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Student Showcase March 10th, 2025



**Featuring Emcee
Nick Adcock**

"Welcome to an unforgettable evening of creativity, talent, and innovation!"

Tonight's spectacular showcase—presented in partnership with Live Nation Special Events at the Fox Theater—highlights the incredible students and programs made possible with the help of REEF in Riverside Unified Schools.

Prepare to be amazed by awe-inspiring academic achievements, captivating student art, dazzling theater and dance performances, and soul-stirring instrumental and vocal music.

It's a celebration of the arts, education, and the boundless potential of our students!"

All proceeds help fund REEF classroom grants and programs. To learn more about REEF, LIKE us on Facebook/Instagram and visit our website at:
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Student Showcase Order of Performance

Cooper - Poly High School

Director: Jennifer Haberer

Performing Music Sounds Better With You (An original set)

Performer: Cupertino Herrera

John W. North High School Wind Symphony

Director: Shawn Schive

Performing "Esprit De Corps" by Robert Jager

Performers: William Bacca, Emily Barragan, Joselyn Barrera, Isabella Barvoza, Damian Benavidez, Danello Bryant, Cassandra Cerna, Mark Chavez-Garcia, Ezra Crohn, Isaac Garcia, Naomie Garcia, Riya Gurung, Mikayla Haines, Jesus Hernandez, Daniel Reyes Huizar, Qi'ra Jones, Zoey Manzanares, Stephanie Morales, Danielle Nielsen, Jessica Nielsen, Angel Olivares-Romo, Emily Pedraza, David Perez, Rockie Roberts, Jose Ruiz, Cynthia Sanchez, Caden Schive, Jocelynn Smith, Giovany Alonso Tellez, Ethan Torres, Benjamin Turner, Alberto Leon Zamudio.

Frank Augustus Miller Middle School Wind Ensemble

Director: Susan Olsen

Performing "Heart of Gold" by Brian Balmages, commissioned by the Frank Augustus Miller Middle School Band, celebrating the life and passion of Band Director Paul Salyers

Performers: Ethan Baldwin-Schiemer, Grayson Barton, Julia Benyamin, Timothy Burrola, Lukas Chiek, Stetson Claypool, Jaylene Contreras, Malainey Currier, Shayla Dinh, Ameilya Fonseca, Danica Iris Garcia, Olivia Gonzalez, Nathan Heers, Dominic Herrera, Trevor Holmes, Ian Hsiao, Marie Ibanez, Coleman Klein, Anika Koshuta, Alina Long, Dulce Lopez, Caleb Lua, Daniela Marquez, Kasey Martin, Tallen Meeks, Ellorah Mullican, Juleena Nahhas, Kale Francis Padua, Varun Pais, Angela Parungao, Jayden Sanchez, Ava Shah, Charles Shannon, Andrew Sihotang, Kylie Spangler, Paul Stoffel, Isaac Tan, Sadie Torres, Michelle Wan, Roman Washington

Riverside Unified School District Honors Musical

Director & Choreographer: Dominique Araiza-Cauldwell

Music Directors: Tyler Hays & Anna Hightower

Performing "96,000" from In the Heights by, Lin-Manuel Miranda

Performers: Alexis Medina, America Monroe, Andres Rodriguez, Andy Robinson, Bereket Moncrief, Brooke Briones, Caden Shive, Camila Castillo, Ellie Johnson, Emma Silva, Emre Tuncel, Genesis Romero, Haley Garcia, Hannah Laag, Hope Meshkoff, Isaac De Leon, Jacklyn Greenawalt, Jasper Jundanian, Jayden Jones, Joaquin Barton, Kai Ortiz, Kamari Talley, Kayla McCarty, Leilani Brandon, Marcus Lucas, Mason Gonzales, Maya Diallo, Moises Magana, Nathaniel Suarez, Rowan Gilstrap, Sophia Montez, Sophia Perez, Trent Charles III, Violet Dawson

John W. North Dance Team (X-Small Lyrical)

Director: Christine Schive **Choreographer:** William Clayton

Performing "Fingernail Moon" by Annie Lennox

Performers: Kayla Cabrera, Kamila Martinez-Landin, Caden Schive, Skyler Smith, Nevaeh Thomas

Martin Luther King High School Theater – Drowsy Chaperone Jr.

