



*Riverside Educational
Enrichment Foundation*

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BEST EVENT EVER!



Student Showcase March 13th, 2023



**Featuring Emcee
John Collins**

Tonight is an amazing spectacular presented in partnership with the Fox Foundation featuring students and programs that have been funded by REEF in Riverside Unified Schools.

You'll experience feats of academic strength, wondrous student art installations, magical theater and dance highlights, inspiring instrumental and vocal performances and much more.

It's a celebration of arts and innovation in our schools!

All proceeds help fund REEF classroom grants and programs.
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Student Showcase Order of Performance

Ramona Jazz Ensemble

Director: Brian Gallagher

Performing "In the Swing of Things" by Rob Vuono, Jr. and "Freedom" by John Batiste arr. Paul Murtha

Performers: Keith Acob, Bryan Almazan, Ruben Chambers, David Contreras, Diego Espinosa, Jorge Garibay, Jesus Gonzalez, Ruben Gonzalez, Joseph Gutierrez, Jazmin Herrera, Matthew Lopez, Jesus Magana, Kerisma Malone, Alex Marroquin-Bartolo, Cesar Martinez, Austin Miller, Eli Naranjo, Andrew Palacios, Ivan Penaloza, Gustavo Rivera, Genesis Romero, Roger Trok, David Vargas,

Frank Augustus Miller Middle School Jazz Band

Director: Susan Olsen

Performing "It Is What It Is" by Victor Lopez

Performers: Nathan Alejandro, Liam Ashby, Angelo Benitez, Dylan Blinco, Megan Burke, Paige Caldwell, Emily Cao, Meagan Cisneros, Justin Coute, Michael Crisantos, Elizabeth Estioko, Charlie Garcia, Michael Garcia, Santiago Garcia, Kira Haase, Alyssa Hatch, Jared Hicken, Peyton Kaitz, Sandra Kods, Jasmine Lu, Laynie Metz, Amaya Morris, Aniyah Murray, Savannah Oliver-Dosta, Keira O'Meara, Isabella Pacheco, Reyce Peters, Lucy Quinto, Rylee Rasmussen, Amayzee Ruiz, Caden Schive, Andrew Shah, Casey Sharp, Dustin Sihotang,

Frank Augustus Middle School Drumline

Director: Susan Olsen

Percussion Instructor: Nathan Huxtable

Music by: John Herndon & Pete Sapadin

Performing "Thus Always to Dragons"

Performers: Paige Caldwell, Justin Coute, Elizabeth Estioko, Presley Fehmie, Charlie Garcia, Michael Garcia, Alyssa Lee Hatch, Peyton Kaitz, Ramya Koganti, Emmarae Lambert, Alvin Long, Laynie Metz, Dustin Sihotang, Caleb VanDerLinden,

Ramona High School Theater

Director: Jessica McCarty

Vocal Director: Jennifer Phillips

Choreographer: Jonathan Ramirez-Toledo

Performing "Dancin on the Sidewalk" by David De Silva, Steve Margoshes, and Jacques Levy,

Performers: Joaquin Barton, Rachel Holley, Ryan Rosas, Justin Daniel, Bella Franco, Yarrow Bird, Tomas Cristalas, Kerisma Malone, Alejandro Moreno-Beltran, Zakira Winthein, Cece Bettinsoli, Savannah West, Charlotte Burink, Yulianna Estrada, Jaiden Thompson, Jordyn Garcia, Carlos Gonzalez, Satori Munson,

Ballet Folklorico Xochitl of John W. North High School

Advisor: Victoria Bella

Choreographer: Cristal Julissa Valdovinos

Chaperone: Cristela Garcia

Performing "El Coyote" by Banda Sinaloense Puras Chicoteadas & "Las Amerillas" by Los Lobos

Performers: Isaac Garcia, Edgar Hurtado, Giselle Cruz, Aisha Mora, Delainey Bautista, Vanessa Diaz, Melanie Lisardo, Cristal Valdovinos, Jade Perez, Savannah Chavez, Yulissa Narvaez, Anery Cuen, Jasmine Figueroa, Damaris Gonzalez, Sheratly Salas, Keyli Meza,

