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**"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!"**

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# Student Showcase Order of Performance

## Ramona HS Jazz Ensemble 1

**Director:** Brian Gallagher

*Performing "Beauty and the Beast" arr. Tom Kubis*

**Performers:** Victor Marroquin, Presley Tarango, Amir Valdes, Emma Hofmann, Lazaro Vazquez, Lukas Posik, Aspen Piceno, Mark Montoya, Matthew De La Luz, Austin Miller, Eli Naranjo, Dexter McDaniel, Alex Guanilo, Sedona Santamaria, Carlie Ramirez, Jenna Mena, Angelica Hururta, Ivan Hernandez, Nancy Chavez, Evan Baker, Tim McDaniel, Trevor Emmons

## John W. North HS United Sound

**Directors:** Shawn Schive, Roxy Medina, Sammy Aviles, and Francisco Enriquez

**Student Presidents:** Anicia Mendez and Mark Chavez-Garcia

*Performing "Rough-Riders March" by Karl King*

**Performers:** Alberto Zamudio Leon, Alexxia Perez, Alice Oliver-Gonzalez, Ani Koshuta, Anicia Mendez, Aracely Carlos, Ayda Gonzalez, Brandon Arellano, Calista Garcia, Cynthia Sanchez, Danello Bryant, Daniel Galvan, Daniel Huizar Reyes, Dominic Bryant, Edgar Meza, Eliana Sepulveda, Elihud Cruz, Elise Reyes, Elvia Cortes, Emily Pedraza, Emily Reyes, Ethan Contreras, Ethan Torres, Fiona Daugherty, Gabriel Garcia, Genesis Gonzalez, George Ramos, Glendy Nicolas Cruz, Isabela Jaramillo, Isabella Caudill, Isla Calderon, Jesus Hernandez, Jesus Perez, Jonah Zurer, Jose Felix, Jose Ruiz, Juan Alvarado, Jules Van Noy, Kayleen Perez, La'Faye Adams, Leyla Chagolla, Lillyan Rodriguez, Lucian Campos, Maddox Turner, Mark Chavez-Garcia, Matthew Virto, Maya Walsworth-Purkiss, Mel Escobedo, Mikayla Hines, Morelia Alvarez, Naomie Garcia, Nathan Feller, Neilani Pedroza, Niko Gonzalez, Nyla Trammel, Omar Zamudio, Raven Rodriguez, Rockie Roberts, Sophia Williams, Stephanie Flores, Thatcher Perez, Valeria Ojeda, Vittorio Vidalakis, William Bacca, Zack Bello, Zoey Manzanares

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Vex Robotics Engineering – Riverside STEM Academy

**Director:** Tracy Lawrence

*Demonstrating: Automation & Robotics using VEX Robotics Cortex Programming Module*

**Performers:** Violet Ramirez, Marcus Roa, Miles Young, Antonia Muaau

## Martin Luther King High School's Spring Musical "Footloose"

**Director:** Katie Williams    **Choreography:** Rebekah Mitchell    **Music Direction:** Emily Davila

*Performing "Holding Out For a Hero" Music by Tom Snow & Lyrics by Dean Pitchford*

**Performers:** Hailey Baerenklau, Camdyn Chubb, Evie Platt, America Monroe, Ella Naegle, Izzi Carreno, Jinger Adams, Kirsten Dilag, Carleigh Rios, Brily Jones, Zipporah Jones, Eli Martinez, Cassie Laudenslager, Hailey Coutts, Scalett Pineda, Ava Mares, Rowan Thomas, Sai Kaiwaidau, Zacharias Martin, Troy Maine

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

**Directors:** Victoria Bella, Sam Avilies

*Performing "Son de la Negra", song by Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan 1988*

**Performers:** Carol Torrez, Lucia Mercado, Joselyn Rico, Maria Lomas, Savannah Granado, Maiya Duran, Emily Diaz, Viviana Arroyo, Michael Arzate, Aliyah Amezola, Mikayla Perez, Gracie Gonzales

