



COLLEGE SIGNING DAY

CSD 2026

Tarrant County
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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
- Campus College Reveals
- Scholarship Presentations
- Senior Thank You Speeches
- Contract Signing and Celebration



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.

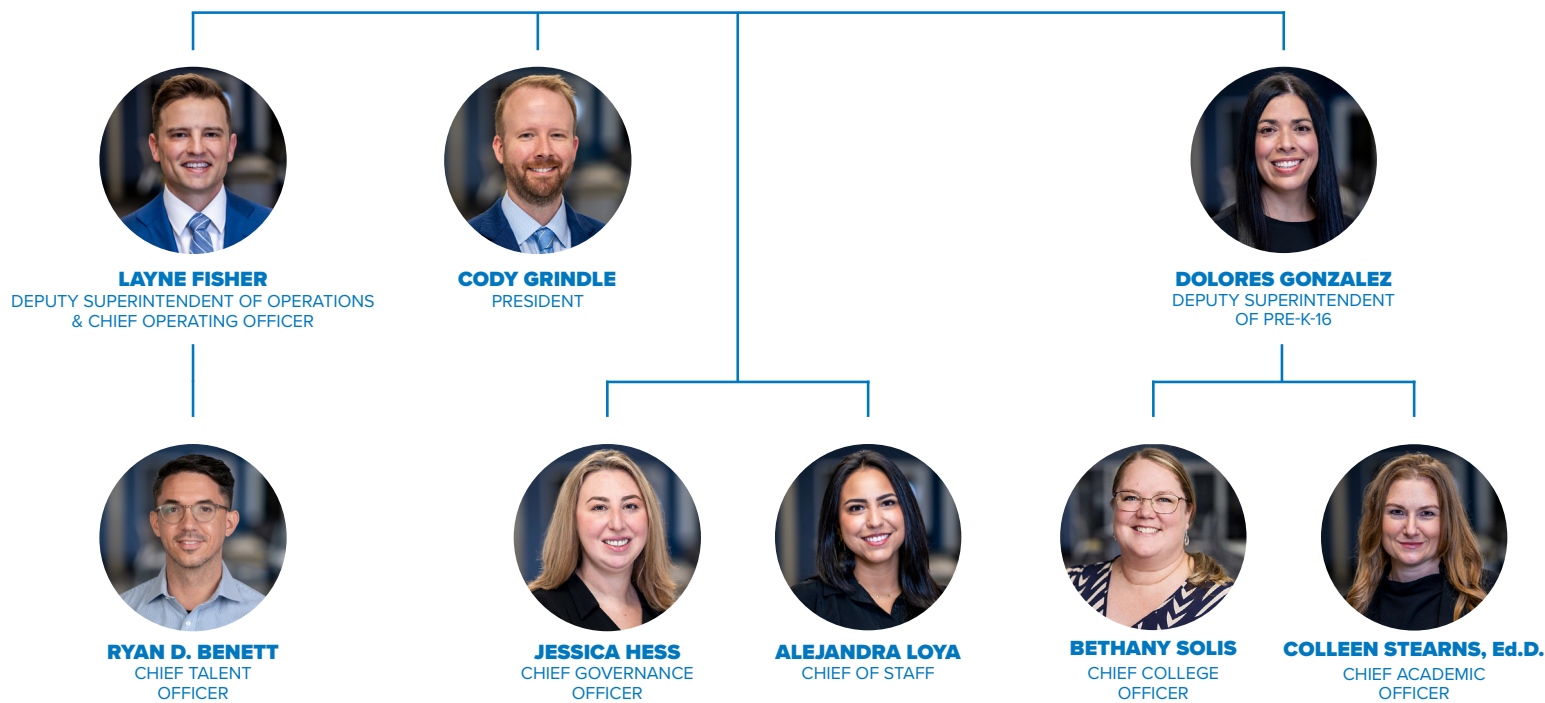
Clase 2026: ¡Felicidades! Vas a ir a la universidad.


