



Daniel Landaverde

Conrad Film, Summer of 2018



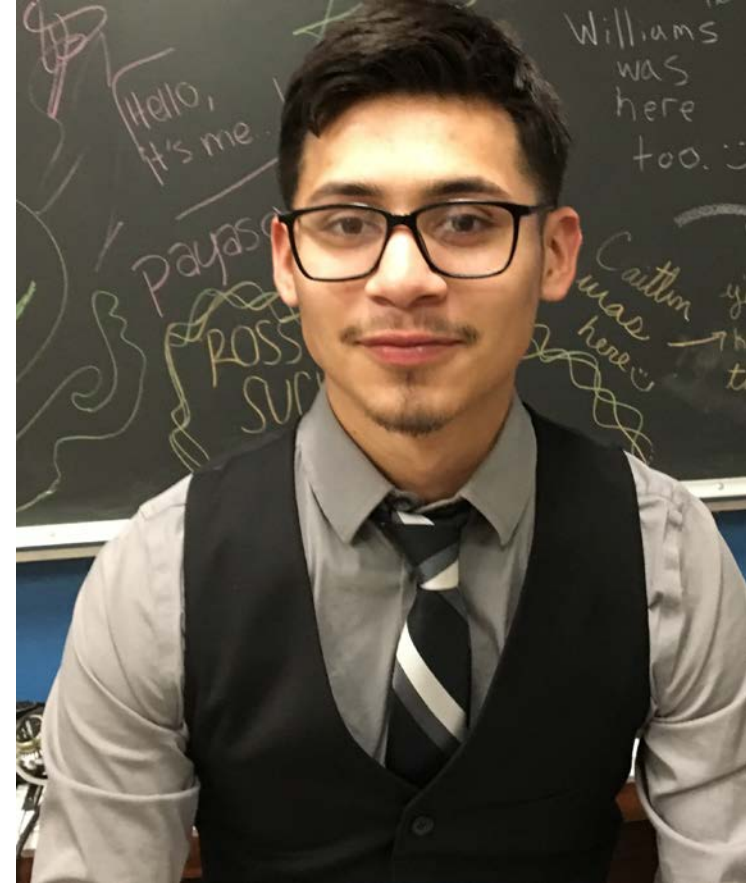
Freshman



Fall Trip Funded by Archers



2018: Image Contest Winner, Film on Barbara Conrad



Presentation in Nacogdoches 2018





Mount Pleasant Library Presentation, March 2019



Chitsey Award Winner, 2019.
Honors Student who most exceeded
expectations.

Problem: Hispanic Immigration. Which Way?



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Expectations?

Case:

Mount Pleasant, Texas offered a Meat-Packing Experience as in Upton Sinclair's the Jungle



Pilgrim Industries in Mount Pleasant, TX



Bo Pilgrim,
founder of
Pilgrim's
Pride



Creative Accommodation: Hispanic Immigration 1988-2010



Problems

Complications Arose: Virginia experienced a four-day wilderness journey to come to the U.S. She and her group experienced hunger & dehydration abated only by pond water. After her arrival in Mount Pleasant, Virginia was very unsatisfied with her trailer home which was infested with rats, & rotting floors/ceilings which brought discomfort. Though a former Mexican lawyer put up with decades of employment at Pilgrim's, most have found the work a constant test of stamina and the will to support a family. One worker cracked, and threw live chickens against the plant wall. Divorce, and apathy of many young people still complicate lives.

- **Thesis:** Pilgrim's did not create a jungle effect.
- It created a base for many Hispanics.
- Gave people a chance to change their way of life by adopting their own accommodations.
- The company provided a secure job as some of the original pioneers were contracted from Mexico.

Pilgrims in Mount Pleasant

The establishment of Pilgrim's Pride & its chicken-processing plant in Mount Pleasant was in 1960. It expanded into Mexico in 1987. This led to a migration of Hispanics to Mount Pleasant in and after 1988 due to Pilgrim's capability to provide stable jobs and standard living conditions. This led to a Hispanic-based society with 55.5% of the population in Mount Pleasant today.

