



*Riverside Educational  
Enrichment Foundation*

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**BEST EVENT EVER!**



*Student Showcase March 11th, 2024*



**Featuring Emcee  
Shawn Schive**

**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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[www.REEF4RUSD.org](http://www.REEF4RUSD.org)

# Student Showcase Order of Performance

## Poly Symphonic Winds

**Director:** Arwen Hernandez

*Performing "La Bataille" by Tielman Susato*

**Performers:** Ivan R Aguilar-Moreno, Conrad Bagwell, Lena J Bryson, Eligh D. Camacho-Sousa, Liliana Concha, Gizelle I Delgadillo, Annabella C Delgado, Morghan J Denham, Emma O Devlin, Marissa L Flores, Maya N Garcia, Israel A Garcia Santos, Gwenyth S Gaston, Amanda K Gibson, Christopher E Gonzalez, Jamie M Inskeep, John A Inskeep, Asher R Kowalski, Bruce W Linehan, Lillian N McDonald, Brooklyn R Miles, Katelyn K Nettles, Andres A Pelayo, Andrew C Perez, Rayn C Peterson, Tyler L Peterson, David C Pettit, Giovanni J Pina, Ethan R Praicharnchit, Noemi S Quezada, Isaiah R Ramos Esquibel, Jacob R Ramos Esquibel, Costello M Richey, Caleb J Schiessel, Rocco R Temple, Simon C Thrush, Aaliyah B Tovar, Matthew M Turcotte, Michael Vega, Olivia Vega, Luisa A Veloz

## Frank Augustus Miller Middle School Advanced Band

**Director:** Susan Olsen

*Performing "Pulsation" by Richard Saucedo*

**Performers:** Thaddeus Carter, Presley Fehmie, Ramya Koganti, Samantha Lee, Samantha Mayfield, Catherine Renken, Paige Caldwell, Haley Holmes, Isabelle Pham, Juliet Viera, Jovana Beshara, Jose Julian Hernandez, Zaira Ascencio Rebolledo, Lucy Quinto, Kenley Tamayor, Melody Cortes, Ngan Le, Marcus Goulet Perez, Elizabeth Estioko, Emily Cao, Diego Hernandez, Nicholas Leon, Jacob Ourn, Alonso Cosio, Camden Barton, Alora Thomas, Sara Hollenhorst, Bryson Williamson, Emmarae Lambert, Alvin Long, Sophia Medina, Lilia Runninghawk, Caleb VanDerLinden, Sam Vu, Jacob Fields, Karson Gaskins, Anika Koshuta, Sadie Torres.

## RUSD Honors Musical

**Director:** Michelle Grotness      **Choreographer:** Dominique Araiza-Cauldwell

*Performing "Be Our Guest" from Beauty & the Beast, music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, and a book by Linda Woolverton*

**Performers:** Jacob Healy, Kayla McCarty, Kai Ortiz, Emma Jackson, Gavin Ryan, Maya Diallo, Nicholas Flores, Amayzee Ruiz, Autumn Dawson, Berlin Perlmutter, Brooke Briones, Brooke Hernandez, Caden Shive, Carson Herman, Ella McConnell, Emily Romero, Erikan Ibekwe, Estella Naegle, Francine Yopez-Perez, Hailey Baerenklau, Hannah Laag, Iris Higham, Isaiah Mejia, Jacklyn Greenawalt, Jacob Fuentes, Jayden Jones, Joshua Mayberry, Lyric Hill, Rachel Holley, Ryan Rosas, Satori Munson, Trent Charles III, Virgil Daniels, Zoriyah Brooks

## Ramona High School Dance -Contemporary

**Director:** Missy Townsend      **Choreographer:** Hallie Loo

*Performing "Open Hands" by Ingrid Michaelson*

**Performers:** Maya Diallo, Jordyn Garcia, Brooke Hernandez, Jessica Holley, Malia Marmolejo, Kayla McCarty, Sophia Olah, Saniya Phipps, Ryan Rosas, Kaitlyn Salazar, Savannah West

