



COLLEGE SIGNING DAY

CSD 2026

El Paso, TX

Edgemere, Mesa Hills, Rio Vista

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026

2:30 PM • EL PASO CONVENTION CENTER

ONE CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, EL PASO, TX 79901

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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.

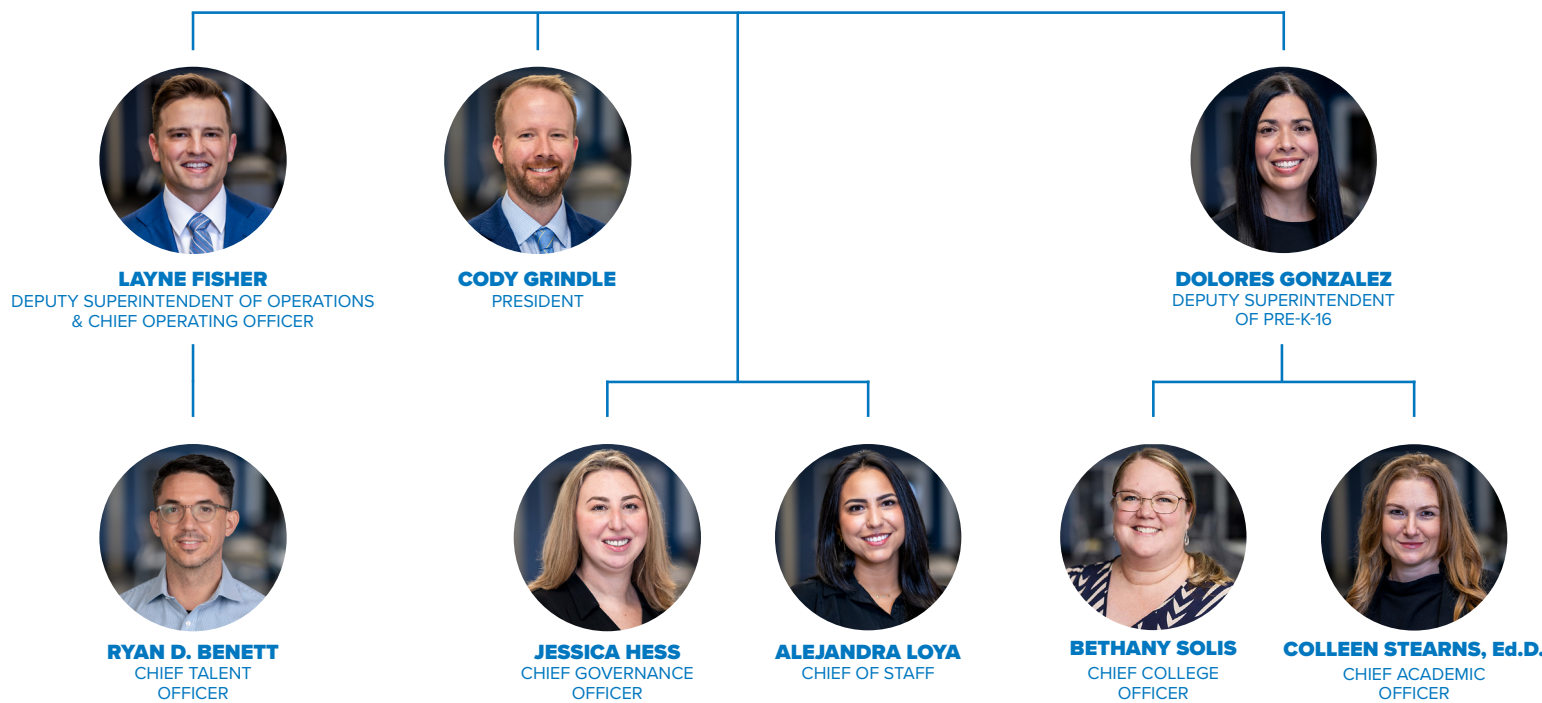
Clase 2026: ¡Felicidades! Vas a ir a la universidad.

