

# ***Inside Student Services***

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## ***Getting to Know...Cortney Kolb***



**Job Title:** Office Assistant/Academic Advisor

**When did you start working at Ranger College?** August 2019

**Where did you grow up?** Gorman, TX!

**Favorite place to eat in Texas?** Azteca Mexican Restaurant in Stephenville!

**Where can we find you on a Friday night?** Football games or at home with my kids and husband!

**What is the last book you read?** The Bible. I do not read for pleasure HA!

**Guilty pleasure:** Iced coffee when I am already running late :)

**Favorite Ranger College Moment:** 2 weeks before classes start. REGISTRATION every semester ;)

**Social Media Post of the Week**

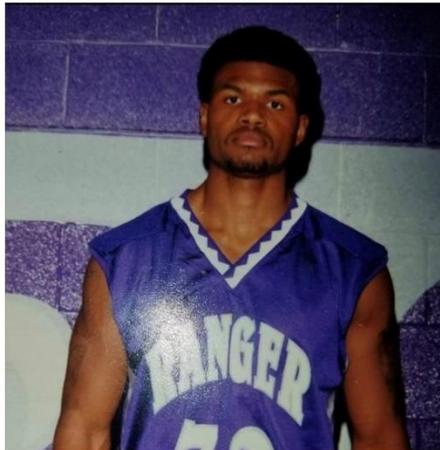


**Corey Jackson**



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I have the great pleasure of speaking at one of my Alma Mater's today. **Ranger College** holds a very special place in my heart. Great memories, great people and wonderful times. 😊 ❤️



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34 comments 15 shares

## Social Media Post of the Week Pt. 2

**THIS JUST IN! We get to brag on Meleny Rojas once again for making the Student Spotlight portion of the Texas TRIO Newsletter!! We love to see our students get the recognition that they are so deserving of 😊**

### Staff Spotlight

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Ms. Jennifer Soto has been part of the UTRGV Upward Bound-Edinburg Program for the past 22 years. She is a program alumna and now assists students at her target school, Edcouch Elsa High School. She is the reigning 'Staff of the Year' winner for our division. She has worked as an office aid, tutor, College Readiness Teacher, Specialist, Program Coordinator and now College Readiness Coordinator.

Ms. Soto is very familiar with TRIO programs and program regulations. She is adept at finding scholarships and other opportunities for our students. She recently signed up to lead a STEAM pilot program for COE, Council for Opportunity in Education, under a Jurassic Park initiative, and was selected. This is an additional project she has added to her current job duties. This is a great example of how this individual goes above and beyond to provide additional support and opportunities to our students and is a true leader.



### Student Spotlight

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**Name:** Meleny Rojas

**Age:** 17

**Major:** Pre-Dentistry

**Hometown:** Eastland, Tx

**Program:** Ranger College Upward Bound

Meleny will be attending Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Pre-Dentistry. She is expected to graduate with her Associates Degree of Science and of Art through Ranger College in May of 2023, as well as graduating from Eastland High School. Ms. Meleny Rojas was awarded the MSU Texas Academic Merit scholarship and is currently a candidate for additional scholarships. While she is a dedicated, intelligent student, she has also shown to be a great friend and member of our Upward Bound community. We could not be more proud of her and cannot wait to see what she accomplishes in her future!



### ***Weekly Ranger Athletics Recap***

The men's and women's basketball teams began their conference schedule this week. Both teams were in action Wednesday evening against conference opponent, Collin County Community College.

The Lady Rangers were defeated by the 9<sup>th</sup> ranked Lady Cougars 62-49. On Saturday afternoon, the Lady Rangers traveled to Grayson to take on the #24 Vikings. Despite taking a lead into the halftime locker room, the Lady Rangers would not have enough to hold off the Vikings falling 60-65.

Coach Cox's Ranger basketball team traveled to Collin County Community College and knocked off their conference foe 80-54. The Rangers were led by Shay Davis who poured in 18 points. The Cougars did not stand much of a chance as the Rangers shot a blistering 66% from the field. As the week progressed and temperature continued to dip across western Texas, the Rangers men's basketball team turned up the heat. On Saturday evening, in front of another conference opponent crowd, the Rangers defeated Grayson 77-52.

### ***More Than Just Books by Golemon Assistant Librarian, Helen Cozart***

Welcome back! Be sure to tell your students to come by for calculators and Chromebooks. They will need a photo ID.

The library has so many great things planned for the Spring semester, and we want you to all come over and enjoy them with us. January is National Mentoring Month, so come in to check out the tutoring options available. In February we will be having a blind date with a book and March will be a trivia contest. April will contain both our annual Poetry Contest and the exhibit [\*I Sing of Thee\*](#) from the [Great American Songbook Foundation](#). It explores the intersection of entertainment, politics and patriotism from George and Ira Gershwin's *Of Thee I Sing* to Lin-Manuel Miranda's *Hamilton: An American Musical!* We look forward to serving you.

[What to do this weekend:](#) January is the time for the annual [Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo](#). It is on until February 5<sup>th</sup>.

As part of our [International Year](#), this week we are celebrating Malaysia; Hinduism, and the [Thaipusam festival](#). Thaipusam is celebrated during the full moon of the Tamil month of Thai. In 2023 it is February 5. Thaipusam draws thousands of devotees to pay their respects to the Lord Muruga. It is a colorful and shocking Hindu festival where devotees pierce themselves with pins and spikes, hang pots and fruit off their chests with hooks and pull chariots or people hanging onto heavy rope attached to their backs by hooks. Thaipusam devotees pray to the Lord Muruga for good luck in the coming year. They thank him for a wish that was granted this past year.

### ***Motivational Quote of the Week***