Ramona High School Theater

Director: Jessica McCarty

Performing "Comedy of Errors" Act 3 Scene 2, by William Shakespeare

Performers: Kayla McCarty, Berlin Perlmutter, Satori Munson, Zakira Winthein,

Liberty Elementary School – Liberty Legends Generation Pound

Director: Yvonne M. Cortez-Sheldon

Performing Legendary by Welshly Arms

Performers: Andrew Godinez, Lydia Reveles, Isabel Gamino, Alexa Milian, Adalyn Flores Gonzalez, Dillon Thibodeaux, Leonel Milian, Victoria Aguirre, Alice Mendoza, Petrona Mateo, Xavi Linares-Monroy, Grace Calderon, Vanessa Medina Anaya, Roseline Telon,

Martin Luther King High School Theater

Director: Katie Williams

Choreographer: Rebekah Mitchell

Technical Director: Jordan Smith

Performers: Landon Gallistel, Bailey Kerby, Alexis Bullock, Diego Leiva, Rowan Gilstrap, Sunny Salazar, Sophia Michel, Gavin Ryan, Isabel Difani, Hope Meshkoff, Alexa Gonzales, Brianna Rodriguez, Lyric Hill, Kailee Baltierra, Moss Dietzler, Liam Evans, Autumn Jones, Brooke Bullock, Jaz Haider, Gehrig Chapman, Ellie Johnson, Virgil Daniels, Audrey Perkic, Rose Dadlez, Alexa Cantu, Mk Williams, Jackie Greenawalt, Hailey Finely, Morgan Robinson, Hailey Baerenklau, Lia Allen, America Monroe, Alicia Ferrer, Jayden Jones, Rosemary Espinoza, Joshua Sobek,

Central Middle School Theatre Arts

Director: Christopher MarkerMorse

Produced by: Christopher MarkerMorse

Performing The SpongeBob Experience "Bikini Bottom Day" by Jonathan Coulton

Performers: Narrator: Pilar Montserrat Acevedo, SpongeBob: Mason Gonzales, Gary: Allison Vargas Can, Patrick: Leila Ellis, Squidward: Addison Kearn-Brown, Mr. Krabs: Chris Ramirez, Bikini Bottom Dwellers: Eris Estrella, Athena Lee, Kaitlyn Rhodes, Raylene Ayala, Amelie Dumitrescu, Parker Dowell, Camila Miles, Lucas McCausland, Chloe Meza, Genesis Young, Lei'lanie Quezada, Aaron Doniz, Caleb Cummings, Delaney Dunlap, Ava Amirmehrabi, Victoria Diaz,

Ramona High School - Guitarist

Director: Ronda Barnes

Performing "Moonlight Sonata 3rd Movement" by Ludwig Von Beethoven

Performer: David Contreras

Ramona High School Dance

Director: Missy Manzo Townsend

Performing "Already Gone" by Sleeping At Last

Performers: Jordyn Garcia, Ryan Rosas

Riverside Poly High School Theatre Arts

Director: Christopher MarkerMorse Hayden McIntosh

Performing The Opening Number: "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" by William Fenn

Performers: Olive Ostrovsky: Sydney Reed, William Barfee: Nickolas Flores, Logainne Schwartzandgruenierre:, Twila Fraser-Hewlett, Chip Tolentino: Bryce Broadhurst, Leaf Conebear: Trista Tree Brautigam, Marcy Park: Xuan-Anh Ly Biggs, Rona Lisa Peretti: Thatiana Smith, Vice Principal Panch: Joey Subriar, Mitch Mahoney: Mylo Ortega, Ensemble:, Hannah Laag, Jacob Gonzalez, Piper Harris, Michael Calderon, Violet Dawson, Eleese Zell, Raymond Burk, Jasmine Ramos, Nyla Rteimeh, Mackenzie Peterson, Jaylee Gutterud, Kendyl Shindler, Vicktor Duffy, Genevieve Kasinski,

