

Kristen Guerra, NSARTA's Scholarship Winner | 2012



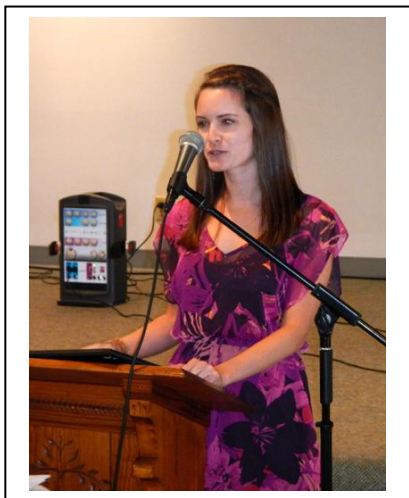
Kristen Guerra receiving recognition of her scholarship from Michelle Bibb, NSARTA's Professional Enhancement chairman.

Kristen Guerra is the 7th and 8th Grade Forensic Science teacher at Frank Tejada Middle School. She has a bachelor's degree in forensic science from Baylor University and was an intern with the Waco Department's Crime Scene Unit. Kristen was certified to teach Science 4-8 via the Region 20 Alternative Program. She has worked to provide students with different ways to see and use science. Her students get a double dose of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills while being intrigued with a fast growing science that is applicable to the real world. While at Tejada, she

initiated an environmental club. The overarching project was to implement a recycling program that targeted student involvement and community engagement.

Kristen was endorsed for the scholarship by her principal at Tejada Middle School, Brenda Shelton. Ms Shelton was very laudatory of Mrs. Guerra's skills as a teacher. "She has designed the course to catch the interest of the students and to help them appreciate science. You walk in her room each day and you can always rest assured that she is actively working to intrigue the students learning desires... It is an inviting classroom where you can find innovation, fun, happy students, and a class that students will always remember....We do not see discipline issues from her class due to her expertise in management and instruction."

Kristen is currently completing her master's degree in school counseling through Lamar University. This Professional Enhancement Scholarship will aid in her growth as a professional educator.



Kristen Guerra addressing NSARTA



Brenda Shelton, Principal Tejada Middle School; Kristen Guerra; Steven Gonzalez, Kristen's dad; and Chris Guerra, her husband