



# RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

EDWIN GOMEZ, Ed.D. | County Superintendent of Schools



GREATER COACHELLA VALLEY

# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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**FEBRUARY 3, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.**

Fantasy Springs Special Events Center

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## WELCOME

Natalia Gonzalez  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND  
PARTNERSHIPS REPRESENTATIVE

## REMARKS

Edwin Gomez, Ed.D.  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
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## STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

Riverside County Office of Education -  
Community Schools

Desert Sands Unified School District

Palm Springs Unified School District

Coachella Valley Unified School District

## CLOSING

Natalia Gonzalez



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## RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

**Nereida Gutierrez**

*Assistant Superintendent, Student Programs and Services*

### **DON F. KENNY REGIONAL LEARNING CENTER**

**Jayden Arriaga-Araujo**

*Mr. Gabriel Fajardo, Principal*

### **PALM SPRINGS COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

**Richard Gonzalez**

*Mr. Gabriel Fajardo, Principal*

## DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Dr. Kelly May-Vollmar**

*Superintendent*

### **AMISTAD HIGH SCHOOL**

**Daniel Hernandez-Martinez**

*Mr. Richard Pimentel, Principal*

### **HORIZON HIGH SCHOOL**

**Arturo Ibarra**

*Mr. Erasmo Garcia, Principal*

### **INDIO HIGH SCHOOL**

**Sofia Cruz-Gonzalez**

*Mrs. Monica Rodriguez, Principal*

### **LA QUINTA HIGH SCHOOL**

**Nathan Calasan**

*Mr. Gregg O'Mara, Principal*

### **PALM DESERT HIGH SCHOOL**

**Alfonso Lucero**

*Ms. Sarit Saig, Principal*

### **SHADOW HILLS HIGH SCHOOL**

**Giselle Santibanez**

*Dr. David Dunn, Principal*

### **SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL**

**Maria Aceves-Ruiz**

*Mr. Erasmo Garcia, Principal*

## **PALM SPRINGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Dr. Marcus Funchess**  
*Superintendent*

**CATHEDRAL CITY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Carlos Lopez**  
*Ms. Julia Bartsch, Principal*

**DESERT HOT SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Emily Diedjomahor**  
*Mr. Omar Tinoco, Principal*

**DESERT LEARNING ACADEMY**  
**Zemi Aceves Garcia**  
*Mrs. Joddi DeMarco, Principal*

**MT. SAN JACINTO HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Damon Lockhart Jr.**  
*Ms. Sue Drummond, Principal*

**PALM SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Italy Acosta**  
*Mr. Michael Ventura, Principal*

**RANCHO MIRAGE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Malachi Davis**  
*Mr. Brian Hendra, Principal*

## **COACHELLA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Dr. Frances Esparza**  
*Superintendent*

**COACHELLA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Anahi Moran**  
*Dr. Anna Santa Maria, Principal*

**COACHELLA VALLEY INDEPENDENT STUDY**  
**Yanelly Miranda-Nunez**  
*Mr. Jereme Weischedel, Principal*

**DESERT MIRAGE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Karime Mejia**  
*Ms. Alicia Zamorano, Principal*

**LA FAMILIA HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Jose Fernandez**  
*Mr. Gustavo Sandoval, Principal*

**NOVA ACADEMY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Diego Flores**  
*Mr. Scott Winter, Principal*

**WEST SHORES HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Alyssa Ochoa**  
*Mrs. Olivia Mejorado, Principal*

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

April 14, 2026

**STUDENT OF THE YEAR**

May 21, 2026