

LILYAN PRADO CARRILLO



Lilyan Prado Carrillo is a passionate advocate for education and community empowerment. Arriving in the US from Guatemala at four years old, she learned firsthand the value of hard work and education from her father, Luis Prado. Juggling a full-time job to fund her studies due to her immigration status, Lilyan was first in her family, and graduated from Texas Woman's University with a full tuition scholarship and excelled as a student leader.

Her journey includes a prestigious congressional internship and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of North Texas.

Passionate about education, she has served as an educator, university administrator, and empowered thousands as a national motivational speaker and workshop facilitator for youth, parents, and educators through esteemed organizations like Monster Worldwide, Unidos US, The Sallie Mae Fund, Educational Leadership Services, and today, Coolspeak Youth Engagement Company. Her impactful work earned her recognition, including the Estrella de Tejas Award and LULAC District 3 Woman of the Year for her community leadership.

Despite battling breast cancer diagnosed in 2020, Lilyan persevered with the support of loved ones, now in remission. A devoted wife, mother of five, church member and community activist, she continues to inspire and guide others through her motivational speaking engagements nationwide. Currently holding key positions in the Denton League of United Latin American Citizens 4366 and as Deputy State Director in Texas, she remains committed to serving others with respect and admiration for all.