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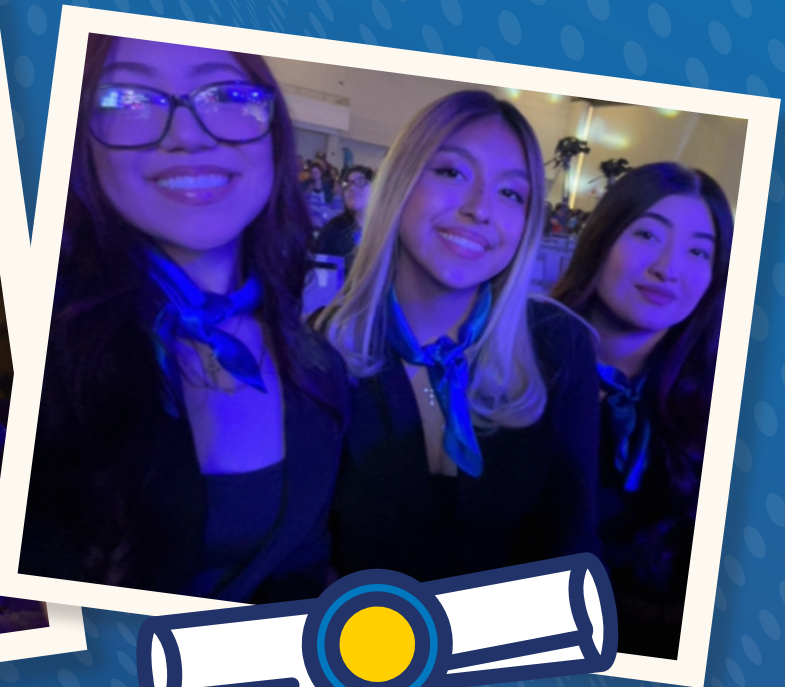
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CONGRATULATIONS IDEA EDGEMERE!

To my amazing Falcons — Class of 2026,

Today we celebrate more than a milestone—we celebrate you. Every late night, every challenge, and every moment you chose not to give up led you here. You didn't just arrive at this moment. You earned it.

Your journey wasn't always easy. You faced changing expectations, rigorous academics, and moments that tested your confidence. But through it all, you grew. You learned perseverance, the power of community, and how to turn obstacles into opportunities.

As you step into what's next, remember this: success is never achieved alone. Carry your people with you. Lean on those who believe in you and push you to be better.

Class of 2026, you have left your mark on IDEA Edgemere. Your legacy of excellence and heart will guide the Fierce Falcons who follow.

Rise up. Fly high. Soar, Falcons, soar.

With pride,

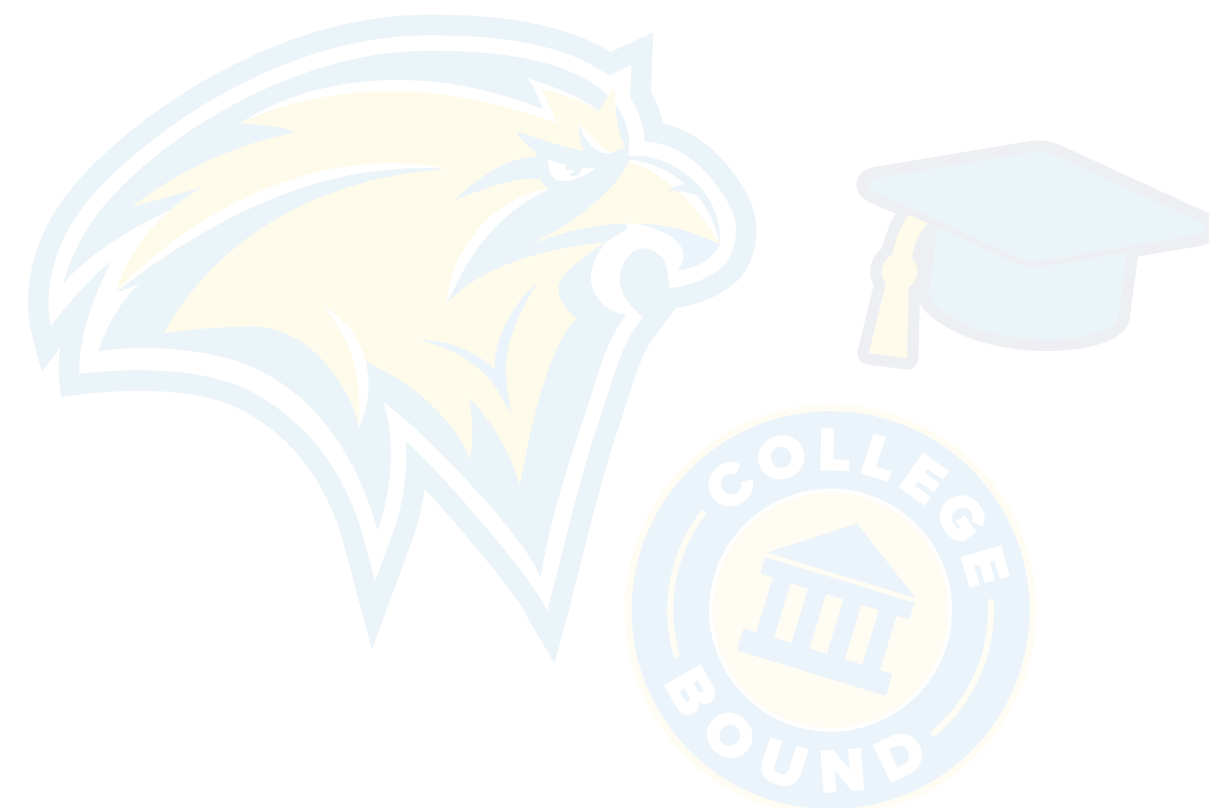
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Mia Barraza
Tristen Bates
Ingrid Castañeda
Arlene Cervantes Iglesias
Sebastian Contreras
Ruby Cortez
Abril De La Fuente
Sophia Esparza Maese
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Leonardo Gonzalez
Sebastian Gonzalez
Sebastian Grajeda
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Ahtziri Vargas
Kaylee Villalobos
Jesse Ware