## Liberty Elementary School – Liberty Legends- Generation Pound

**Directors:** Yvonne Cortez-Sheldon and Tabatha Nickens

*Performing "Microphone" by, Lady Bri*

**Performers:** Adalyn Flores Gonzalez, Aleyda Martinez Ramirez, Angie Leiva, Avah Velasquez, Diana Olvera, Eliza Sheldon, Ellie Ruiz, Evelyn Lopez, Isabel Monzo, Isabella Patino, Jasmine Ramirez, Jemma Sheldon, Josefina Murillo, Layla Gregor, Lesly Martinez Ramirez, Mi Ran Kim, Mia Sierra, Niveah Washington, Robyn Santos, Sebastian Naveratte, Valerie Lopez

## John W. North High School – John W. North Small Dance Team

**Director:** Christine Schive    **Choreographer:** Felix Galvan III

*Performing "Black and Gold" by Sam Sparro*

**Performer:** Mason Gonzales, Junia Larratt-Smith, Keon McKnight, Bereket Moncrief, Kevin Pineda Galindo, Layaan Rafeedie, Caden Schive, Emma Silva, Skyler Smith, Malaya Villamoor

### **Central Middle School Musical - In The Heights**

**Theatre Arts Instructor:** Chris MarkerMorse **Choreographer:** Abigale Maddox

*Performing Part of their Spring Musical, Lin-Manuel Miranda: Revolutions and Revelations*

**Performers:** Alexis Shelton, Alicia Recinos, Andelyn Richey, Anthony Carreno, Ariana Recinos, Audriana Muro, Axel Romero, Brianna Diaz Juarez, Camila Garcia, Camilla Kirkpatrick, Camille Okey, Evelin Can Vargas, Gideon Rocha, Haziloe Bedran, Jonah Fuller, Juliana Vazquez,, Julie Nay, Karisma Velazquez, Keilah Perez, Lawrynn Johnson, Lily Delao, Mahlia J Cao, Makayla Gonzalez, Makayla Hochstetler, Marleigh O'Farrell, Naomi Ramos Rizo, Olivia Breyer, Sophia Brown, Sophia Hernandez, Stella Cosner, Teresa Borba Contreras, Tristan Hahn, Vanessa Mora, Zachary Sedoris

### **Castle View Elementary and Alcott Elementary Show Choirs**

**Director:** Cathy Sperry **Choreography:** Bethany Schultz **Puppetry:** Nicole Cloeren

*Performing "Get Back Up Again" by Anna Kendrick*

**Performers:** Alcott Elementary: Addison Rubalcaba, Alexa McGlenn, Alexandra Paschinger, Alexandria Lopez, Allison Robbins, Aria Takano, Ariana Ingalls, Arianna Gandarilla, Aviana Boneville, Ayleen Veloz, Braia Schneider, Brianna Gandarilla, Bridgette Gomer, Cyra Quiroz, Danielle Jimenez, Danni Seyler, Ellington Richey, Eva Valencia, Gennavie Gama, Gianna Delgado, Jack Walker, Julian Davidge, Katherine Malak, Luca Quiroz, Maverick Betham, Michael Tongg, Olivia Munoz, Rebecca Fagan, Reeve Pardee, Rhea Favreau, Rory Keen, Samantha Solis, Sibyl Christopher, Sophia Cruz, Stella Castro, Violet Higham, Zara Robinson.

Castle View Elementary: Alyssa Aguayo, Evelyn Aguilar, Madeleine Bonilla, Holland Brusselback, Isaiah Cabrera, Ariana Carranza, Savannah Clark, Zoey Damian, Olivia Diaz, Naomi Duncan, Anna Duncanso, Elias Enciso, Flores Christina, Nico Gamboa, Rylynn Garcia, Ellie Goldware-Burns, William Harris, Amber Hernandez, Chloe Ledward, Carlos Llinguin, Jovi Looy, Leilani Marchan, Ivan Mata, Cynthia Navarro-Rios, Agatha Nunez, Amalia Ortiz, Annabelle Ruiz, Alma Sakouhi, Eliana Santos, Sofia Sullivan-Solario, Jolene Taylor, Olivia Valdez, Maverick Zolfaghari, Abby Aparicio, Atzin Cabrera-Cortez, Carla Calderon, Ava Cortez, Mila Flores, Sofia Fonseca, Hayley Green, Mason Gonzalez, Sadie Guerrero, Julian Lopez, Stella Malstrom, Maya Matute, Sam Moore, Sofia Moreira, Rebecca Salazar, Zoe Zavala, Emily Hidalgo