Ramona High School Dance

Director: Dacy Nottingham

Video Producer: Tommi Abueg

Performing Harmony by Elton John

Performers: Mia Araujo, Danica Austin, Angel Barral

Castle View Elementary School Show Choir

Director: Cathy Sperry

Performing "Freak Flag" from "Shrek the Musical" by David Lindsay-Abaire

Performers: Sarah Churchwell - Tinkerbell, Kailey Barba - Pinocchio, Lucy Nair - Gingy Fairy 1, Elle Porter - Gingy Fairy 2, Aniya Wells - Mama Bear, Santiago Joseph - Papa Bear, Isabella Vasquez - Baby Bear, Annabelle Aparicio - Duck, Juliana Flores - Little Pig 1, Faith Ortega - Little Pig 2, Jayden Green - Little Pig 3, Dahlia Melo - Rabbit 1, Lia Perez - Rabbit 2, Ava Brusselback - Peter Pan, Mason Chavez - Gnome, Natalie Liguin - Red Riding Hood, Julia Zeeb - Snow White, Niko Geiger - Wolf, Amelia Juarez - Witch, Mikayla Escalera - Blind Mouse, Michael Ankeney - Prince, Victoria Vasquez - Princess 1, Katelyn Becker - Princess 2, Maria Valle - Dorothy, Keila Rivera - Skunk, Wyatt Garcia- Captain Hook, Siena Beltran - Cheshire Cat, Eva Halama- Alice in Wonderland, Victoria Vasquez - Lion, Trice Miller- Scarecrow, Arora Calderon - Tin Man, Gwen Manley - Cinderella, Laura Orinion - Tech,

John W. North Theater

Director: Anna Hightower

Performing "She Loves Me" by Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick

Performer: Gideon Logan

Ramona High School – Rock Band, Red Opal

Director: Ronda Barnes

Performing "Beggin'" by Maneskin

Performers: Luis Alvarado - Keyboard, David Contreras – Drum Set, Christopher Guzman - Guitar, Mikaella Manalac - Vocal, Kayla McCarty - Vocal,

John W. North High School Theater

Director: Anna Hightower

Choreographer: Dominique Araiza-Cauldwell

Music Director: Janie Hilland

Performing "A Lot of Livin' To Do" & "Kids (reprise)" by Charles Strouse & Lee Adams

Performers: Penelope Roth, Bibinaz Nami, Emma Silva, Juliet Silva, Ayelen Lian Siguas Bracamonte, Kayla Madrid, Jacob Healy, Lilia Tomoff, Wynne Kha, Trent Charles III, Jacob Fuentes, Ashley Martinez, Jasmine Maxwell, Iris Higham, Piper Joven, Theodore Chowdry, Kayla Lopez, Adelina Cano, Bianca Norton, Maya Romero, Cam Castillo, Erikan Ibekwe, Kat Bristow, Rey Dunn, Pod Meredith, Steen Harris-Pham, Bridget Bradbury, Chloe Haggard, Nessie Rivera, Caitlyn Cohen, Gaby Martinez, Adam Meyer-Rieth, Janelle Perez, Berlin Martinez, Andrea Medina, Alessia Shaw,

Ramona High School Dance

Director: Missy Manzo Townsend

Performing "Hip Hop Police" by Chamillionaire featuring Slick Rick

Performers: Caitlin Austin, Danica Austin, Angel Barral, Bella Franco, Justin Daniel, Booke Hernandez, Mikaella Josh Manalac, Ryan Rosas,

Riverside Poly High School – Color Guard

Band Director: Arwen Hernandez

CG Director: Shawn Hartmann

Instructor: Savannah Rodriguez

Instructor/Choreographer: Kaylie DeHaro

Choreographer: Chadd Hartmann

Staging & Design: Gabe Escededo

Performing "Chains" by Fleetwood Mac

Performers: Isis Arty, Kaleigh Cassidy, Colleen Dowell, Katelyn Gehring, Angelina Granados, Piper Harris, Jessalyn Hernandez, Delaney Hinkley, Myah Kiphut, Hailee Stoiber, Cassandra Valle, Brooklyn Walk,