## John W. North High School Theater

**Director:** Anna Hightower      **Choreographer:** Dominique Araiza-Cauldwell      **Music Director:** Janie Hilland

*Performing "We Got the Beat" from Head Over Heels, Music by The Go-Go's*

**Performers:** Leilani Brandon, Elizabeth Bravo, Ellie Bristow, Kat Bristow, Zoriyah Brooks, Riko Carter, Camila Castillo, Trent Charles III, Caitlyn Cohen, Nathan Cordova, Angelica Harper, Jacob Healy, Erikan Ibekwe, Emma Jackson, Kenneth Jones, Piper Joven, Wynne Kha, Jasmine Maxwell, Joshua Mayberry, Preston Muir, Bianca Norton, Jordan Olson, Zoeh Ramirez, Madison Rodriguez, Maya Romero, Penelope Roth, Amayzee Ruiz, Caden Schive, Alessia Shaw, Ayelen Lian Sigvas Bracamonte, Emma Silva, Juliet Sylvia, Lilia Tomoff, Neo Wilson

## Ramona High School Theater – Silent Movie

**Director:** Jessica McCarty      **Piano:** Ronda Barnes

*Performing "Silent Movie Rag" by Catherine Rollin*

**Performers:** Piano: Luis Alvarado, Renee Reyes, Emerson Suy Mixtun, Asher Winstron

Actors: Julieta Benitez Rodriguez, Noah Bryan, Rafael Estrada, Hector Gutierrez, Lilyanaa Medina

## Ramona High School Musical Theater Solo

**Director:** Jessica McCarty

*Performing "I Dreamed A Dream" from Les Misérables; Music by Herbert Kretzmer; Lyrics by Claude-Michel Schönberg*

**Performer:** Kayla McCarty

## Frank August Miller Middle School Drum Line

**Director:** Susan Olsen      **Percussion Instructors:** Pete Sapadin and Nathan Huxtable

*Performing "Jekyll & Hyde" by Brian Aguilar*

**Performers:** Lilyanna Atwater, Camden Barton, Paige Caldwell, Emily Cao, Elizabeth Estioko, Presley Fehmie, Jacob Fields, Karson Gaskins, Diego Hernandez, Haley Holmes, Trevor Holmes, Ramya Koganti, Emmarae Lambert, Alina Long, Alvin Long, Bella Rose Madrigal, Isabelle Pham, Jayden Sanchez, Osbaldo Tavera, Caleb VanDerLinden

### **Arlington High School - Winter Guard**

**Director:** Ms. April Patrick, Band Director

**Color Guard Captain Head:** James Elder

**Choreography and Show Design:** James Elder

**Staff:** Juliette Brannan, Patrick Acain, and Kelly Sherrett

*Performing "Itsy Bitsy"*

**Performers:** Ava Tims- Captain, Sara Gibson- Captain, Haley Anaya, Clover Butler, Sarah Campos, Elia Garcia, Mitchell Lemus, Kacie Littler, Victoria Lopez, Ryleigh Murillo, Elenie Rodriguez, Blake Ver Planck, and Baylei Winek.

### **Martin Luther King High School Theater**

**Director:** Katie Williams

**Musical Direction:** Daniel Alvarez

**Choreography:** Rebekah Mitchell

*Performing "Poositoovity" from The Little Mermaid, Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater*

**Performers:** Joey Villegas, Gianna Pineda, Jayden Jones, Hope Meshkoff, Bailey Kerby, Isabel Difani, Lia Allen, Colin Difani, Jaz Haider, Gemma Alvarez, Brooke Briones, Moss Dietzler, Hailey Baerenklau

### **Ramona High School Dance – Pom Dance**

**Director:** Missy Manzo Townsend

**Choreographer:** Hallie Loo

*Performing "Y2K"*

**Performers:** Jordyn Garcia, Brooke Hernandez, Jessica Holley, Kayla McCarty, Sophia Olah, Saniya Phipps, Ryan Rosas, Savannah West

### **Castle View Elementary School Show Choir**

**Director:** Cathy Sperry

*Performing Original scene adapted from "The Wacky Wizard of Oz" and song "Brand New Day" from "The Wiz" by Luther Vandross*

