



COLLEGE SIGNING DAY

# CSD 2026

*Austin, TX*

Bluff Springs, Health Professions, Kyle, Montopolis

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026**

**9:30 AM • PALMER EVENTS CENTER**

900 BARTON SPRINGS RD, AUSTIN, TX 78704

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College Signing Day is a celebration recognizing our scholars' achievements as they proudly reveal the college or university they will attend this fall. Additionally, this event marks an important accomplishment for IDEA students, many of whom will be the first in their families to attend college. These students have beaten many odds, and their decision to attend and finish college marks a significant change in the trajectory of their lives.

From tearful speeches to the roar of the crowd, no event represents every family's hopes and dreams more than College Signing Day. Though each senior is embarking on their own journey to and through college, the lessons and memories they have gained during their time with IDEA will remain with them for a lifetime.

## PROGRAM

- Welcome
- Alumni Speech
- Senior Reveals
- Scholarship Presentations
- Closing



## LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

### *Team & Family:*

Welcome to my favorite IDEA event of the year—College Signing Day (CSD)!

College Signing Day is an IDEA tradition unlike any other. It began as IDEA's promise to parents: "Your child will go to college." Across the Rio Grande Valley, San Antonio, the Austin metro area, El Paso and Tarrant County, CSD is an opportunity for our seniors to announce a meaningful commitment and for our schools and communities to celebrate everything that led up to this joyful and pivotal moment.

So, if you want to feel inspired, you're in the right place.

If you want to feel hopeful about the future of our community, our country, and our world, stick around.

If you came to cheer on your own student today, don't be surprised if you're screaming for one you have never met.

Across IDEA's schools, the **3,390 members of the Class of 2026** have achieved over **15,523 acceptances** to colleges and universities across the country. Today we learn where everyone is headed.

While this moment is a culmination of sorts, it also represents a new start for the students who have worked so hard to get here. So many opportunities, adventures, experiences, and challenges lie ahead.

For now, this is a day for celebration. For every senior who declares their college choice on this stage, let's also celebrate and be grateful for the teachers, counselors, principals, parents, siblings, grandparents, mentors, employers, neighbors, friends, and everyone else who has supported these students.

Class of 2026: Congratulations! You're going to college.

### *Equipo y Familia:*

Bienvenidos a mi evento favorito de IDEA del año: ¡College Signing Day (CSD)!

College Signing Day es una tradición de IDEA como ninguna otra. Comenzó como una promesa de IDEA a los padres: "Su hijo irá a la universidad". Hoy, en todo el Valle del Río Grande, San Antonio, el área metropolitana de Austin El Paso y Tarrant County, CSD es una oportunidad para que nuestros alumnos de último grado anuncien un compromiso significativo y para que nuestras escuelas y comunidades celebren todo lo que condujo a este momento alegre y crucial.

Así que, si quieres sentirte inspirado, estás en el lugar correcto.

Si quieres sentirte esperanzado sobre el futuro de nuestra comunidad, nuestro país y nuestro mundo, quédate con nosotros.

Si el día de hoy, estás aquí para apoyar a tu propio estudiante, no te sorprendas si estás gritando por uno que jamás habías conocido.

En todos los campus de IDEA, los **3,390 miembros de la Clase de 2026** han logrado más de **15,523 aceptaciones** en colegios y universidades de todo el país. Hoy aprendemos hacia dónde se dirige cada uno.

Si bien este momento es una especie de culminación, también representa un nuevo comienzo para los estudiantes que han trabajado tan duro para llegar aquí. Tantas oportunidades, aventuras, experiencias y desafíos por delante.

Por ahora, este es un día de celebración. Para cada estudiante de último año que declara su elección de universidad en este escenario, también celebremos y agradezcamos a los maestros, consejeros, directores, padres, hermanos, abuelos, mentores, empleadores, vecinos, amigos y todos los demás que han apoyado a estos estudiantes.

