A Mother & Daughter’s Journey with Autism

A discussion with:
Michelle Elizabeth Coronado and
Dr. Jannette Reyes
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Monday, April 22 @ 12:15 p.m. CT

Special Guest Presenters: Dr. Jannette Reyes and Michelle Coronado

Join us for the first webinar in our The Power of Sharing series as Dr. Jannette Reyes and her daughter, Michelle Coronado, share the powerful story of their journey with autism, from advocating for services in school to transitioning into postsecondary education and employment. Dr. Reyes will also share a brief overview of the autism strategies they used to help Michelle succeed.
Big Sister - Amy
Michelle’s Story
The Timeline

1. The Early Years
2. The Elementary School Experience
3. The Middle School Experience
4. The High School Experience
5. College Life
   ◦ University of North Texas
   ◦ South Texas College
   ◦ West Texas A&M
   ◦ University of Texas Pan American
6. Future Plans
Mom Disclaimer Statement
The Early Years
1994 - 1999
Mom – *The Early Years*

1. Pregnancy
2. Sleep patterns
3. Routine
4. Sensitivity
5. Pica
6. Daycare and play
7. Montessori
The Elementary Experience
2000 - 2004
Michelle and Mom – *The Elementary Experience*

1. Birthday parties
2. Daycare
3. Academics
4. Choir
5. Access to books
6. Eating habits
7. Parallel play
The Middle School Experience
2005 - 2008
Michelle and Mom – *The Middle School Experience*

1. New kid in town
2. Bullying
3. Band and Orchestra
4. Academic concerns
5. Behavioral concerns
6. New hobby – Cross stitch
The High School Experience
2008 - 2012
Michelle and Mom – *The High School Experience*

1. Band, orchestra, South Texas Youth Symphony
2. Academic, behavioral, socio-emotional concerns
3. Bullying and hospitalization
4. Multiple requests for evaluation
5. Section 504
6. Initial diagnoses
7. Attorney
8. AU diagnosis
9. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
10. Course exclusion; GT identification; Advanced Placement
11. Social settings and alert system
The College Experience – Part 1
2008 - 2012
Michelle and Mom – The Other Diagnosis
The College Experience – Part 2

Fall, 2013
Michelle and Mom – *South Texas College*

1. Enrolled 2 months after MS diagnosis
2. Discuss educational and social opportunity
   - STC Staff
   - Music Ensembles
   - Social life
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Associates Degree in Fine Arts
Cum Laude
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
The College Experience – Part 3

2015 - 2016
Michelle and Mom – *West Texas A&M*

1. Music Therapy
2. Part-Time work
3. Harassment and bullying
4. Hospitalization
The College Experience – Part 4
2016 - Present
Music
Michelle and Mom – *UTRGV*

1. Music Education
2. Part-Time Work
3. Meditation practice
The Diagnosis – Part 3

2018
Future Plans
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