RUSD Honors Musical

Director Michelle Grotness

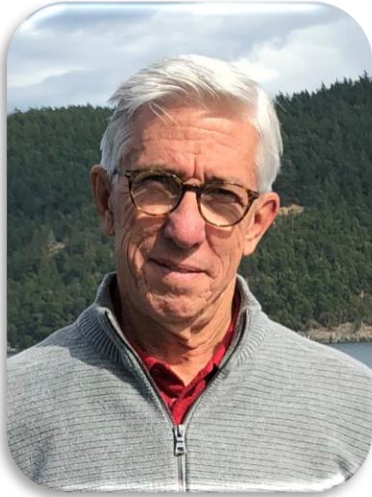
Music Director: Anna Hightower

Choreographer: Dominique Araiza-Cauldwell

Performing "All That Jazz" from Chicago – Teen Edition by John Kander & Fred Ebb

Performers: Kayla McCarty, Isis Arty, Jaren Cochran, Tommy Cristales, Autumn Dawson, Jacob Fuentes, Rowan Gilstrap, Carlos Gonzalez, Jacob Healy, Brooke Hernandez, Autumn Jones, Gideon Logan, Abigale Maddox, Satori Munson,

Meet our Emcee



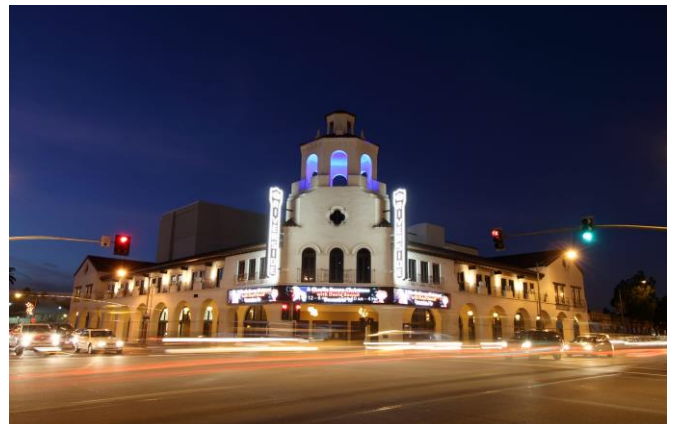
John Collins supports the arts, and sometimes participates. Raised by artistic parents, he took piano and art lessons. But not until he reached middle age did he scratch his artistic itch. That's when he got a part in a play and then ran the theater for about two years. After that he became the Executive Director of the Riverside Philharmonic as part of a team that saved that group from failure. John has served the community, especially the arts community, on several local boards and continues his community activities. That has included participation in several RUSD advisory groups. His interest in education, beginning with his mother's career as an elementary teacher, reached a highpoint when he met and married the retired RUSD Superintendent, Susan Rainey. After being together 12 wonderful years, Sue passed away last September. As John transitions into his life's next chapter, he has returned to supporting the Philharmonic in its upcoming Concert for Heroes, an annual and free performance of patriotic and inspirational music by Riverside's highly professional orchestra at the Riverside National Cemetery on July 3rd. John can't stay away from the Riverside arts scene, including tonight's fabulous event

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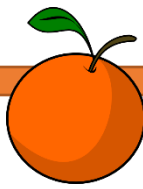
FOX
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We are excited that the Fox Foundation has joined forces with REEF to make tonight's Best. Event. EVER! Student Showcase happen. Executive Director Cynthia Wright and the team at the Fox have our deepest gratitude for helping this event come together with a focus on making the experience unforgettable for the student performers on the big stage!

We would also like to thank the City of Riverside for their support in what we do!



The Fox Performing Arts Theater at night.



Amazing Talent!!

Thank you to the students who filled the lobby and the VIP reception with their art and music before the program.

Student Art Gallery:

Riverside Poly High School

Musical Talent:

Ramona High School Piano Students

Salem Feild
Jocelyn Solorzano
Jose Puga
Deztany Jenneth
Christian Peacock
Luis Alvarado
Alfonso Vidrio
Kennedy Bueno
Andrew Dominguez
Isabella Argaez
Alvyn Samaro

Lobby Displays

King High Remembers

Student Stage Technicians:

Jack Boren
Luis Sosa
Amelia Chavez
Sydney Smith
Selina "Ollie" Warren
Pierre Schwabe
Alyssa "Chives" Majano
Simon Boyd
Chloe McIntosh

Special Thanks

- This event would not have been possible without some very special people.
- The incomparable Michelle Grotness for serving as our Producer and Talent Wrangler.
- RUSD for partnering in the event and their on going support of REEF.
- First Student for providing bussing to get our talented students here at the Fox.
- And last, but certainly not least, a very special thank you to the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation. Over the past 10 years, the Carpenter Foundation has contributed over \$700,000 to REEF in support of visual and performing arts in our schools.



