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A junior at Ozen High School in Beaumont, Jennifer Rocha is not one to sit back and let the world pass her by. With a bubbly personality and a can-do attitude, Jennifer is leaving her mark in the Hispanic community and Southeast Texas. She said being a cheerleader at Ozen has prepared her for the challenges in life.

Many people do not realize the hard work it takes to be a cheerleader, she said.

"They only see the fun you have on the football field or the other events at school," she said, "They do not see the hours of practice and preparation it takes to do the routines and cheers."

When she is not cheering for Ozen, Rocha volunteers in the Hispanic community. She says some people like to complain about the conditions in the community but do not try to find

solutions or make a difference. That is why she is proud to be a member of the Junior LULAC Council No. 1070.

She said that at the Junior LULAC, she works with other Hispanic students who also want to take an active part in making positive changes in the community. At the time of this interview, Jennifer and other members of the Junior LULAC Council No. 1070 were busy volunteering at Fletcher Elementary School during the Neighborhood Health check sponsored by the St. Katharine Drexel Humanitarians. More than 800 men, women and children received free medical care during this event.

Rocha is the entertainment director and the sergeant-at-arms for the Junior LULAC. Even with her busy schedule, of cheerleading and volunteering, Jennifer is in the top of her junior class and rated number three in her class. Jennifer plans to attend the University of Texas and become a dentist.

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