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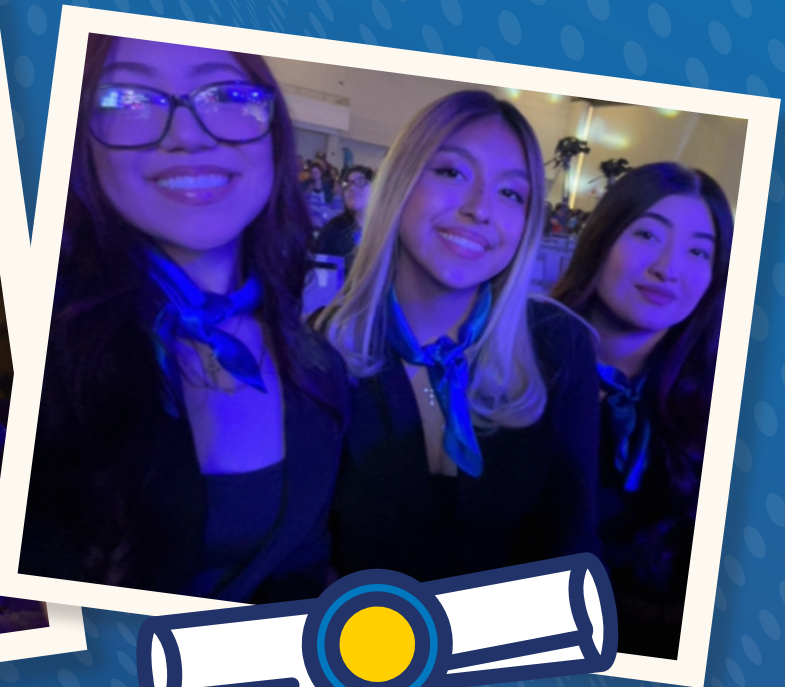
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CONGRATULATIONS **IDEA** ACHIEVE!

Dear Trailblazing Class of IDEA Achieve,

Today is not just College Signing Day — it is a defining moment in the history of IDEA Achieve. You are our first graduating class, and because of that, you are more than seniors — you are pioneers. You are the foundation, the legacy-setters, and the proof that vision, grit, and commitment produce results.

When you first walked through the doors of IDEA Achieve Academy, there was no graduating class to look up to. There was no blueprint. You helped create the traditions, the expectations, and the standard of excellence that will guide every class that follows you. That takes courage. That takes resilience. And you have shown both.

Each college you commit to today is not just gaining a student — they are gaining a leader, a difference-maker, and someone who understands perseverance.

As you prepare to walk across the graduation stage, remember this: you carry the name IDEA Achieve with you. Wherever you go — universities, careers, the military, entrepreneurship — you represent the spirit of a campus that believes in high expectations, strong culture, and relentless pursuit of excellence.

You have set the bar. You have built the legacy. And you have made us incredibly proud.

With immense pride and belief in your future,

Tremayna Thomas

Interim Principal, IDEA Achieve College Preparatory

CLASS OF 2026

Cindy Elizabeth Alvarado
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Marcos Lionel Montiel-Marrero
Daksh Patel
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Ja'Naya Walls
Rylee Williams
Brianna Marie Woods





CONGRATULATIONS IDEA RISE!

My extraordinary graduates,

Today, we celebrate a historic milestone—100% of you have earned acceptance to a four-year college or university. This moment represents far more than letters and scholarships; it reflects grit, discipline, and an unshakable belief in what is possible.

As the first graduating class of IDEA Rise College Prep, you did not wait for a legacy—you built one. You turned obstacles into opportunities and proved that excellence is not reserved for a few, but achievable for all who commit to the work.

You are scholars. You are leaders. You are world-changers.

Wherever life leads you next, walk boldly, dream fearlessly, and remember that you carry the strength of this community with you.

We believe in you. We are proud of you. Your story is just beginning.

Congratulations, Class of 2026!

With pride,

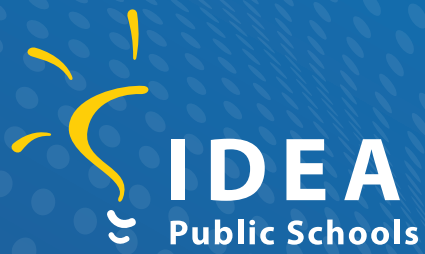
Anthony Young
Principal, IDEA Rise College Preparatory

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