

Mayor's 100 Teens: Danielle Victoria De La Paz

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Danielle Victoria De La Paz

Teens from around the city were chosen as the Mayor's 100 Teens. They were selected because they have overcome adversity, provide service to others and lead by example. The El Paso Times will profile a teen every Tuesday.

Q How are you involved in your school and community?

A At Loretto Academy, I am a member of the pre-med club, drama club and the National Thespian Honor Society. I also am involved in other school organizations, such as the H.O.P.E. club, Angels Saving Pets and Angels for Life. In my community, I serve as a peer educator on the prevention of HIV/AIDS for the University Medical Center of El Paso Teen Advisory Board. As a member of the Youth Leadership Team for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and

Unplanned Pregnancy, I bring awareness to the community of the issue of teen pregnancy, and travel to Washington, D.C., to speak with legislators on the importance of prevention. In addition, I am a member of the Latinitas Teen Council, National Hispanic Institute and the St. Pius Lifeteen Choir.

Q What has been your greatest accomplishment?

A I consider my greatest accomplishment as being chosen to represent the state of Texas as a Youth Leadership Team member for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. Out of more than 100 applicants from across the country, I was blessed to be one of the 12 who were chosen.

Q What are your future plans?

A My future plans include continuing my work in the prevention of teen pregnancy and HIV/AIDS, and becoming a cardiac surgeon. I would also like to start an organization that would focus on helping teens in crisis. Giving back the blessings that I have been given is something that is very important to me.

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School: Loretto Academy.
Nominated by: Lelia Onsurez, community health educator-mentor.

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