

# Best College Mariachi Vocalist in U.S. performs for ACCD board members

Palo Alto College student Stacey Mazuca wowed Alamo Community College District board members and college presidents as she sang her award-winning rendition of "Guadalajara" at the monthly ACCD Board meeting, Dec. 19.

Mazuca earned "Best College Mariachi Vocalist in the U.S." honors at Ford Motor Company's 12th Annual Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza held at the Municipal Auditorium Dec. 2, and was invited to sing at the board meeting by Dr. Bruce Leslie, ACCD Chancellor.

According to an event press release, Mazuca was "stunned and ecstatic" when she was awarded the first place trophy for her rendition of

"Guadalajara," touted as one of the most requested songs played by mariachis.

Mazuca was competing in the largest and longest running Latin music event of its kind in Texas. The eight-day music festival is filled with a series of mariachi events, including mariachi group and vocal competitions, and mariachi workshops. The Extravaganza culminated with a concert featuring Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan, which is renowned throughout the international music community.

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Stacey Mazuca, a student at Palo Alto College, sings to ACCD board members and college presidents, Dec. 19. Mazuca earned "Best College Mariachi Vocalist in the U.S." honors at the 12th Annual Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza. (Photo by Lana Myers special to La Prensa)

credited community college located on the Southside, and

awards associate degrees, short-term certificates and offers non-

credit continuing education classes. The college is recognized nationally for its high transfer rate.