taking additional classes to pursue their Licensed Vocational Nursing degrees.

Featured guest speaker Joe Hayen, CBC Director of Continuing Education, told the students and their families and friends that he was very proud of their accomplishment and to, “Remember that there are things in life we may lose, but that no one can ever take away your education”. CNA instructor Nelda Villarreal also addressed the students, saying, “This was a great class to work with”, adding, “Remember that being in the nursing profession is a very special career because it is a lot of work, but it’s very rewarding working with patients”.