Sources

Interviews with Father Ariel--St. Michael's Church, Mayor Jerry Boatner, Emma Flores, Chuck Johns--NTCC Trustee, Virginia Landaverde, Hudson Old--Publisher of *East Texas Journal*, Claudia Paco, Ericka Vargas, Dr. Jerry Wesson--Mount Pleasant City Judge, Kerry Wooten--Mount Pleasant City Attorney.



Clara Ramirez: Author,
Jack Kent Cooke
Winner & Social
Worker

Method

With two key images of American immigrant outcomes in mind, I conducted many interviews.

Accommodations

1. Claudia Paco began her own cleaning service.
2. Virginia and Javier went into the hay business.
3. Ericka Vargas became a manager for a hotel.
4. Many others went on from Pilgrim's Pride to more congenial types of work.



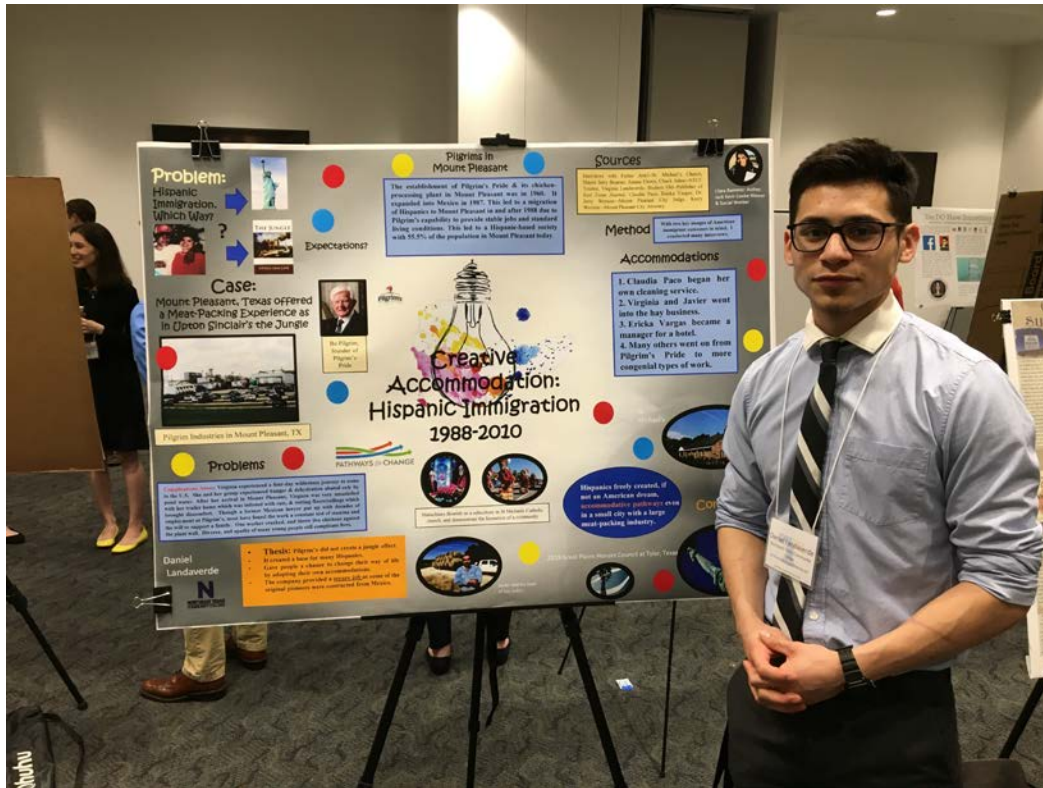
Hispanics freely created, if not an American dream, **accommodative pathways** even in a small city with a large meat-packing industry.