### **Riverside Poly High School Marching Band & Color Guard**

**Directors:** Arwen Hernandez, Tate Kinsella & Shawn Hartmann

*Performing "Jump in the Line", by Harry Belafonte, arranged by Jeff Simmons*

**Performers:** Anthony Schwabe (Drum Major/Trombone), Anaya Anderson, Liliana Navarrete, Paloma Swigart, Clara Eckelhoefer, Samantha Grossmann, Grace Guzman, Jacob Ramos-Esquibel, Ethan Praicharnchit, Annabella Delgado, Starns William, Kyara Romero, Isaiais Cardenas, Morghan Denham, Andres Pelayo, Avian Alvarado, Christopher Gonzalez, Drex Thorn, Eligh Camacho, Michael Concha, Denisse Mejia, Simon Thrush, Katelynn Nettles, Luis Barron, Trevor Holmes, John Inskeep, Jonas Kaminskas, Ahriel Alejo, Jake Corradino, Costello Richey, J.R. Glenn, Angel Corona, Nathan Hinkley, Jude Dunlap, Adrian Tovar, Gweneth Cirillo-Rodriguez, Isabella Sandoval, Henry Lee, Jazmin Navarrete, Raylene Ayala, Sophia Alarcon, Lex Rintzler, Ameliah Lopez, Emma Garcia, Leeah Shaw, Natalia Vortruba, Richard Zacarias, Sydney Durocher, Nadia Thrush, Andrew Valdez, Liana Chrysostomou, David Pettit

### **Ramona High School's Spring Musical, "9 to 5"**

**Director:** Jessica McCarty **Vocal Director:** Sarah Guardado **Choreographer:** Dominique Araiza-Cauldwell

*Performing "9 to 5" Music and Lyrics by Dolly Parton, Book by Patricia Resnick*

**Performers:** Nayara Alvarez, Mia Drinkard, Amy Guerrero, Bryan Rodriguez, Victoria Nunez, Jairo Navarro, Chase Porter, Robert Garcia, Madilynn Heins, Clarity Bates, Arnold Pedroza, Marley Lutali, Jaylyn Lopez, Lela Woods-Madrigal, Sophia Woods-Madrigal, Aubree Chavez, Giovanni Contreras, Scarlet Clary, Evelyn Gonzalez, Mia Henwood, Olivia Palmerin-Vargas, Lizzet Ruiz

### **Riverside Poly High School & John W. North High School Comedy Sportz High School League**

**Directors:** Chris MarkerMorse & Anna Hightower

**Referee:** Penelope Roth (North HS)

**Performers:** North High School: Ari Turner, Bereket Moncrief, Connor Hawkins, Izabella Covarrubias, Wynne Kha

Poly High School: Gabby Torres, Jaidan Slowik, Leila Ellis, Quinn Comstock, Vivian Long

### **Pachappa Elementary School – Circle of Life Medley**

**Directors:** Tammy Perini, Erika Cronkite, Michelle Zyber, and Delmi Lara

*Performing "Circle of Life Medley" by Elton John, Tim Rice, Hans Zimmer, Solomon Linda*

**Performers:** Adaline Sanchez, Adam Cronkite, Adeline Piotrowski, Alexander Celorrio Noj, Almira Gamaniuk, Anastasia Fonseca, Andromeda O'Connor, Aubree Castillo, Aubrey Diaz, August Rockenbach Lackie, Austin Koch, Autumn-Rain Baumbach, Ava Castillo, Ben Peters, Bowie Lisk, Byron Can Vargas, Caiden Koch-Dosset, Cassian Alvarez-Hacker, Eli Lutali, Emalyn Martinez, Faith Diaz, Felicity

