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Youth Leadership San Marcos Program Honors Aryam Nunez with “Rising Star Award for Public Speaking”

San Marcos, TX – 4/30/2025 – As part of the Youth Leadership San Marcos (YLSM) program, students had the opportunity to showcase their leadership and communication skills through a special competition for the **“Rising Star Award for Public Speaking.”** This award recognizes a student who demonstrated exceptional poise, clarity, and self-reflection while presenting their personal leadership journey.

This year’s recipient is **Aryam Nunez**, a student at **San Marcos High School**, who stood out among her peers with a compelling presentation about her role model, her career aspirations, and a personal story of leadership through challenge.

As part of the competition, students created and delivered PowerPoint presentations focused on their **chosen role model**, explained why they admired them, and shared the lessons they’ve taken from their example. They also spoke about their **career goals** and described a time they navigated a difficult situation in a leadership role—highlighting the real-world skills the program is designed to nurture.

“This competition allowed students to step into the role of speaker and leader, just like the business professionals they learned from throughout the program,” said a YLSM facilitator. “Aryam showed incredible maturity and vision, and we’re proud to recognize her growth.”

The Rising Star Award is one of several ways YLSM helps develop confident, community-minded students prepared to contribute meaningfully to San Marcos’ future.

For more information about Youth Leadership San Marcos, visit the **San Marcos Area Chamber of Commerce**.

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