

# BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF Nora O'Garro



Nora O'Garro is a passionate "Event Planner" and the CEO and Owner of Unamelt Event Planning. She currently serves as Past Western Region President, NABA. She is the Founder and Director of the Dallas Accounting Career Awareness Program (ACAP) held annually on the campus of Southern Methodist University (It has existed for the last 19 years). Nora has a Bachelor of Accountancy degree from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, NM. She is a lifetime member of NABA and Alumni of NMSU. She has served on the Board of Directors of NABA, Inc. and The I Have a Dream Foundation.

Nora enjoys being a motivational speaker and is an Advanced Communicator – with both the Silver and Bronze in Toastmasters, International. She speaks at Annual Ladies Day Program - Churches, Colleges and Universities, High Schools, and Companies with focus on college student and young professionals training and empowerment.

Nora is the wife of Colin O'Garro. She has four adult children and one Step-son and eight grandchildren – seven grandsons and one granddaughter (affectionally called "The Fab 7 and the Diva"). Nora is one of the teachers for the Ladies Bible Class at Mountain View Church of Christ and was the founder of the Women's Financial Empowerment Class and serves on the Finance Committee. She enjoys traveling, sewing, writing poetry, sports, fitness and reading.

## **Nora Roles in NABA:**

### **Local Chapter - DFW**

Member of DFW Professional Chapter – 1983 – present (uninterrupted) - Lifetime Member

Corporate Relations Director – 1984-1987

Served on other committee which included Community Service, Professional Development and Membership – (1988 – 1991)

Executive Vice President – 1992-1994

### **Western Region Roles:**

Western Region President – 2010 – 2012, 2017-2019

Western Region Co – Chair – SWWRSC – 1995 -1996

Western Region Representative – 2007- 2008

Western Region Vice President – 2009 - 2011

### **National Roles:**

National ACAP Task Force – Currently - 2019

National BOD – 2007 – 2009, 2010- 2012, 2017-2019

National ACAP Chair – 2007-2008, 2010, 2012-2013, 2015 -2017

National SCREP Chair – 1995 – 2000; SCREP Grader – 1985 - 2000

Other National Committees- Student Member Services, Finance, Membership, Professional Chapter Development, and By-Laws

## **NORA'S NABA Awards/Recognitions:**

### **Local - DFW:**

"Distinguished Service Award" in 1994-1995, 2002-2003, 2006-2007, 2014-2015

"Outstanding Member Award" 1992-1993 and 2003-2004 and 2005-2006.

"ACAP Legacy Award" – 2015

### **Regional- Western Region:**

"Outstanding Member Award" for 2006-2007 and 2011-2012

"Outstanding Service and Leadership – WR Planning Retreat 2013

"Distinguished Service Award" – 2011

### **National: NABA National Convention:**

National Outstanding Member of the Year -2016

National Community Service Award - 2008

### **Other NABA related Award/Accomplishments:**

Ernst & Young Inclusiveness Champion of the Year – Non Profit Individual – 2009

Instrumental in helping to start 8 new ACAPs – Atlanta, Wichita, Houston, Phoenix, Minneapolis, North Carolina State A&T, Fischer College in Boston, Mass, and TCU in Ft. Worth, Texas rescheduled to start the summer of 2021

Served as Judge for KPMG Student Chapter Case Competition - held at National Convention – 2012, 2013

Motivational Speaker at SWWRSC – 2012-2016

Awarded First ACAP Scholarship at Regional Student Conference – 2015

Creator of ACAP Summit at SW-WRSC – 2014 and 2015, 2017

Dallas ACAP - instrumental in helping to get the creation NABA Song – Lift as We Climb – 2009

### **Other Award/Accomplishments:**

Serves on the Advisory Board for NAF at James Madison High School (2017 - 2019)

Volunteer for Mentoring Program at Carter High School (2017)