

Distinguished Graduate

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Taniha Olvera

EMERGENCY MEDICINE PARAMEDIC

“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.”

– C.S. Lewis

Taniha Olvera immigrated from Mexico to the U.S. at the age of four and grew up in the small town of Bandera, raised in a Spanish speaking, Mexican household. She graduated from Bandera High School in 2008 and always knew she wanted to help others. By 2015 she had obtained her National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians EMT certification. Since then, she has worked as an EMT-B for Bandera County EMS and plans to continue working with the county while working towards a Bachelor of Science in emergency health sciences, with hopes of obtaining a master’s in physician assistant studies in the future.

As a single mother of a teenage boy, Taniha works hard to accomplish any obstacle she comes across in the hopes that she can prove that anything is possible with hard work and dedication. Taniha is proud to be the first generation in her family to attend college and pursue a career in the medical field. She hopes to be an inspiration to full-time working mothers, especially in the Hispanic community, to show that the possibilities are endless when you put your education first.