Director: Katie Williams

Performing A medley from "The Drowsy Chaperone Jr. " Book by: Bob Martin and Don Mckellar Music by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison

Performers: Gavin Ryan, Jayden Jones, Rowan Gilstrap, Brooke Briones, Jaz Haider, Hailey Baerenklau

Ramona High School - Original Piano Composition

Director: Ronda Barnes

Performing "Relentless" by Vinnie Geyer

Performer: Vinnie Geyer

Ramona High School - Piano Duet

Performing "Funtasia in F minor" by Carolyn Miller

Performers: Jane Allen and Lequan Do

Liberty Elementary School – Liberty Legends

Director: Yvonne Cortez

Performing "24 Karat" by, Gladius featuring Klara Elias

Performers Angelique Alvarez, Brenda Leon Arroliga, Andrew Godinez, Adalyn Flores, Dillon Thibodeaux, Evelyn Lopez, Mi Ran Kim, Ariel Sotelo, Sebastiana Mateo, Gracie Maldona, Lilianna Moreno, Sebastian Navarete, Robyn Santos, Niveah Washington, Draya Wharton

John W. North High School – Ballet Folklorico Xochitl

Directors: Victoria Bella, Anthony Alviar, Jackie Garcia **Choreographers:** Giselle Cruz Rodriguez, Isaac Garcia

Performing "Flores Negras" by Los Malagueña

Performers: Giselle Cruz Rodriguez, Isaac Garcia, Aisha Mora, Viviana Arroyo, Abigail Sanchez, Arisbeth Chavez, Betzbeth Chavez, Emily Diaz, Delainey Bautista, Eliana Bautista, Emily Alviar, Yulesly Alviar, Maiya Duran, Aiden Garcia, Lucia Mercado, Michael Arzate

Ramona High School – Soloist Kayla McCarty

Director: Jessica McCarty

Performing "Out There" from Hunchback of Notre Dame by Alan Menken & Stephen Schwartz

Performer: Kayla McCarty

Central Middle School – Central's Frozen Junior

Director: Chris MarkerMorse

Performing Finale by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez

Performers: Alexander David Adams, Teresa Borba Contreras, Maria Bravo, Devin James Buford, Madeline Campbell, Evelin Can Vargas, Logan Mason Cassel, Priscilla Castaneda, Stella Cosner, Abigail Darby, Alia Dominguez, Sebastian Donis, Marcus Ethan Ector, Anastasia Gougeon, Tristan Hahn, Chloe Hernandez, Lawrynn Johnson, Marina Lucero, Audriana Muro, Julie Nay, Megan Nay, Alexxia Perez, Jesus Perez, Andelyn Richey, Rosalie Tuesday Roth, Isabella Sanchez, Miguel Tapia, Catelynn Uy, Juliana Vazquez, Audrina Villanueva, Emmalynn Wiltjer, Camille Wiltz

Frank Augustus Miller Middle School Indoor Percussion

Director: Susan Olsen

Performing "Space Mission" by John Mapes and Ian Grom

Performers: Grayson Barton, Julia Benyamin, Liam Blanford, Erin Diang, Mia Duran, Ezo Ginns, Dominic Herrera, Trevor Holmes, Marie Ibanez, Alina Long, Amy Long, Dulce Lopez, Daniela Marquez, Varun Pais, Evan Piercy, Jayden Sanchez, Charles Shannon, Osbaldo Tavera, Roman Washington, Grace Wheeler, Khalil White

John W. North Dance Team (Large Contemporary)