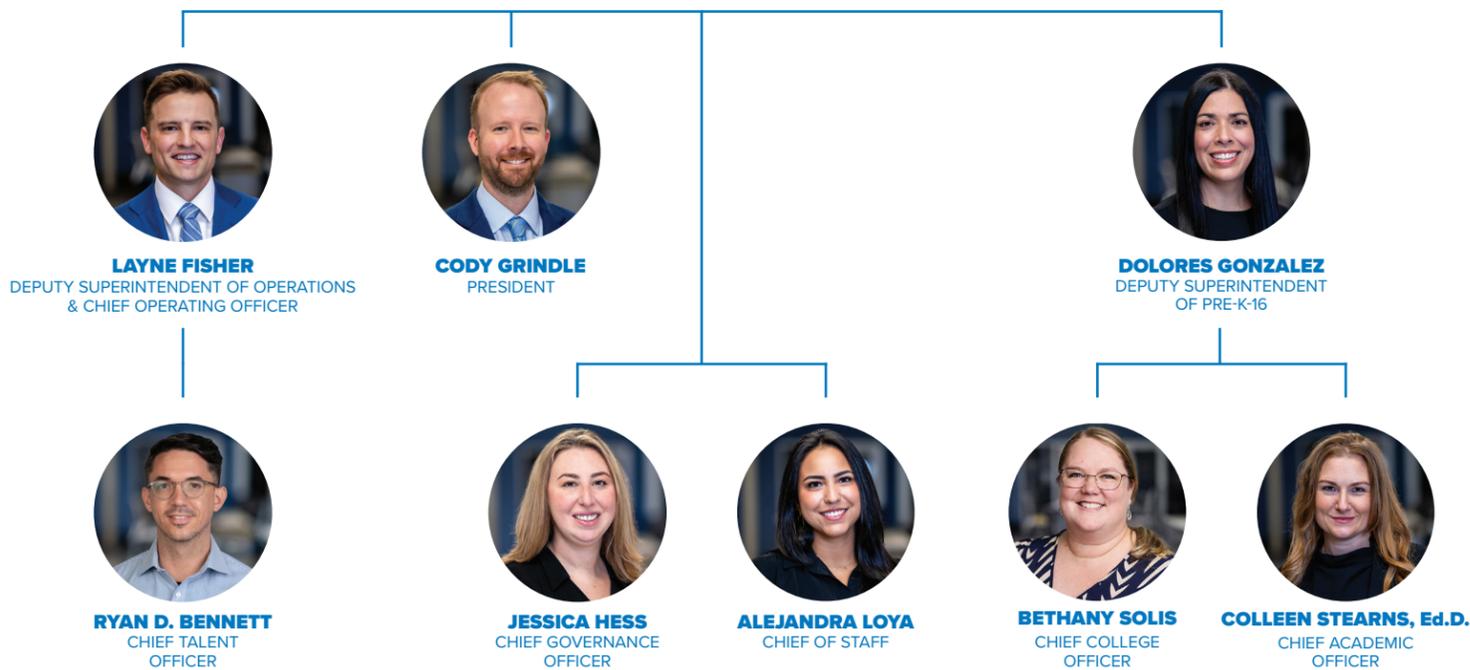
Clase 2026: ¡Felicidades! Vas a ir a la universidad.

**JEFF COTTRILL, Ed.D.**  
CEO & Superintendent  
IDEA Public Schools

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**JEFF COTTRILL, Ed.D.**  
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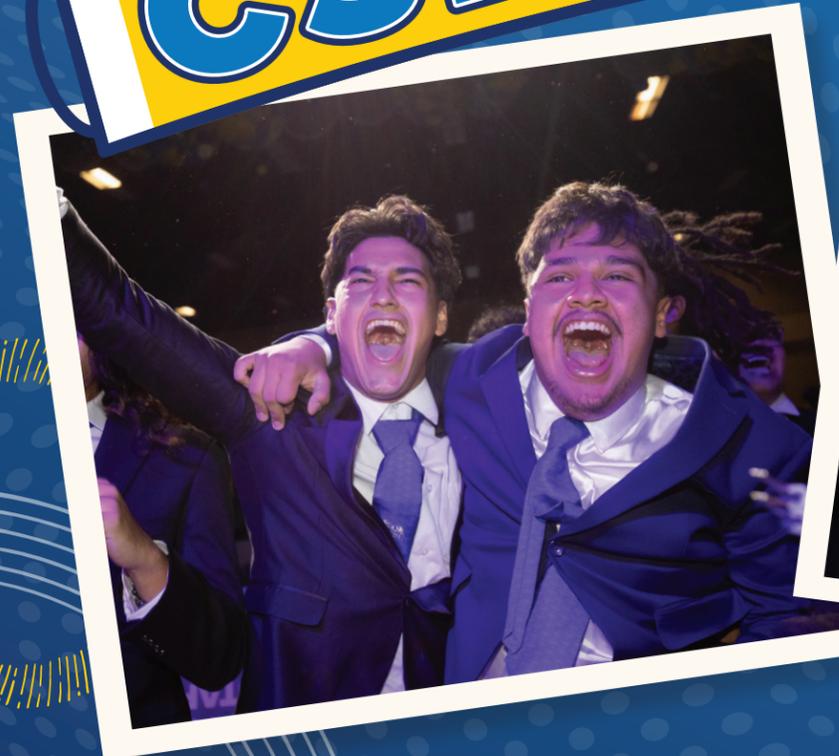
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*to and through college*  
**BEGINS AT**  
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**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS  
FOR GRADES K – 12**