Kingman, Gabriel Sandoval, Gabrielle Arce, Gaspar Diego Mateo, Gianna Reyes, Gwen Moore, Hemi Vergara, Isaiah Lopez, Ivy Carlson, Jazzmyn-Snow Baumbach, Joshua Peters, Josilee Franklin, Kaleb Mikan, Lesley Vidana, Lillianna Argueta, Logan Franklin, Lucas Brown, Maria Diego-Mateo, Marilyn Garcia, Marwa Dadsi, Maryjane Bermudez, Olive Cordova, Penolope Jacobsen, Reese McElyea, Remy Carpio, Rex Revay, Robyn Carpio, Ronin Bermudez, Rosaline Harte, Ruth Schaefer, Saarah Dadsi, Sahni Johnson, Sawyer Thompson, Scarlett Piotrowski, Scarlett Sandoval, Simon Schaefer, Stella Revay, Titus Lagana, Venus Yuri, Victoria Freeman, Vidaliah Guzman, Xavier Hamm

### **Ramon High School – ViDance**

**Director:** Missy Townsend **Choreographer:** Ryan Rosas

*Performing "If I Ain't Got You" by Alicia Keys*

**Performers:** Catherine Freese, Robert Garcia, Brianna Gomez, Jaylyn Lopez, Valery Ochoa Dominguez, Desirae Penunuri, Lela Woods-Madrigal, Jocelyn Cervantes, Kamila Chavez Avila, Madison Gasatelum, Hailey Maldonado, Malia Marmolejo, Alyssa Mejia, Yessica Santos Gonzalez

### **John W. North Musical - The Addams Family**

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

*Performing "When You're an Addams" by Andrew Lippa*

**Performers:** Amayzee Ruiz, Angelica Harper, Ani Koshuta, Avalon Hemstead, Bereket Moncrief, Blen Moncrief, Caden Schive, Caitlyn Cohen, Danello Bryant, Ellie Bristow, Emily Manalo, Emma Silva, Emre Tuncel, George Aranda, Jaylah Medlock, Jose Ruiz, Joshua Mayberry, Keon McKnight, Leilani Brandon, Leonora Colon, Levi Silva, Lola Monroe, Maddy Lasserre, Malaya Villamor, Mason Gonzales, Nathaniel Suarez, Naveah Mcneal, Neo Wilson, Penelope Roth, Rosalie Roth, Sonia Acedo-Lopez, Tannin Aires, Trisha Acusar, Val Misnaza, Wynne Kha, Zoë Dedeugd

### **Frank Augustus Miller Middle School Indoor Percussion**

**Director:** Susan Olsen

*Performing "The Knock in the Night" arranged by Shane Gwaltney, Matt Filosa, and Pete Sapadin.*

**Performers:** Daniel Arias, Isabella Blanco, Liam Blanford, Erin Diang, Christian Doan, Lexie Drake, Ensley Fish, Kristian Kuntz, Amy Long, David Long, Mason Manio, Gage Mourhess, Abigail Nguyen, Kaitlyn Phan, Evan Piercy, Zack Pitak, Zoey Pitak, Samuel Schwerdt, Vijith Srithar Saravanan Priyadharshini, Isaiah Vallejo-Dagostino, Grace Wheeler

### **John W. North High School Dance Solo**

**Director:** Christine Schive

*Performing "Days of Wine and Roses" by Frank Sinatra*

**Performer:** Caden Schive

### **Ramona High School - Mariachi dinastia de Ramona**

**Director:** Brian Gallagher & Eduardo Hernandez

*Performing "Recurdeme" arr. Castaneda*

**Performers:** Johnathan Castillo, Crystal Cervantes-Carrasco, Stefany Gaona-Bustos, David Garcia, Edward Gutierrez, Emma Hofmann, Rumadldo Jesus Ramirez, Carlos Linares Belendes, Luis Lopez, Jacob Melendrez, Damien Mendez, Adrian Merced Guzman, Hailey Michaels, Eric Mitchell, Joanie Olmos, Brayan Ramirez, Brandon Ramirez Mejia, Nikki Reinhart, Emiliano Rincon Farinas, Victoria Rivera, Ed Rodas Lopez, Serena Rodriguez, Rudy Romero, Santiago Rosas, Daniella Saldivar, James Sandoval, Rebekah Teinidad, Martin Antonio, Michelle Gutierrez, Eduardo Hernandez

