



The RISING STAR



IN REMEMBRANCE

Dr. Lucille Santos (1984 SAWHOF Inductee) who rose from the role of a Classroom Teacher to Assistant Superintendent is being remembered as a trailblazer in the field of education. She advocated on behalf of disadvantaged families and children, always looking for opportunities to improve public education for the Mexican American community. One of her proudest achievements was being appointed to the White House Commission on Educational Issues by both Presidents Lyndon Baines Johnson and Jimmy Carter. Not only did Dr. Santos improve public education in San Antonio, but she also paved the way for other women in education who have carried on her legacy.

Helen Cloud Austin (1984 SAWHOF Inductee) leaves behind a legacy of helping others through her groundbreaking work at San Antonio State Hospital and Crosspoint, a nonprofit organization that she helped found. She was the first African-American professional at the San Antonio State Hospital, where she rose to the position of Chief of the Social Services Department. During her 23-year tenure there, she created many innovative programs and mentored many subordinates and interns – even in retirement. To honor her achievements, Austin was recognized as the San Antonio, Texas and U.S. Social Worker of the Year, making her the first Texan to capture all three awards. Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez escorted her to the national ceremony and read a tribute to her in Congress, which was published in the Congressional Record.