



LILIANA MENJIVAR CRUZ

For



STUDENT



**LEADER OF THE
YEAR 2020**


Brookhaven College

Liliana Cruz



I met Lili at last year's State Conference. She was super friendly, and I was excited when she applied to be a part of the executive board. At her interview, both her application and personality were a perfect match for the position of Public Relations Coordinator. From day one, Liliana has been dedicated to her work and is always willing to help everyone. I am extremely grateful to have her as a part of SGA.

-Jennifer Hernandez Benitez
Brookhaven
Student Government Association
President



Who is Liliana Cruz?

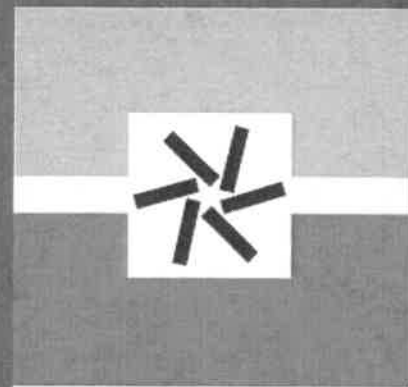


Liliana Cruz, also known as Lili, is a 20-year old Salvadorian first generation college student at Brookhaven College, where she is currently completing her fourth semester.

Liliana was born and raised in Dallas, Texas. She is planning to major in english with a minor in teacher education. After obtaining her bachlor's degree from TWU, she hopes to obtain her master's degree in teacher admistration from SMU..



What has Liliana done for the Brookhaven Student Government Association?



When Liliana arrived to Brookhaven in August 2017, the first thing she did was get involved. With both ambition and determination, she became an active member in SGA. She helped plan and execute countless events and activities for the Brookhaven SGA community.

In May of 2019, Liliana was elected to be the new SGA Public Relations Coordinator. This decision has changed our SGA and its impact will be felt for many years to come. Liliana has encouraged students to try new things and use their voice to speak up on matters they are passionate about.



TJCSGA & Region II



In November of 2019, Liliana was elected to be the TJCSGA Region II Social Committee Secretary. Additionally, she was a committee member of the Resolutions Committee where proposals for new bills are discussed.

On January 2020, Liliana took the opportunity to become the Chair of the Social Committee. In this position she is directly a part of creating t-shirts for TJCSGA as well as planning events and meetings.



Texas Junior College Student Government Association



On January 2020, Liliana was selected to serve as the Region II Social Committee Chair.



Liliana serves as a motivation to all members of Student Government at Brookhaven. She is always looking for ways to improve herself as well as her community. Thanks to Liliana, student leaders at Brookhaven have embraced the obstacles which they face and have overcome the challenges in their way.

Extracurricular Involvement Outside SGA

Peer Leaders



As a Peer Leader, Liliana has aided both current and incoming college students as they adjust to the Brookhaven college campus and expectations. As a student leader, Liliana is able to comprehend the struggles of college students and can help others when the aid of a professor or administrator is not sufficient.

DCCCD Street Team

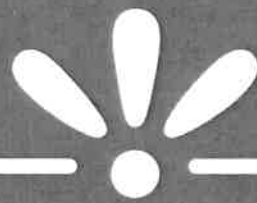
As part of the DCCCD Street Team, Liliana serves as a student ambassador. Encouraging people of all ages to continue their education, she has served in student panels and is often found setting up booths at numerous high schools in the Dallas area.



Volunteering



In association with her church, Liliana has partnered up with Tango Tab to make and distribute sandwiches to the homeless living within the greater Dallas area.



Big Events

Breast Cancer Awareness



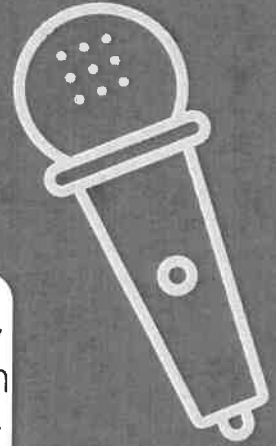
At the Brookhaven College Breast Cancer Awareness event, Liliana helped our Special Events Coordinator with the execution and preparation before and during the event. Seeing both Liliana's and Nancy's idea to spread awareness taught numerous individuals how to detect signs of cancer at early stages.

In February of 2020, Brookhaven SGA hosted an event encouraging young adults to share their voice and go vote. Liliana was crucial to the execution and planning of this event. Not only did she organize volunteers and speakers, she was the first to come set up and the last person to leave. This event helped students register to vote for the Presidential election as well as encouraging those already registered to go vote!

Power to the Pools



Now let's see what the students and staff have to say about her!



I have known Lili since high school, she is an intelligent young lady with an amazing soul and it is an honor to recommend her for the student of the year award.

-Nancy Muniz, SGA Special Events Coordinator

If I could describe Lili in one word, that word would be service. From sending out our bi-weekly emails to designing the SGA t-shirts, she is by far the most attentive Public Relations Chair I have worked with at Brookhaven. It is without reservation that I recommend her for this award.

-Brian Borski, Director of Student Life at Brookhaven College





Lili is the hardest working, most organized, and most dedicated person I have ever met. She is an amazing person and has such a vibrant personality that draws people in and makes them feel welcome in SGA. Our SGA would not be the same without her. I am proud of everything she has accomplished this year, I am proud that our SGA has been so successful this year because of her, but most importantly, I am proud to call her my friend.

-Brandon Valdez, SGA Vice-President

Lili is the type of gal who puts others before herself. Even if she is struggling she will always check in to see if you are ok.

-Allen Wiese, SGA
Parliamentarian



Lily is a self motivated, bright and strong woman that transcends her lively, positive attitude to anyone that comes in her way. Liliana has put forth her best effort to not only be an executive officer, but to help lead the executive board in our student government association. She serves as a Peer Leader on campus and has made a difference in creating an impactful student experience. Liliana is deserving of every award, as lucky as we are to deserve her presence around us.

- SGA Co-Advisor, Clara Saenz