Director: Christine Schive **Choreography:** William Clayton

Performing "Look at What the Light Did Now" by Ya Tseen

Performers: Serenity Bishop, Shyanne Blynn, Ellie Bristow, Kayla Cabrera, Kelly Carlsen, Trent Charles III, Betzi Chavez, Mason Gonzales, Avalon Hemstead, Lila Hernandez, Iris Higham, Kamila Martinez-Landin, Junia Larratt-Smith, Madalynn Lasserre, Caden Schive, Skyler Smith, Nevaeh Thomas

Pachappa Elementary School – Seussapalooza Cast

Director: Tammy Perini

Performing "Seussapalooza Medley" by, Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty

Performers: Addison Murphey, Andromeda O'Connor, Adam Cronkite, Gwen Moore, Sutter Seitz, Audrey Lemen, Eli Lutali, Xavier Hamm, Scarlett Sandoval, Vidaliah Guzman, Stella Revay, Logan Franklin, Isabella Roberts, Andrew Valle, Marilyn Garcia, Ryan Murphy, Makayla Gonzales, Isobel Joseph, Ivy Carlson, Venus Yuri, August Rockenbach-Lackie, Olive Cordova, Lillianna Argueta, Maria Diego-Mateo, Ariel Duncan, Sahni Johnson, Hemi Vergara, Joan Guzman, Austin Koch, Daniel Vaughan-Gomez, Joao Guzman, Byron Can Vargas, Serenity Kingman, Leilanni Monge, Jackson Wright, Abram Guillen, Kaleb Mikan, Yarely Tinoco, Remy Carpio, Robyn Carpio, Aubree Castillo, Zoey Garcia, Quinn Jacobsen, Penelope Jacobsen, Felicity Kingman, Zoey Ocampo, Julie Quincena, Naomy Ramos Rizo, Gianna Reyes, Charlotte Rodriguez, Ruth Schaefer, Jazzmyn Snow Baumbach, Emma Morris

Ramona High School Madrigals

Director: Sarah Guardado

Performing "Dies Irae - Traditional 13th Century Chant" Arranged by Michael Trotta

Performers: Joaquin Barton, Yarrow Bird, Bella Carroll, Delilah Cervantes, Elijah Cervantes, Sage Clary, Giovanni Contreras, Jollette Cortez, Jonathan Garcia, Ava Gonzalez, James Hernandez, Vivian Hill, Keyla Lezo, Henry Marroquin Ochoa, Ethan McCann, Kayleen McCann, Kayla McCarty, Alexis Murillo, Victoria Nunez Castrejon, Olivia Palmerin-Vargas, Damian Serna, Desianna Smith, Aileen Ulloa

Ramona High School - Mariachi dinastia de Ramona

Director: Brian Gallagher & Eduardo Hernandez

Performing "La Llorona"

Performers: Jose Aguilar Romero, Brayan Anacleto Bautista, Ivonne Antonio, Wesley Avina, Vivienne Baez, Alison Barahona, Jonathan Castillo, Alexander Estrada, Stefany Gaona-Bustos, Michael Hernandez, Candelaria Martin Gonzalez, Fredy Martin Mateo, Teresa Matias Esteban, Damien Mendez, Adrian Merced Guzman, Eric Mitchell, Mark Montoya Eli Naranjo, Jodacie Olmos, Brayan Ramirez, Jaeleen Rivas Mora, Gustavo Rivera, Daniella Saldivar, Alfredo Soto .