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Our Mission

To provide enriching educational opportunities for the students of the Riverside Unified School District.



Our Vision

Every student inspired by enriching educational opportunities provided through school, community and business collaboration.



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Student Scholarships

REEF Scholarships

Each year, REEF is proud to award college scholarships to students in the AVID program, which stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a college readiness program designed to help students develop the skills they need to be successful in college. It is especially helpful for students who do not yet have a college-going tradition in their family. These scholarships are made possible by funds honoring unforgettable leaders in our school district – Dr. Bill Ermert, Maxine Frost, Lewis Vanderzyl, and Dr. Susan Rainey.

Dr.. Bill Ermert was always deeply passionate about family, education, and athletics. He dedicated 38 years of his life to RUSD, serving as a teacher, coach, principal, and assistant superintendent, not to mention the years that he was a successful student and athlete in the district. He prided himself on integrity and demonstrated an immense amount of compassion for both scholars and educators alike.

The 2023 Bill Ermert Athletic Scholarship recipients are:

[Dominic Chavez, Ramona High School](#)
[Brayden Rosa, Martin Luther King High School](#)

Maxine Frost helped bring AVID to the Riverside Unified School District shortly after the program began in 1980. Throughout the 40 years Mrs. Frost served on the Board of Education, she worked to make education equitable and accessible to all children and became a nationally renowned leader in education.

The 2023 Maxine Frost AVID Scholarship recipients are:

[Melanie Magana, Riverside Poly High School](#)
[Janeen Kamara, Martin Luther King High School](#)
[Arturo Perez, Ramona High School](#)
[Jimena Olivares-Banegas, Ramona High School](#)
[Nathnael Torres, Arlington High School](#)

Lewis Vanderzyl spent decades of his life as a teacher and principal, and 17 years serving on the RUSD Board of Education. He leaves a legacy of service, leadership, and courage. He was a strong supporter of the AVID program in local schools and will be remembered for always putting the good of the district and its students first.

The 2023 Lewis Vanderzyl AVID Scholarship recipient is:

[Andrea Gomez, Riverside Virtual School](#)

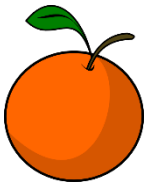
Susan Rainey became the Superintendent of the Riverside Unified School District in 1998, where she served for 10 outstanding years. In that short time, she had recorded a remarkable array of accomplishments, accepted numerous awards and touched the lives of many thousands of students, faculty, staff, parents, community leaders and residents. Her passion for students excelling by receiving a great education is what drove her to make sure the students of RUSD would be offered nothing less than.

The 2023 Susan Rainey Scholarship for Education recipient is:

[Monique Villalobos, Ramona High School](#)

Oscar Davila Scholarship recipient is:

[Adelina Cano, John W. North High School](#)



Did you know?

Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation (REEF) is a 501(c)(3) California nonprofit public benefit corporation formed in 1993 to benefit the more than 43,000 students in Riverside Unified School District (RUSD). Our all-volunteer board is composed of community leaders, parents, business associates and educators.

The early success of REEF was due in part to the vision of Bonnie G. Polis, a founding member. In recognition of her commitment to the students and teachers of RUSD, our annual Teaching Enrichment Grant program was named in her honor.

Since its inception, REEF has granted more than \$2 million dollars to RUSD in teaching grants, enhancing the educational experience of students from elementary school through high school. In recent years, REEF's role has expanded to involve other types of grants and scholarships, including:

Earthwatch Fellowships

Earthwatch is an international environmental non-profit that brings individuals together with world-class scientists to work for the good of the planet. Earthwatch offers fellowships for teachers who are passionate about teaching, excited about making a difference, and interested in conservation, environmental sustainability and life-long learning.

A combination of designated funds from private donors and REEF funds makes it possible for us to send RUSD teachers all over the globe on scientific expeditions, returning to share the experience with their students, colleagues and community. Since 2007, a total of 49 RUSD teachers have traveled literally to the ends of the world and back.

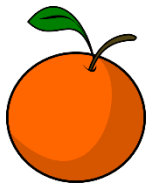
Student Scholarships

REEF provides scholarships for post-secondary education to RUSD students each year through gifts from private donors.



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