**Performers:** Dorothy: Elle Porter, Auntie Em: Jaelynn Corina, Uncle Henry: Mason Chavez, Mrs. Gultch: Lia Perez, Professor: Brian Summons, Ethel: Ava Brusselback, Myrtle: Sarah Churchwell, Witch: Kali McDonald, Witch: Amelia Juarez, Glinda: Julia Zeeb, Wizard: Santiago Joseph, Scarecrow: Emile Spring-Pearson, Plastic Man: Levi Taylor, Lioness: Isabel Yellam, Poppy #1: Angelina Hychko, Poppy #2: Julianna Flores, Poppy #3: Anabelle Aparicio, Poppy #4: Olivia Aguilar, Poppy #5: Jayden Green, Monkey#1: Gabrella Alarcon, Monkey#2: Faith Ortega, Monkey#3: Sophia Sanchez, Monkey#4: Audrey Aparicio, Monkey#5: Angel Lopez, Monkey#6: Natalie Llinguin, Monkey#7: Isabella Vasquez, Monkey#8: Dahlia Melo, Munchkin #1: Savannah Monks, Munchkin #2: Emma Garcia, Munchkin #3: Sophie Laag, Munchkin #4: Nora Vargas, Munchkin #5: Ariella Bachant, Munchkin #6: Jayden Renfro, Munchkin #7: Eva Halama, Tree #1: Crystal Cota, Tree #2: William Rolshausen, Tree #3: Niko Geiger, Goto: Illy Otero, Mayor: Alexander Mendez

### **Ramona High School Madrigals**

**Director:** Jennifer Phillips

**Accompanist:** Solomon Tran

*Performing "Lamentations of Jeremiah" by Z. Randall Stroope*

**Performers:** Joaquin Barton, Cecilia Bettinsoli, Yarrow Bird, Bella Carroll, Sage Clary, Jonathan Garcia, Vanessa Gomez, James Hernandez, Rachel Holley, Keyla Lezo, Grace Little, Henry Marroquin Ochoa, Ethan McCann, Kayleen McCann, Kayla McCarty, Ella McConnell, Zaid Medrano, Jese Melendrez, Lauryn Mobley, Emmie Moore, Alexis Murillo, Arianna Naranjo, Victoria Nunez, Teagen Olden, Emily Romero, Ryan Rosas, Layla Sapp, Sontee Summerall, Stephen Turkson J.R., Malaya Vigil

### **John W. North High School – Ballet Folklorico Xochitl**

**Director:** Mrs. Victoria Bella – Advisor, and Miss Giselle Cruz Rodriguez

*Performing "El Autlense", "Mariachi Los Camperos", "Jarabe Tapatio", "Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan"*

**Performers:** Giselle Cruz Rodriguez, Aisha Mora, Viviana Arroyo, Emily Alviar, Emily Diaz, Maiya Duran, Yulissa Narvaez-Merino, Isaac Garcia, Aiden Garcia, Lucia Mercado, Aaliyda Lopez, Delainey Bautista, Melanie Lisardo,

### **Ramona High School – Solo**

**Director:** Rachel Noelle

*Performing "If I Had One Wish" written and composed by Rachel Noelle*

**Performer:** Rachel Noelle

### **Ramona High School Musical Theater**

**Director:** Jessica McCarty

**Choreographer:** Hannah Wolgemuth

*Performing "Anything Goes" by Music and Lyrics by Cole Porter*

**Performers:** Kayla McCarty, Frances Casiano, Sage Clary, Maya Diallo, Jordyn Garcia, Brooke Hernandez, Rachel Holley, Zakira Winthein, Savannah West, Jaden Thompson, Yarrow Bird, Carson Herman, Jacob Fuentes, Joaquin Barton, Ryan Rosas, Berlin Perlmutter, Genesis Romero, Anthony Vital, Moises Magana, Keyla Lezo, Cameron Blackbird, Sante Butler, William Calderon, Delilah Cervantes, Layla Sapp, Kimberly Macias, Alexis Murillo, Emily Romero, Kamari Talley, Anneliese Vierya.