Castle View Elementary School Show Choir

Director: Cathy Sperry

Performing "Born to be Brave" from High School Musical

Performers: Alyssa Aguayo, Amalia Ortiz, Anna Duncanson, Ariana Carranza, Ariella Bachant, Audrey Aparicio, Ava Cortez, Avalon Ronveaux, Carmen Hendrickson, Christina Flores, Daniel Gonzalez, Danika Timbuleng, Drake Temple, Eliana Santos, Eliza Anguiano, Ella Huecksteadt, Ellie Goldware-Burns, Emile Spring-Pearson, Emilio Rodriguez, Ian Santiago, Holland Brusselback, Jaelynn Corina, Jayden Renfro, Jolene Taylor, Jovi Looy, Kali McDonald, Katie Walsh, Laine Hilton, Leilani Marchan , Levi Taylor, Madeleine Bonilla, Naiomi Duncan, Nico Gamboa, Noah Dominguez, Nora Vargas, Rylann Garcia, Savannah Clark, Savannah Monks, Sofia Sullivan-Solario, Sophia Sanchez, Sophie Laag, Ty Holmes, Victoria Ortiz, William Rolshausen, Zenya Logan

John W. North High School – Soloist Amayzee Ruiz

Director: Anna Hightower

Performing "Breathe", by Lin-Manuel Miranda from "In the Heights"

Performer: Amayzee Ruiz

Gage Middle School - Nuevo Leon

Director: Maribel Trejo-Mendoza

Performing "Monterrey de Mis Amores" and "Picame Tarantula" by Esencias

Performers: Carlos Aramburo, Emmanuel Cortes, Yarely Cota, Julep Dunn, Joanna Patron Espinoza, Citali Flores, David Flores, Antony Zuniga Gaona, Jaden Hinson, Vida Mejia, Julian Navarrete, John O'Donohue, Camilla Torres, Annabelle Vargas

John W. North High School VAPA Department

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

Performing "Urinetown/Run Freedom Run" by Mark Hollmann and Greg Kotis

Performers: Amayzee Ruiz, Angelica Harper, Avalon Hemstead, Bereket Moncrief, Bianca Norton, Caden Schive, Caitlyn Cohen, Cam Castillo, Celine Pacheco, Elizabeth Bravo, Ellie Bristow, Emma Silva, Haley Garcia, Iris Higham, Joshua Mayberry, Keon McKnight, Leilani Brandon, Maddy Lasserre, Madison Rodriguez, Malaya Villamor, Mason Gonzales, Nathaniel Suarez, Neo Wilson, Penelope Roth, Sonia Acedo-López, Trent Charles III, Wynne Kha

Poly High School Soloist - Hannah Laag

Performing "No One Else" composed by Dave Malloy from Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812

Performer: Hannah Laag

Ramona Dynasty Winds (Ramona High School)

Directors: Brian Gallagher, DeMarqis Frazier Jr. & Damia Arteaga

Performing "Kalos Eidos (Kaleidoscope)" By Carol Brittin Chambers, Arranged by DeMarqis Frazier Jr

Performers: Paola Avelar Castro, Elizabeth Baker, Jessie Cabrera, Frida Cervantes, Allison Cruz, Karma Estrada, Harmony Garcia, Jasmine Guzman Hernandez, Leslie Hernandez, Rylee Hill, Jesse Lucero, Victor Marroquin Bartolo, Austin Miller, Mark Montoya, Layla Moore, Sophie Piceno, Lukas Posik, Gustavo Rivera, Joshua Sanchez, Presley Tarango, Habana Valdes

Meet the Emcee



Nicholas Adcock serves as the President/CEO of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, where he leads an organization of more than 1,100 member organizations representing over 110,000 jobs across inland Southern California.

Adcock joined the Chamber in 2009 as the Community Development Coordinator and rose through positions of Communications & Marketing Manager and Governmental Affairs Manager before becoming the organization's Vice President in 2013 and ultimately President/CEO in 2022.

During that time, he focused on projects like securing state funding and accreditation for the School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside, advocating for reform and relief for businesses against predatory litigation, securing local control of Ontario International Airport, and the approval of the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project.

Adcock led the effort to transition several of the Chamber's value and membership programs to virtual settings and provide the latest news, resources, and information to local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. He is also proud to have engaged in the Chamber's partnership with local stakeholders to attract the California Air Resources Board Southern California Headquarters to Riverside.

