The Del Mar team had been preparing for the event all month, including making signs and T-shirts that read, "Be the change you wish to see in the world," by Gandhi on the back.

After listening to the panel speakers and asking questions, students gathered outside to march to the Capitol where they and officials took turns giving three-minute speeches about select issues. The crowd was made up of Austin residents and hundreds of college students from around Texas.

"We got a feel of what really goes on for social work," Morales said. "We got to talk to the other kids at bachelor programs to know what to expect."

Social Work Student Association members Mariciela Huerta and Yente Reyes hold up signs during the March 26 rally. This was the first year Del Mar was present in the Student Day at the Legislature in Austin.

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Del Mar group joins others from colleges across the state

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