## Meet our Emcee



Shawn Schive is a proud graduate of the Riverside Unified School District and its fine programs. Beginning with his involvement from a young age with the local nonprofit arts organization Riverside Children's Theatre, Shawn began a lifelong commitment to creativity and performance and truly believes in the power that the arts have to shape a community. Shawn's passion for the arts blossomed during his time at John W. North High School, where he worked as a student leader in both the Blue Star Regiment and through theatrical arts in Harlequins. While in college at Arizona State University, Shawn was an active member of the ASU Trumpet Studio and served as the drum major of the 400-member Sun Devil Marching Band. His experience in the marching arts has taken him all over the world, performing in cities such as Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Paris, Honolulu, and several cities in Southern China, some of which happened while he was a student at John W. North.

Growing up proud to be a child of two RUSD teachers, Shawn also developed a profound appreciation for the transformative power of education. Currently, Shawn serves as a high school band director, shaping the next generation of musicians. His dedication to the wonderful community of students that RUSD boasts extends beyond the classroom, and he is thrilled to showcase the hard work and talent of students across the Riverside Unified School District at this evening's event.

Thank you to the  
Fox Foundation for  
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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!

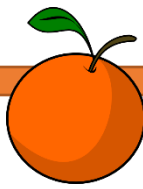
We would also like to give a special thanks to the City of Riverside, Live Nation, RUSD, and everyone who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this event successful. We thank them for their support in what we do!

To all the performers tonight and to those educators who bring out the best in each and everyone of them.  
Job well done!



The Fox Performing Arts Theater at night.





# Amazing Talent!!

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

## Musical Talent:

### Ramona High School Piano Students

Luis Alvarado  
Ulises Chalma  
Lequan Do  
Rafael Estrada  
Saniya Phipps  
Sophia Olah  
Renee Reyes  
Derek Suy Mixton  
Emerson Suy Mixtun  
Asher Winston

## Lobby Displays

King High Remembers  
Riverside STEM Academy  
- *Interdisciplinary Multi-grade Gardening*  
Woodcrest Elementary  
- *Compassionate Classrooms*  
Madison Elementary  
- *Creating with Robotics*  
Arlington High School  
- *Ballet Folklorico de Arlington*  
Mt. View Elementary  
- *First Grade Theater Experience*

## Student Stage Technicians:

Braedyn Near  
Caoimhe Van Gossen  
Gabrielle Robertson  
Joey McCarty  
Christopher Guzman  
Valeria Ibarra  
Satori Munson  
Cole Morgan  
Sunny Cavalin  
Gabriel Serrano  
James Norton  
Chloe McIntosh

## Special Thanks

- This event would not have been possible without some very special people.
- The outstanding Patricia Scarbrough for serving as our Producer and Talent Wrangler.
- RUSD for partnering in the event and their ongoing 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 1,000,000 to REEF to support 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

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 2024 Bill Ermert Athletic Scholarship recipients are:

[Antonio Miguel Baun, Poly High School](#)  
[Bailey 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 2024 Maxine Frost AVID Scholarship recipients are:

[Melissa Macias, Riverside Poly High School](#)  
[Malak Abdallah, Martin Luther King High School](#)  
[Maya Romero, North High School](#)  
[Kimberly Javier-Campos, Ramona High School](#)  
[Rosi Gutierrez, 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 strongly supported the AVID program in local schools and will be remembered for always putting the good of the district and its students first.

The 2024 Lewis Vanderzyl AVID Scholarship recipients are:

[Ronald Alonso, Ramona](#)  
[Emerson Suy, Ramona](#)

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 2024 Susan Rainey Scholarship for Education recipient is:

[Antonio Miguel Baun, Poly High School](#)

John W. North High School Scholarships – *In honor of:*

The 2024 Oscar Davila Scholarship recipient is:

[Valeria Olivares Romo, 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 40,000 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 close to \$3 million 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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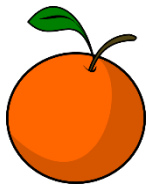
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