



**RIVERSIDE COUNTY
OFFICE OF EDUCATION**
EDWIN GOMEZ, Ed.D. | County Superintendent of Schools

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY
EXCEPTIONAL**
Scholar Awards
Celebrating Student Achievement and Exceptional Graduates

Wednesday, April 29, 2026
6:00 p.m. • Dinner and Program

**Riverside County Office of Education
Conference Center**
4280 Brockton Avenue • Riverside, CA 92501

OUR PLEDGE

Every student in Riverside County
will graduate from high school academically
and socially prepared for college, the workforce,
and civic responsibility.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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Welcome

Melissa Bazanos, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL SERVICES

Presentation of Colors

Altus Schools 215th Battalion California
Cadet Corps Color Guard
ALTUS SCHOOLS

Pledge of Allegiance

Haley Alfaro
AUDEO VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL

Remarks

Heather Williams, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL SERVICES

Dinner

**Presentation of Student Honorees and
Exceptional Scholar Awards**

Concluding Remarks

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Altus Schools Coachella Valley

Sharnita Foster, School Coordinator

Elman Giron Castillo

Audeo Valley Charter School

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Delilah Robles

CBK Charter School

Dr. Talisa Sullivan, Principal

Theresa Swickla, Principal

Reanna Ward

Excelsior Charter School

Fernando Chavez, Principal

Jonathan Godinez

Jubilee Perez

Gateway College and Career Academy

Elena Bautista, Principal

Aaliyah Ayala-Moreno

Jazmin Ceja

JCS - Pine Hills

Jillian Tonkin, Principal

Roman Mancini

Leadership Military Academy

Santos Campos, Superintendent

Craig Briscoe

Mission Vista Academy

Amy Davis, Executive Director

Talah Shakhshir

Cheryl Tsz Sau Cheng

NOVA Academy

Early College High School

Scott Winter, Principal

Julian Aguirre

Ayleen Angulo-Oceguera

Elijah Cruz

Nuview Bridge

Early College High School

Gerardo Zavala, Principal

Katelyn Graham

Emma Kitayama

Pivot Charter School

Brandon Gragnano, Educational Coordinator

Malak Amer

River Springs Charter School

Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent

Leilani Launiu

Jesus Trejo

Ilyannie Valmes Perez

San Jacinto Valley Academy

Paul Huynh, President

Diana Aguilar

Hailee Tennant

Santa Rosa Academy

Karla Galicia, Principal

Kayla Copeland

Magdalena Lall

SCALE Leadership Academy - East

Bryan J. Hernandez, Interim Principal

Alanze Salman

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