

Gabriela Fernandez de Ponce

Lolita's Bistro, restaurant owner

Hispanic

Female

Gabriela Fernandez de Ponce is a Mexican-American born and raised in the border town of Laredo. After graduating from St. Augustine H.S., she pursued a degree in Culinary Arts at the Instituto Culinario de Mexico en Monterrey, MX. From a young age, she has been interested in culinary arts and general arts such as painting and drawing, which she still does as a hobby. After graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Culinary Arts, she went to NYC and enrolled at the French Culinary Institute where she attended restaurant management and several other culinary courses. After a year, she returned to her hometown and began the planning for her current business, Lolita's Bistro. The doors for the restaurant opened in September of 2012. She has a deep passion for clean eating, as well as an active and healthy overall lifestyle. She has an organic vegetable garden at home which she tends to on her free time. She is a new RGISC board member and absolutely loves everything the organization represents and stands for. She feels it goes hand in hand with the healthy lifestyle she tries to pursue every day. She wants to help RGISC's awareness campaign reach as many people as possible. The core beliefs, mission and vision of RGISC are points that will determine our environment's (and our health's) future.