

Del Mar College, the Mexican-American Studies Program and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi present

It Began with a Girl

The Extraordinary in the Ordinary: Desegregation in Public Schools

Panelists **Sylvia Mendez**, advocate for Educational Equity and winner of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and Corpus Christi resident **Christine (Cisneros) Colunga** will share their experiences as they and their families challenged segregated school systems in two landmark court cases.



Mendez v. Westminster School District of Orange County (1947) led to the desegregation of schools for Mexican-American children in California and established the case precedent that made the famous ***Brown v. Board of Education*** (1954) decision possible. ***Cisneros v. Corpus Christi Independent School District*** (1970) extended the protections outlined in ***Brown v. Board*** to Mexican-American children as well.

Followed by a second panel discussion of how Mendez's and Colunga's stories relate to classroom experiences and course content with educators from West Oso Independent School District, Del Mar College and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Free and open to the public.

A light breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m.

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9 a.m. - Noon

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