### **RUSD Honors Musical production of Singin' in the Rain**

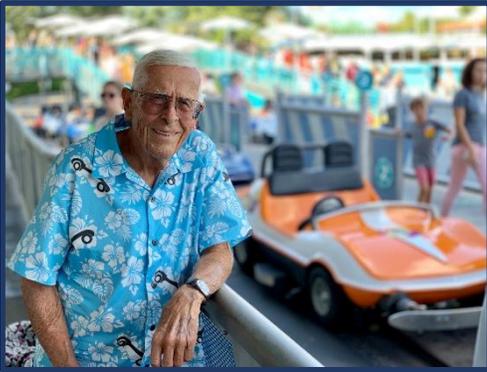
**Director/Choreographer:** Dominique Araiza-Cauldwell

*Performing "Finale - Singin' in the Rain" Song by Nacio Herb Brown and Arthur Freed*

**Performers:** Rowan Gilstrap, Hailey Baerenklau, Caden Schive, Maya Diallo, Brooke Briones, Jaz Haider, Camdyn Chubb, Clarity Bates, Leilani Brandon, America Monroe, Mason Gonzales, Isaac De Leon, Seoyool Kim, Sai Kaiwaidau, Zoe Moreno, Macy Bethel, Izabella Carreno, Keon McKnight, Oliver Ohlheiser, Robert Garcia, Kai Ortiz, Sophia Montez, Blake Atwater, Bereket Moncrief, Brenna Bachman, Sydney Whitlock, Kirsten Dilag, Lela Woods Madrigal, Lola Monroe, Emma Silva, Danello Bryant, Genevieve Kasinski, Elizabeth Barry, Jaylyn Lopez

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# Meet our special guests



**Bob Gurr** is a legendary Disney Imagineer and mechanical design pioneer best known for creating some of Disneyland's most iconic ride vehicles, including those for Autopia, the Matterhorn Bobsleds, the Monorail, and the Haunted Mansion. During his nearly five-decade career with Walt Disney Imagineering, Bob helped shape the future of themed-entertainment engineering through innovations that blended creativity and technical precision. A proud supporter of education and hands-on learning, he continues to inspire future generations, especially students interested in mechanical, electrical, and theatrical trades, through his philanthropy and community involvement here in Riverside. His passion for innovation, practical skills, and real-world problem solving reflects a lifelong commitment to helping young people imagine, design, build, and create the future.

Having Bob return means so much to us. His ongoing support of REEF and this event is a true testament to his belief in investing in students and the future of Riverside.



**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 Community Development Coordinator and advanced through leadership roles, including Communications & Marketing Manager and Governmental Affairs Manager, before becoming Vice President in 2013 and President/CEO in 2022. He has led major regional initiatives, including securing state funding and accreditation for the UC Riverside School of Medicine, advocating for business reform legislation, supporting local control of Ontario International Airport, advancing the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project, and attracting the California Air Resources Board Southern California Headquarters to Riverside. During COVID-19, he transitioned Chamber programs to virtual platforms to support local businesses and, more recently, helped establish the Riverside Business Hub in partnership with the City and the Inland Empire Small Business Development Center, while advocating for statewide reform of the Private Attorneys General Act. A fourth-generation Riverside resident and RUSD

graduate, he is an alumnus of Riverside City College and UC Riverside, serves on the board of the California Chamber of Commerce, and remains active in community leadership alongside his wife, Sydnee, and their daughter, Marigold.

We are especially grateful to Nick Adcock for returning as one of our special guests for his second year. His continued support of the Best Event Ever! reflects his genuine commitment to our students, our teachers, and the power of enrichment in Riverside.



**Loren Dean** grew up in Riverside, attending RUSD schools (go Huskies!) and RCC (go Tigers!). He has worked in several industries both public and private, always putting an education spin on any office he occupies. He currently teaches history courses with University of the People, an online institution offering tuition-free degrees to a global student body. Mr. Dean understands keenly that teachers want to teach, but sometimes meet systemic roadblocks within the school system itself. He is proud to be the current president of the Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation, and relishes REEF's mission of directly funding the projects of individual teachers, empowering them inside their own classrooms to educate students. He embraces Riverside's broad drive toward innovation, and invites every sector of the city to join REEF's work.

