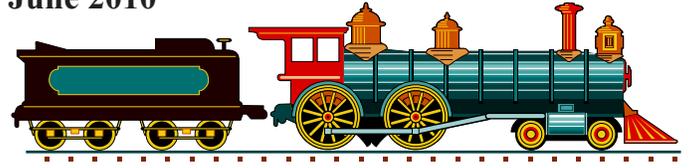


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## Core Values

We will be ambitious in our endeavors, operate effectively and efficiently, promote mutual respect and honesty, seek commitment, ownership, and accountability, and have fun!



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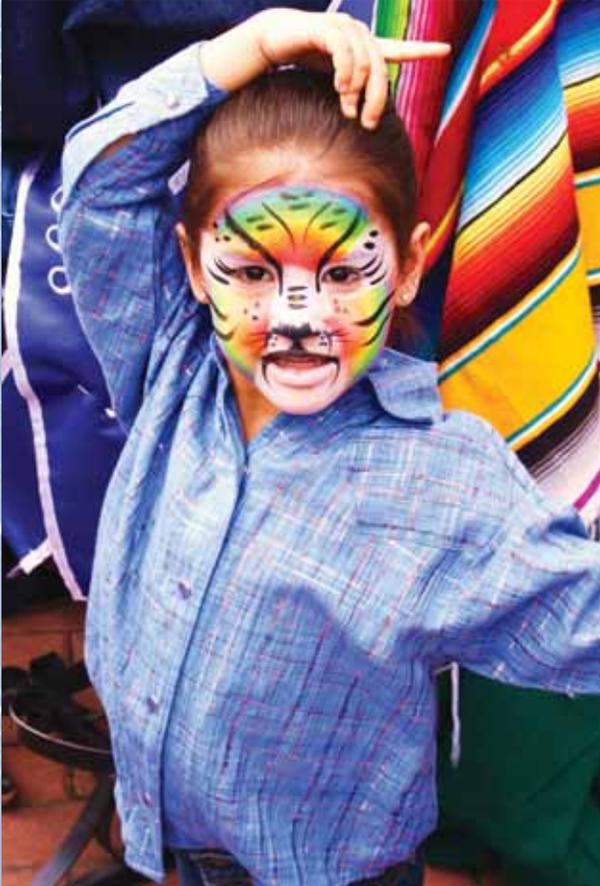
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*Edinburg Municipal Park*

# Culture



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Culture-Adult • 3rd Place  
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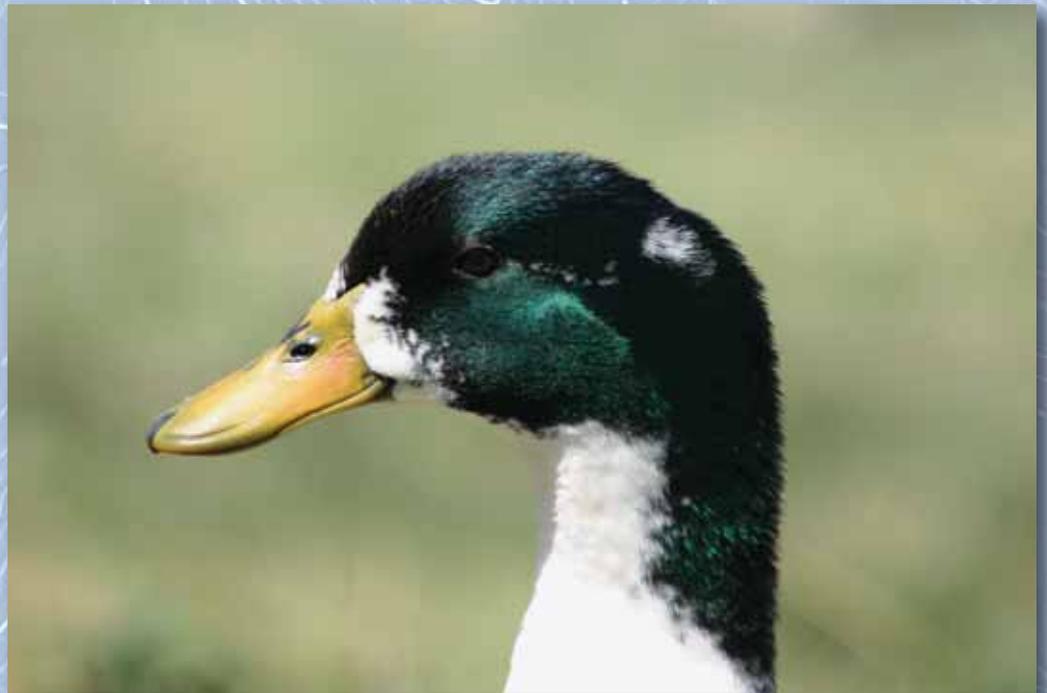
**ENRIQUE ESPINOZA**  
Nature-Youth • 1st Place  
*Edinburg Ebony Golf Course*