**APPLY NOW!**





# CONGRATULATIONS IDEA BLUFF SPRINGS!

My incredible seniors,

It has been the honor of my life to serve as your principal. I have a special place in my heart for this group, having taught you 8th grade US History and ELA intermittently when I was an API several years ago. Since then, I have watched you grow into scholars and leaders who embody resilience, discipline, and heart.

You have risen to high expectations, pushed through challenges, and proven that excellence is not accidental - it is earned. You've led classrooms, teams, and each other with courage. Because of you, our halls are better, our traditions are stronger, and our future is brighter.

As you step onto your college campuses, carry with you the belief that you belong in every room you enter. Stay curious. Stay grounded. Stay relentless in pursuit of your dreams.

We are proud of you - not just for where you're going, but for who you have become.

With pride,

**Dr. Daniel Gonzalez**  
Principal, IDEA Bluff Springs College Preparatory

# CLASS OF 2026

Ahmed Abdulhameed  
Carlos Enrique Garcia Armenta  
Rafael Elijah Arriaga  
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Tulio Luis Prieto Garcia  
Natalie Leonor Gonzalez  
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Hector Eduardo Hernandez  
Kevin Reyes Lara  
Luis Manuel Lira-Tonche  
Raymond De Luna  
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Oscar Manuel Olmos-Calixto  
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Adrian Ray Rodriguez  
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Zenen Matildes Sabines  
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Victor Manuel San Juan-Gonzalez  
Andres Segura-Gutierrez  
Johnathan Manzur Serrano  
Carlos Joshep Hurtado Suarez  
Emmanuella Akeh Tabe  
Ociel Ramirez Tierrablanca  
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Dangkhoa Nguyen Tran  
Elena Mayela Cid Treviño  
Marlom Ivan Granados Ugarte  
Aura Lid Zavala-Ramirez





# CONGRATULATIONS **IDEA** HEALTH PROFESSIONALS!

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Class of 2026, you made it!

Take a moment today to truly sit in this, because what you have accomplished matters. I am incredibly proud of each and EVERY one of you. Over the last four years, I have watched you grow through challenges, celebrate hard-earned wins, and step into the young adults you are today. As our first graduating class, you did not just attend HP. You built it. You set the standard. You are the legacy.

This is not the end. This is where life begins.

As you move forward, trust yourselves. Believe in your voice, your instincts, and your ability to figure things out even when the path is unclear. You are a special group, unlike any other, and my belief in you goes far beyond this moment. By simply being here, you are already changing your families' lives.

HP will always be your home. Be CENTAUR STRONG when you need it most.

Your Forever HS Principal,

**Kristen Kent**

Executive Principal, IDEA Health Professions College Preparatory

# CLASS OF 2026

Antony Aguilar  
Shazia Afghan  
De Erica Alexander  
Estrella Alvarez  
Ashley Alvarado  
Anthony Baquedano  
Giovany Badillo-Sanchez  
Jimena Becerra  
Ivana Blanco  
Josuan Caceres  
Kenneht Contreras  
Leonel Delcid  
Marqus Devito  
Maricruz Espinoza  
Emily Estrada  
Oliver Fowler  
Fernard Francois  
David Giron  
Zaid Gomez  
Evelyn Gomez-Orellana  
Noah Gutierrez  
Khadija Hadi  
Clarence Jackson

Orlando Jaimes  
Adan Jaramillo  
Alondra Lopez  
Daniela Lopez  
Rosa Madrid  
Adriana Maciel  
Cruz Martinez  
Jose Martinez-Mendez  
David Mejia  
Joshua Ortega  
Dulce Ordonez  
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Alexander Saccomondo  
Robert Valencia  
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Richard Villareal





# CONGRATULATIONS IDEA KYLE!

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Dear Kyle College Prep Seniors,

What an honor it has been to join the Knight family this year and witness your final steps toward graduation. Even in my first year on this campus, you welcomed me with warmth, purpose, and pride. You showed me exactly what it means to be a Knight!

