

2010 Youth of the Year Candidates
The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs Teen Unit
San Antonio Area Command



SELENA CASANOVA

Age: 17

School: Jefferson High School

Bio: Selena is greatly involved in her community and shows commitment to the National Junior Honors Society, Keystone Club Vice-President, Lassos Dance team captain and Student Council. Selena wants to travel the world and study International Business at Texas State University in San Marcos. She has helped Mentor as a teacher's aid, youth group coordinator and a CCD teacher. One Challenge she has had to overcome is that her father is a recovering alcoholic. Selena has had to take care of her little sister and act as the caring adult.



PETE RANGEL

Age: 17

School: Jefferson High School

Bio: Pete's parents and grandparents passed away when he was young. Throughout his life he has had to help provide for his siblings while living couch to couch with family and friends. Although he has been faced with these challenges; Pete has found a way to become the high school football team captain, Keystone Club sergeant at Arms, student council member, baseball and track star. Pete enjoys helping others in need. He has assisted in the Pal program which provided mentoring to children with mental and physical disabilities. He has logged over 500 voluntary community service hours.



MARK DEWITT

Age: 18

School: Jefferson High School

Bio: Mark aspires to be a veterinarian and graduate from Texas A&M College Station. He has faced challenges of family drug addiction and having to take care of his aunt who was diagnosed with cancer. Recently Mark's dad had a heart attack. Mark decided to work even harder in order to supplement the families lost income. Mark is in NHS, student council, baseball, football, track and is the Keystone social Chair. Mark has also been a mentor to the underclassman at Jefferson High School. His volunteer hours include time at The Battered Women's shelter and The Jimenez Thanksgiving dinner.



JUAN GARCIA

Age: 18

School: Jefferson High School

Bio: Johnny enjoys helping others in his community. He has tutored children in science, math, history and English at the Peacock Boys & Girls club. Juan has helped organize community outreach programs through the Keystone Club while and serves as the Keystone Club president. He has also served hundreds of hours of volunteer work through programs in school. Juan is a mentor and positive role model for the underclassman at his high school.