We appreciate Loren's generous giving of his time, talent, and energy to support better student education.

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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 whose families do not yet have a college-going tradition. 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 immense compassion for both scholars and educators alike.

The 2026 Bill Ermert Athletic Scholarship recipient is: **Rachel Haynes, Poly 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 2026 Maxine Frost AVID Scholarship recipients are: **Shyanne Blynn, John W. North High School**  
**Elsa Mendoza, Ramona 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 2026 Lewis Vanderzyl AVID Scholarship recipient is: **Ashley Ramos, John W. North High 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 2026 Susan Rainey Scholarship for Education recipient is: **Ashley Rodriguez Maldonado, Ramona High School**

## John W. North High School Scholarships:

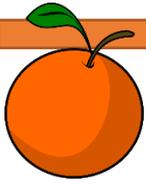
**Oscar Davila** graduated from J.W. North High School as a part of the Class of 2016. He was an intellectual, a part of both AVID and IB, and a performer, a member of both Harlequins and the Blue Star Regiment. He sadly passed away in late 2017 when a drunk driver hit him and his family on the highway. 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 2026 Oscar Davila Scholarship recipient is:  
**Danello Bryant, John W. North High School**

**The Dr. Horace Jackson Legacy Scholarship** awards graduating students from John W. North High who demonstrate a desire to continue learning and a deep commitment to a better, more inclusive world. The scholarship was founded 5 years ago for students headed to community college.

Dr. Jackson was North High's second principal during the 70's. He was recognized as a courageous, compassionate, and innovative leader during a turbulent time nationally. On the multi-ethnic campus, Jackson established a unified culture of mutual respect and inclusion. Known to be ever-present on campus, he sought ways to bring students together. Dr. Jackson influenced countless lives by showing confidence in his students and his staff. That legacy continues with the goal of equipping all North High graduates with the moral principle that every person is valued.

The 2026 Dr. Horace Jackson Legacy Scholarship recipients are:  
**Alyssa Martinez, Riverside City College**  
**Kaci Ginwright, University of Redlands**



## Did you know?

In 1993, a small group of community members looked at Riverside's students and asked a powerful question. *What more could be possible?*

From that question, the **Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation (REEF)** was born.

Today, REEF serves more than 38,000 students in the Riverside Unified School District by funding enrichment beyond the standard curriculum. The hands-on science lab, robotics kit, music composition software, cultural dance program, theater lighting board, and field research opportunity.

The experiences that make learning come alive.

Guided by an all-volunteer board of educators, parents, business leaders, and community members, REEF has invested nearly \$3 million into RUSD classrooms since its inception because we believe students thrive when they are inspired.

### **Empowering Teachers. Expanding Possibility.**

Our signature **Bonnie G. Polis Teaching Enrichment Grants**, named in honor of one of REEF's founding visionaries, empower teachers to dream bigger for their students. These grants fund innovative projects the district cannot otherwise provide, turning great ideas into transformative classroom moments.

### **REEF also extends its impact beyond the classroom:**

-Through Earthwatch Teacher Fellowships, 60+ RUSD educators have traveled across the globe since 2007, working alongside world-class scientists and returning to Riverside with stories, knowledge, and renewed inspiration.

-Through privately funded student scholarships, we help graduating seniors take their next steps with confidence and support.

### **Why This Night Matters**

**Best Event Ever!** is more than a performance; it is a celebration of what happens when a community invests in its students.

The students you see on this stage..

The grants recognized tonight...

The stories shared..

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Every ticket, sponsorship, and donation becomes an opportunity.

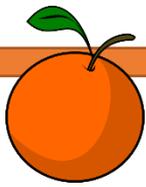
And for a student, opportunity can change everything.



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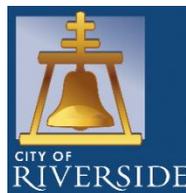
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