MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Have you met Angelica Coronado?

in her own words...





Gosh, where do I start – I can easily write about someone else, BUT writing about me...hmmmm... it's been a challenge – can we say writer's block? Well, here it goes!

First, I'm pleased to see our SA Chapter has continued on this forward momentum growing our membership. So, to our newly joined members and our fellow AEC partners, this "about me blurb" is for you.

My name is Angelica Coronado, born and raised in New Braunfels and still live there (my blood runs blue – goooo Unicorns – or better yet, Unicorns don't believe in humans). BUT San Antonio is, definitely, my home away from home as I lived in SA for a while during my college years and my lovely husband is from San Antonio. Fun fact: I attended Loma Park Elementary (on the Westside), which is a local school that SDA has partnered with to host our Design Treasurers event. I graduated from UTSA with a Spanish degree – I thought I wanted to teach (K-5th), but I love the business sector so kept my Office Manager job at the time.

Fast forward to today. I work for a general contractor, Tejas Premier, and have been with the firm for over 10 years. I started out in their accounting department, then marketing/estimating, and recently moved into a business development role, which I'm still learning to navigate! Our firm's growth has been steady and I've seen so many changes in our industry and to watch how our owner has adapted and evolve has been eye opening and inspiring. It is because of Julissa, our owner, that I am an SA-SDAer. She encouraged me to find an organization that would help me connect to others in our industry. From day one, all members were so welcoming and in 2013 I officially said "yes". I loved how structured, and goal oriented everyone was – it was a perfect fit! In 2015 I was voluntold (voted) to be president elect and had the perfect role model. None other than Ms. Cindy Delgado. She made the president position appear seamless! In 2016 I was officially installed as president and had no idea what to do. But if I needed anything, Cindy was always there giving words of wisdom – heck, the entire SDA membership was there – seriously - they filled the gaps! As the months went by, it all came together. The end goal was to grow SDA, yet keep that family-feeling, which circles back to my intro in saying that I am pleased to see that our SA Chapter has continued to flourish. I commend our Board of Directors!

If you're on the fence about holding an office seat – don't think twice. Just do it! You don't hold office to do everything alone – you have a group of directors to help you, guide you and.... to keep you sane. As I look back, it was the most rewarding experience – was it a lot of work? Yep! But you don't grow by being stagnant. I would not change things a bit!



Will I hold office now? Probably not at the moment. I am a mom to four kids (three girls and a boy). Yes, four kids! I have a 17, 15, 12 and a 3-1/2-year-old. Yep – you read that right, a 3-1/2-year-old. And, let me clear the air - yes, she was planned (hahaha). All four kids are active playing soccer and the older three travel a lot and the two older girls play for the New Braunfels High School soccer team. Covid was a much-needed break for us, and our vehicle. Confession: I am a soccer mom. I. Drive. A. Minivan. (Ugh! I never wanted to own a van, but it's functional and I LOVE my Big Bertha). I am also team manager for one of my daughter's teams and treasurer for the New Braunfels Soccer league. So, my hands are full at the moment. I really enjoy my family time and one day my husband and I will get our "me" time back but in the meantime, we're happy being the uber drivers, chefs, and psychologists.