CONGRATULATIONS IDEA MESA HILLS!

To our first graduating senior class—the Class of 2026

Today is College Signing Day—and it’s a moment worth recognizing.

Seniors, this didn’t just happen. This moment represents years of work—every class, every test, every time you chose to keep going.

That matters.

And as you head into what’s next, remember this—nothing about your future is given. It’s built the same way you got here: showing up, staying consistent, and pushing through when it gets hard.

As Wolverines, we take pride in that. We don’t back off when things get tough—we push through, we stay focused, and when something gets in the way... we slash through it and keep going.

To our families and staff—thank you for supporting our seniors along the way.

Seniors—be proud of yourselves. You’ve earned this moment.

Make some noise for yourselves. Let me hear you SLASH, Wolverines!

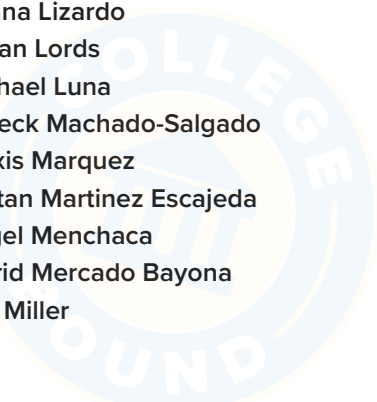
Sincerely,

Jennifer Garcia
Interim Principal, IDEA Mesa Hills College Preparatory

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Angel Barraza
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Camila De La Cruz
Bryan Garcia
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Dante Gonzalez
Julian Gonzalez
Andrea Grajeda
Anna Granados
Carla Guillen Espina
Claudia Guillen Espina
Alexia Gutierrez
Julian Gutierrez
Sebastian Hernandez
Kamaran Hickson
Jorge Huerta Hernandez
Melanie Hund
Melissa Jauregui
Derek Leos
Ingrid Limas Macias
Ariana Lizardo
Logan Lords
Michael Luna
Dereck Machado-Salgado
Alexis Marquez
Tristan Martinez Escajeda
Angel Menchaca
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Mia Miller

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CONGRATULATIONS IDEA RIO VISTA!

Dear Rio Vista Community,

Today, we proudly celebrate College Signing Day and the accomplishments of our exceptional seniors. This moment represents years of hard work, perseverance, and commitment to their futures. Whether our students are choosing a university or community college, we honor every path and the bright potential it holds.

To our seniors: we are inspired by your determination and excited for the opportunities ahead. To our families and staff: thank you for the support and guidance that helped make this milestone possible.

College Signing Day is not just a celebration of where our students are going—it is a celebration of who they have become. Congratulations, Class of 2026! We are incredibly proud of you.

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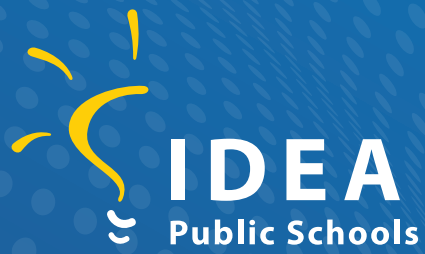
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Principal, IDEA Rio Vista College Preparatory

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Genesis Baeza
Mia Barrientos
Juan Beltran
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Diego Carrera
Mia Carrillo
Damian Cineceros
Gael Contreras
America Cordero
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Izrael Elizalde
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