More recently, he worked with a coalition of stakeholders across California to advocate for critical legislation to reform the Private Attorneys General Act, a law costing businesses \$10 billion annually in fines and litigation

across the state. The Chamber also recently partnered with the City of Riverside and the Inland Empire Small Business Development Center to establish the Riverside Business Hub, a focal point for business support in the Chamber's offices.

Adcock is a fourth-generation Riverside resident with a family legacy of small business owners and service to the community. He is a product of the Riverside Unified School District and an alumnus of the Riverside Community College District and the University of California, Riverside. He graduated from the Chamber's Leadership Riverside program in 2013 and the Western Association of Chamber Executives' Academy Program in 2014.

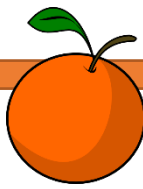
He currently serves as a board member for the California Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Blue Zones Riverside Steering Committee. Adcock previously served as Board President for Habitat for Humanity, Riverside and President of the Pick Group of Young Professionals. He is a former board member of the Southern California Association of Chamber Executives and the Emerging Leaders Council of the Western Association of Chamber Executives. He and his wife Sydnee live in Riverside with their daughter, Marigold.



About the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce



The Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce is committed to building a stronger local economy by actively promoting and supporting the community by fostering the strength of member organizations, and by engaging federal, state, and local officials on behalf of business interests. For more information on the Chamber, visit www.riverside-chamber.com.



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

Lobby Displays
King High Remembers
MLKHS Thespians Troupe 6209
-Musical Theater Magic
Frank Augustus Miller Middle School
- FAMMS Theater Program, Alice in Wonderland Jr.
Poly High School
- The lost art of Drypoint Etching and Monoprint
- The lost art of Fountain Pen Calligraphy

Student Stage Technicians:

Cassandra Heston
Leilani Aguirre
Matthew Cross
Isabel Stewart
Christopher Guzman
Blake Atwater
Chloe McIntosh
Isabella Champigny
Alexander Beuley
Genevieve Younglove
Braedyn Near

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.
- Our Emcee for the evening, Mr. Nick Adcock
- Live Nation for partnering in this event and their support of REEF.
- RUSD for their continued 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 13 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

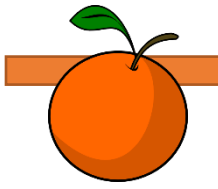
Every student inspired by enriching educational opportunities provided through school, community and business collaboration.



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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 2025 Bill Ermert Athletic Scholarship recipients are:

[Cadence Romero, Poly High School](#)
[Mya Allen, 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 2025 Maxine Frost AVID Scholarship recipients are:

[Brody V. Mora, Riverside Poly High School](#)
[Skye Hanes, Ramona High School](#)
[Maya Marmolejo, North High School](#)
[Joselyn Castaneda, Ramona High School](#)
[Joey Meza, 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 2025 Lewis Vanderzyl AVID Scholarship recipient is:

[Gavin McGowan, 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.

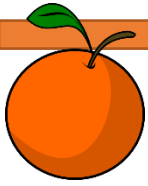
The 2025 Susan Rainey Scholarship for Education recipient is:

[Crystal Ixmay, Ramona High School](#)

John W. North High School Scholarships – Oscar Davila graduated from J.W. North High School as a part of the Class of 2016. He was an intellectual, a part of both AVID and IB, and a performer, a member of both Harlequins and the Blue Star Regiment. He sadly passed away in late 2017 when a drunk driver hit him and his family on the highway. Throughout his life, Oscar acted as a steward of kindness and joy. The following is a note from a friend of Oscar's, in memory of his passing; "His laugh was the drumbeat of my senior year. His vibrant energy filled any room he was in. I miss him. The world deserves more people like him."

The 2025 Oscar Davila Scholarship recipients are:

[Elizabeth Bravo, John W. North High School](#)
[Haley Garcia, 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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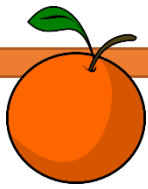
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