Conclusion



Matachines flourish as a subculture in St Michaels Catholic church, and demonstrate the formation of a community





2019 Great Plains Honors Council in Tyler



Thank You Dinner 2019



2019 Film on Adina De Zavala



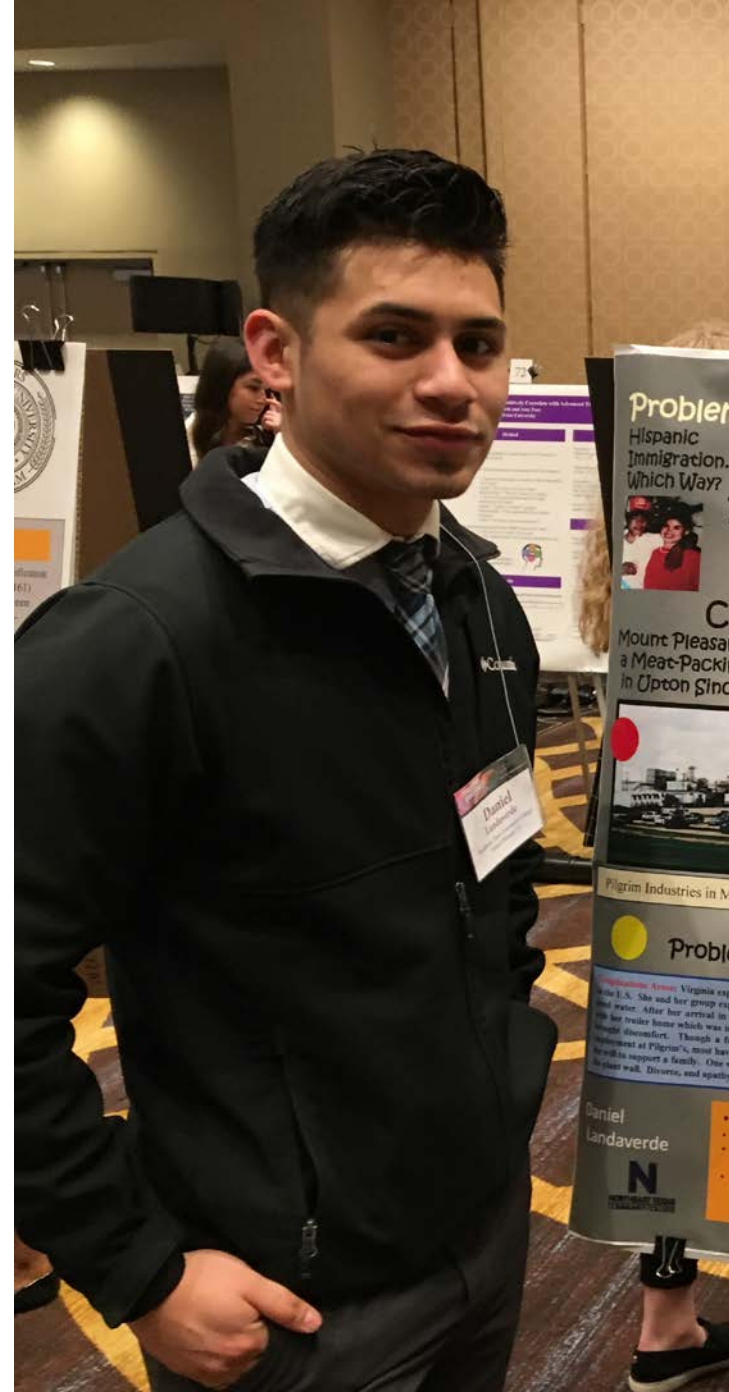
Sophomore





New Orleans NCHC
2019





Dear Andrew Yox,
Congratulations, Northeast Texas Community College! I write to share the exciting news that your college has a 2020 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholar. The following student has been selected as a Cooke Scholar this year:

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Fifty scholars were selected this year to receive the award nationwide. Recipients receive up to \$40,000 per year to help cover the cost of educational expenses such as tuition, living expenses, books and required fees as they complete their bachelor's degree. Additionally, Cooke Scholars are eligible to apply for up to \$75,000 of funding toward . . .

Alan Royal

Congratulations Daniel!