# Nature

YOUTH  
DIVISION



**ENRIQUE ESPINOZA**  
Nature-Youth • 2nd Place  
*Backyard of Edinburg Home*



**ENRIQUE ESPINOZA**  
Nature-Youth • 3rd Place  
*Edinburg Ebony Golf Course*

# Places



**ENRIQUE ESPINOZA**  
Places-Youth • 1st Place  
*Holy Family Church-Edinburg*

# Places

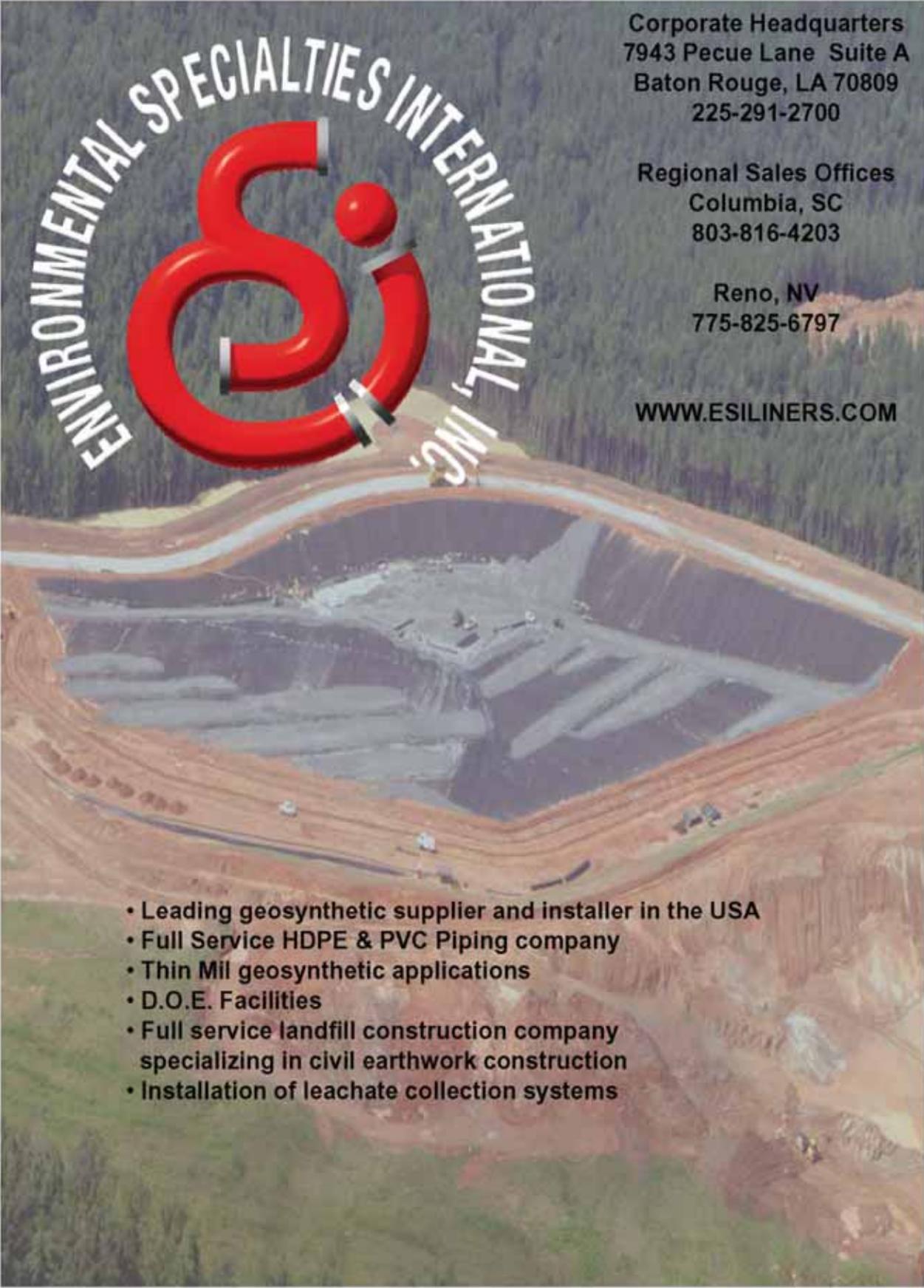
YOUTH  
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**ENRIQUE ESPINOZA**  
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I would like to take this moment to express how proud I am of Edinburg's first photo contest contestants. "Reflections of Edinburg" was a photo contest highlighting Nature, Culture, People and the Places of Edinburg. The event was put together by Leadership Ed-

