

In this week's Alumnae Spotlight, we feature Madalyn Mendoza, from the Class of 2010.

Madalyn began her Providence journey as a freshman in 2006. During her time as a student, Madalyn was a Student Ambassador, a member of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Providence Student Broadcast Network (PSBN)-Provet TV.

Upon graduation from Providence, Madalyn received the Baumberger Endowment Scholarship and attended the University of the Incarnate Word, majoring in Communications. During her time at UIW, she was involved in the university's broadcasting programming, being awarded "Best Anchor" multiple times. She was also awarded the Chica Girl Magazine

Academic Scholarship and was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. Madalyn graduated Magna Cum Laude, maintaining a 4.0 GPA all eight semesters. She attributes this success to the college prep education received at Providence, stating, "Though classes were challenging and the homework kept me busy throughout the four years, I was more that prepared for my university workload."

Not only did Providence prepare Madalyn for college, but it also prepared her for her profession. Madalyn was interested in participating in PSBN/Provet TV, but at the time, it was exclusive to upperclassmen. Mr. Darrell Martin made an exception and allowed Madalyn into the program. She spent the next couple of years gaining confidence in public speaking and video editing, solidifying her passion and the decision to pursue a career in journalism.

Madalyn is currently a reporter for the San Antonio Express-News. She's a "general assignment" reporter and typically covers stories of human interests, as well as features on local pop culture and trends. So far, Madalyn has emceed at numerous galas and events, recently served as a panelist for New York Life's "Ladies, Let's Level Up!", and is currently running for the Hope for the Future- Khaki and Plaid Gala's Homecoming Court. She is the first Hope for the Future recipient to be nominated and in the running for the court.

Madalyn is thankful to Providence for teaching her the power of a Provident God and of community. Madalyn recounts being able to lean on the power of prayer, as well as her Provet sisters, during any time of need. When asked what advice she'd give to current Provets, Madalyn encouraged these young women to be "stubborn about their goals, flexible about their methods". She stated, "My main goal was to be a journalist. My original hope was to be a television reporter. I dabbled in TV for about a year after graduation, but surprisingly found more interest and success in writing for mySA.com. I was flexible about my methods of landing a career in journalism, even if that meant applying for a job that I honestly felt underqualified for, and now I feel more fulfilled than I think I would have been in my original plan. I am able to connect with my community and take pride in being a mouthpiece for my culture".



Congratulations, Madalyn, on all of your accomplishments. We are so proud of you and your impressive career, and we know you will continue to do great things. Best of luck in your Khaki and Plaid efforts!

To see some of Madalyn's work, visit [www.mysanantonio.com/](http://www.mysanantonio.com/), or check out her Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MaddySkyeMendoza/>.