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Students of the Month

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Herman Sanchez was born in Galveston in 1982 and moved back to Mexico to live on the family ranch outside of Matamoros, Tamaulipas Mexico. After four years, he returned to Texas with his mother and brother to join his father in Baytown. A year later, they moved to Port Arthur, where he grew up attending Lee and Travis Elementary Schools, Edison Middle School and Thomas Jefferson High School.

After graduating from TJ, he enrolled at Lamar Institute of Technology and received an associate of applied science degree in Process Operating Technology. Sanchez says that he has had a variety of different jobs making life very interesting. He has used his bilingual skills on every job he has held, starting from picking okra on his uncle's ranch in Mexico, where he translated for the delivery drivers, when they crossed the border.

He also worked at Jason's Deli, Market Basket, Sperion, Advance Auto Parts, Oreily Auto Parts, Industrial Processing Insulation and at A. Schulman Plastics Dispersion Plant in Orange. He said he got his big break when hired at his current job



Herman Sanchez

at Total Petrochemicals Inc. in Port Arthur. As a partner in SUCIO Unlimited, he has made one of his dreams come true. Sanchez said that he is very thankful for all the support he has received from his mother and father.

Juan "Nelo" Ceja was also born in Galveston and raised in Port Arthur. He graduated Thomas Jefferson High School in 2001. Nelo said his love of art and design made his choice to attend the Art



Juan "Nelo" Ceja

Institute of Houston an easy one. He chose Houston because he wanted to move away from home but be close enough to come home for his mother's cooking.

In December of 2003, he graduated with honors from the Art Institute of Houston with a degree in graphic design and a minor in Web design. He said he is very grateful for the opportunities he received while working for Joe Arnold and Associates. In 2006, Nelo enrolled at Lamar University Beaumont to pur-



Luis B. Becerra

sue his other passion, political science.

Ceja said SUCIO Unlimited, the business he started with his longtime friends, allows him to use his graphic skills and his love of politics to highlight his Latino heritage.

Luis B. Becerra is the only partner in SUCIO to be born in Mexico. Luis was born in Chimalhuacan, Mexico, on the outskirts of Mexico City. He moved to Port Arthur with his parents at the age of

one and has lived here ever since.

Becerra said he attended Sam Houston and Tyrrell Elementary, Edison Middle School and Thomas Jefferson High School. Becerra graduated from TJ in 2001 and entered Lamar State College-Port Arthur. After graduating from LSC-PA, he enrolled at Lamar University Beaumont. In May 2006, Luis graduated from Lamar University with a double major in finance and economics.

Becerra laughed when he said that his love of money made him enroll at Lamar University again to obtain a master's degree in business administration and concentrate in accounting. After achieving "one" of his goals, starting his own business with longtime friends Nelo and Herman, Becerra looks forward to accomplishing more in the coming future.

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