Your drive, your resilience, and your heart have shaped a legacy that will continue long after you walk our halls for the last time. As you begin your college journey, carry with you the courage and determination that define our community.

I am incredibly proud of each of you. Thank you for letting me be part of your story. Go forward boldly, and always, Go Knights!

With pride,

**Melinda Gardner**

Principal, IDEA Kyle College Preparatory

# CLASSES OF 2026

Shalom Akinlamilo  
Maryam Alani  
Ibrahim Alani  
Rami Ali  
David Altamirano Villanueva  
Paola Arevalo Hernandez  
Andrew Avila  
Wesley Balderas-Sierra  
Isaac Barajas  
Ivonne Bermudez  
Malayah Broom  
Natalia Brown  
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Angela Castillo  
Ayanna Castillo  
Jairo Cerda Montanez  
Yosimar Chavarria Padilla  
Alexander Combest  
Xochitl Cox  
Amado Enriquez  
Dominik Facio Hernandez  
Jose Fernandez Castillo  
Elian Gamboa Ibarra  
Miguel Garza  
Savannah Geiger  
Edwyn Gonzalez Montoya  
Joseph Gutierrez  
Lando Hall  
Riyam Hasan  
Ivette Hernandez Castelan  
Jazmine Hernandez Perez  
Matthew Herrera  
William Howard  
Ernesto Lopez Fuentes  
Francisco Lopez-Andrade  
Karina Lozano  
Giovanni Luna  
Arnoldo Maldonado Gomez  
Anitta Marin

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Adelino Mercado  
Angela Moreta Hernandez  
Megan Munoz  
Damien Murphy-Ubaldo  
Alizah Nobles  
Hannah Olvera  
Francisco Ortega Rico  
Jennifer Perez Lopez  
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Picharkorn Prasertsukying  
Noah Ramirez  
Vaelen Ramirez  
Sophia Ramirez  
Ruby Reyes  
Fangio Rivera  
Jacob Rodriguez  
Gissel Rodriguez Quintanilla  
Isaac Rogers  
Alaya Ruiz  
Khaleb Salazar  
Sophia Salinas  
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Keyle Sanchez Ochoa  
Sol Santibanez Palacios  
Annabeth Shea  
Oscar Silva  
Trysten Starks  
Zoey Telleria  
Jasmine Trejo Saldana  
Deris Umanzor-Cruz  
Alberto Utrera  
Jade Valadez Avila  
Valerie Vasquez  
Ashley Vera  
Amy Villarreal  
Dustin Wimberly  
Valeria Zapata Miguel





# CONGRATULATIONS IDEA MONTOPOLIS!

Mighty Bulldogs,

Over the past four years, I've had the privilege of watching you grow into leaders, advocates and champions for one another.

From your freshman year, my very first impression of you was how willing you were to speak up, not just for yourselves, but for what you believed would make our campus better for everyone.

Because of that, we became State Champions, planned and hosted campus events through student council, celebrated wins in athletics and academics and TRULY built the strong Montopolis community we're proud of today.

You have left a lasting legacy here and shown everyone what it truly means to be a Bulldog.

And I want you to know, you've shaped me as a leader too. I will carry every interaction and every lesson learned from you moving forward.

I am so proud of the people you've become and soooo excited for everything that's ahead of you.

Today is all about you. Always cheering you on,

**Selene Mireles-Tello**

Interim Principal, IDEA Montopolis College Preparatory

# CLASS OF 2026

Cristopher Antonio Alvarado  
 Catalina Monique Amador  
 Marely Arroyo  
 Chris Chance Augustus  
 Daniela Ayala  
 Jose Jahir Barbosa  
 Luis Eduardo Barrientos  
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 Vincent Ray Rodriguez  
 Diego Rodriguez  
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 Bryanna Susie Saucedo  
 Christopher Anthony Serrano  
 Deepika Shah  
 Emily Gaby Solorzano  
 Angelica Monserratt Tolentino  
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