

NOSOTROS Education Center (NEC) Recognized as #37 on the 2023 Longhorn 100 List

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(AUSTIN) -- The University of Texas Alumni Association, Texas Exes, recognized NOSOTROS Education Center (NEC) as #37 on the Longhorn 100, a list of the 100 fastest-growing Longhorn-owned or led businesses worldwide. The rankings were revealed at a celebration event held at the Etter-Harbin Alumni Center in Austin on Thursday evening.

Elizabeth “Lisa” Retamozo, Founder and Executive Director of NEC, was thrilled with the #37 ranking at this inaugural event. *“When I started this business, it was more than just making money.... I wanted to continue working with students who lacked the preparation and resources many others have when they first went to college. When I went to UT, I was the first person in my family to go to college, so I understand the struggles many students and their parents face. Through our work at NEC, we can help agencies and colleges nationwide secure funding to help thousands of students enroll and graduate from college. This acknowledgment of all our hard work is so meaningful to my team and me, and we are grateful to the Texas Exes for this recognition. HOOK’EM!”*

According to the Texas Exes, the Longhorn 100 “identifies, recognizes, and celebrates the success of the 100 fastest growing Longhorn owned or led businesses in the world. It creates an opportunity to expand networks with business leaders, inspire fellow Longhorns, and raise awareness of the incredible entrepreneurship that starts on the Forty Acres.”

To qualify for consideration, nominated businesses provided baseline financial data to an independent accounting firm (Whitley Penn) that calculated each company’s compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) in sales or revenue (net of returns) between 2019 and 2021. After compiling the calculations, the companies were listed by growth rate percentage from the highest to the lowest. The 100 fastest-growing companies were named to the Longhorn 100 in ranked order.

Retamozo, BBA '90, founded NEC 20 years ago to assist agencies and institutions of higher education with comprehensive proposal development, consulting, and technical assistance services. She and her team have earned a 92% proposal success rate and have helped clients secure over \$774 million in grant funding. In addition, NEC has provided professional development and supportive services to more than 120 Department of Education TRIO Projects across the country.

A list of the 2023 Longhorn 100 businesses is available on the [Texas Exes website](#).