Stanford



Brenda Valdes

- Ph.D. Student in Education, admitted Autumn 2024
- Research Asst - Graduate, Padilla Program

Bio

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Summa Cum Laude, The University of Texas at San Antonio (2024)
- Distinguished Graduate 2022, Psychology Department San Antonio College (2022)

Research & Scholarship

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Achievement
- Environmental Education
- Immigrants and Immigration
- Learning Differences
- Lifelong Learning
- Psychology
- Race and Ethnicity

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Brenda Valdes is a PhD student in Developmental and Psychological Sciences at Stanford University. Her work draws on longitudinal quantitative methods to study student development across time, with a focus on language, learning, and academic growth. She is particularly interested in how school and sociocultural contexts interact with individual factors to shape developmental outcomes. Brenda is affiliated with the Padilla Lab and The Gardner Center. Prior to Stanford, she earned her BA in Psychology from the University of Texas at San Antonio, graduating Summa Cum Laude, and brings a strong commitment to advancing equity-driven research through rigorous methodology.

Professional

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant - Educational Testing Service (ETS)