inburg Class XXI and the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce. The event proved to be very successful with over 15 entries for the first year, and many well deserved winners in all categories. It's correct in saying that this photo contest not only highlights Edinburg's gorgeous nature destinations, but also exemplifies the quality of life. The photographs are currently being displayed at the Dustin Michael Sekula Memorial Library, and will also be displayed at the Edinburg City Hall and the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to the 2nd annual Reflections of Edinburg and hope to see you participate in the event!

Thank you,  
Cynthia Bocanegra

On Behalf of Mayor Richard H. Garcia and the entire Edinburg City Council, I would like to congratulate everyone who contributed to the success of the first Reflections of Edinburg Photo Contest. The photos are a true testament of the hard work and



thoughts that were put into how best to showcase all the great things our City has to offer. I am sure that these photos will help all who visit Edinburg see the rich history, culture and flora and fauna that help make us a unique place to live, work and play. Again, congratulations on an excellent way to showcase and market the City of Edinburg.

Sincerely,

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**Joe Rios**  
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**Andres Zuniga**  
**Angela Zuniga**





## *2010 Best Reflections Photo*

**Hector D. Astorga** has enjoyed photography since a teenager growing up in his native Honduras. Growing up in Central America made him appreciate the beauty of the outdoors and this is what he tries to capture in his photography. His main interest in photography is travel and nature. In 2008 he was awarded the 1st Grand Prize Winner at the Valley Land Fund – Small Tract Competition, one of the most diverse and largest nature photography contests in the nation. In 2009 he won 1st place in the National Wildlife Federation Photo Contest - "Connecting People with Nature" Category - Amateur division, a worldwide photography contest that had over 70,000 entries in 6 different categories. Hector is a local business owner living in Mission, TX with his wife and 6 year old daughter.

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We are Leadership Edinburg Class XXI and we had committed ourselves to learning and growing through this program to become improved leaders that will better serve the citizens of our community.

Part of this experience required the class to create a project that would allow us to give back to our community. Through our efforts in beautifying the downtown area of this great city and extending a warm invitation to any of our visitors, the Leadership Edinburg Class XXI chose to create a "Welcome to the City of Edinburg" monument on the corner of U.S. 281 (Closner) and McIntyre.

We would like to thank the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce, our employers, and the many sponsors for their support through this great journey.

Sincerely,

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