



## Escuela de Guadalupe Alumni Features

### Adelissa Fierro

Alumna

**Current parent of an Escuela  
kindergarten student**



The first thing you need to know about Adelissa is that she has an incredible memory! Adelissa was in one of Escuela's very first classes after the school opened its doors in 1999, and she recalls everything from the books she read to the "scary bathrooms" in the basement of the original school building. But most often, you can hear her say, "Escuela forever made an imprint on my heart."

"If not for Escuela de Guadalupe, I would not be where I am today," says Adelissa. She remembers that her mother was adamant about sending her to a private school where children would receive more attention from teachers than they would at neighborhood public schools. Her mom took multiple jobs to make it happen, dropping Adelissa at her grandmother's house each morning so that Adelissa had company walking to school through the then-poor neighborhood surrounding 34th Avenue and Pecos Street.

"I loved going to Escuela because they taught me about my heritage, my culture and my faith," Adelissa says.

**Full Circle:** Today, Adelissa is a mom and her daughter attends Escuela de Guadalupe. "I want my daughter to appreciate and love her background and her culture. Escuela taught me to give back to my community and those around me. Escuela can teach her to be one of those people. To come back and give back."