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Arthur R. Lazo, Jr.

Arthur Lazo, Jr. received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and English from Texas Woman's University in 2008. He participates in adapted physical activities through Texas Woman's University's A-WAVE and range of motion programs. Arthur has overcome challenges, mainly motor skills, stemming from a premature birth. As a result of underdeveloped lung capacity and subsequent ventricular bleed, a diagnosis of cerebral palsy with hydrocephalus was confirmed at an early age. Arthur's winning smile and contagious sense of humor add to his gregarious personality and positive interaction with everyone. He is recognized in his community for his "can do" spirit. As an aspiring writer, he is currently working on several projects including an autobiography entitled; "I'm Not So Special" which details his many triumphs as well as struggles. His interests include all major sports but particularly football, basketball, and baseball. Arthur resides in Fort Worth, Texas and lives with his parents

Juanita Dueñez-Lazo

Ms. Dueñez-Lazo retired from Texas Woman's University (TWU) in August 2012, as the Director of International Education and Study Abroad where she also served in administrative roles since 1976. TWU is the largest public university primarily for women in the United States, with campuses in Denton, Dallas & Houston, Texas. She completed the M.A. at TWU in Counselor Education & Student Personnel Services with research emphasis on women, minorities and children. She is active in professional associations and in the Kellogg Foundation in which she was a National Leadership Fellow in 1991-1994. As a parent of a son diagnosed with cerebral palsy, Ms. Dueñez-Lazo is a founding member of "Our Special Children," a community advocacy and support group for families of children with "special needs." Her son, Arthur, often refers to her as "ferocious" because she is relentless and tireless in her efforts to promote self-advocacy, equal access, and respect for people that are differently-abled. She resides with her son and husband in Fort Worth, Texas.