

# Women of Achievement

Six of the RGV's most dynamic and influential women have shared their story of hard work and commitment with us. This is a special tribute to the women that have made a difference in our community through their leadership and advocacy, all while achieving great success in their professional life.

## SONIA A. FALCON

Senior Vice-President  
Commercial Lending  
– International Bank of  
Commerce

President of the Board  
of Directors for VAMOS  
Chairwoman for City of  
McAllen Planning and  
Zoning Commission

“Return all your  
phone calls, they are  
opportunities”

## PAT BLUM

Owner, Simply  
Divine Events of  
Texas

2006 Woman of  
the Year Award  
from the McAllen  
Chamber of  
Commerce  
Executive  
Board Member-  
Leadership  
McAllen

“A memorable  
event requires  
a great deal of  
planning”

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE VERONICA GONZALES

Attorney/State Representative, District 41  
Partner in law firm of Kittleman, Thomas & Gonzales, L.L.P.

Juris Doctorate - UT School of Law

“Get a good education, believe in yourself, remember  
where you came from, and give back because no one  
does anything alone”

## ANN MADDOX MOORE

Artist and businesswoman

Member of City Parks &  
Recreation Board & Futuro  
of McAllen  
Past President & Member  
of the Advisory Board  
Council of IMAS

“Art can reach the mind  
and soul of people”

## MICHELE L. SPARKS

Owner, Pickles & Ice  
Cream Maternity Apparel

Executive Board Member  
for Leadership McAllen

“You can do it all, just  
not all at the same  
time”

## JUDGE LINDA REYNA YANEZ

Senior Justice on the 13th Court of Appeals

Juris Doctor, Texas Southern School of Law  
Master of Laws, University of Virginia Law School  
Lifetime Achievement Award, Hispanic Bar  
Association

“You'll never be struck by lightning if you  
never stand out in the rain while everyone else  
is running for cover, take risks, learn as much  
from your failures as your successes”