



COLLEGE SIGNING DAY

# CSD 2026

*Rio Grande Valley*

Frontier, Rio Grande City, Robindale, Sports Park

**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026**

**9:30 AM • McALLEN CONVENTION CENTER**

700 CONVENTION CENTER BLVD., McALLEN, TX 78501

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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.

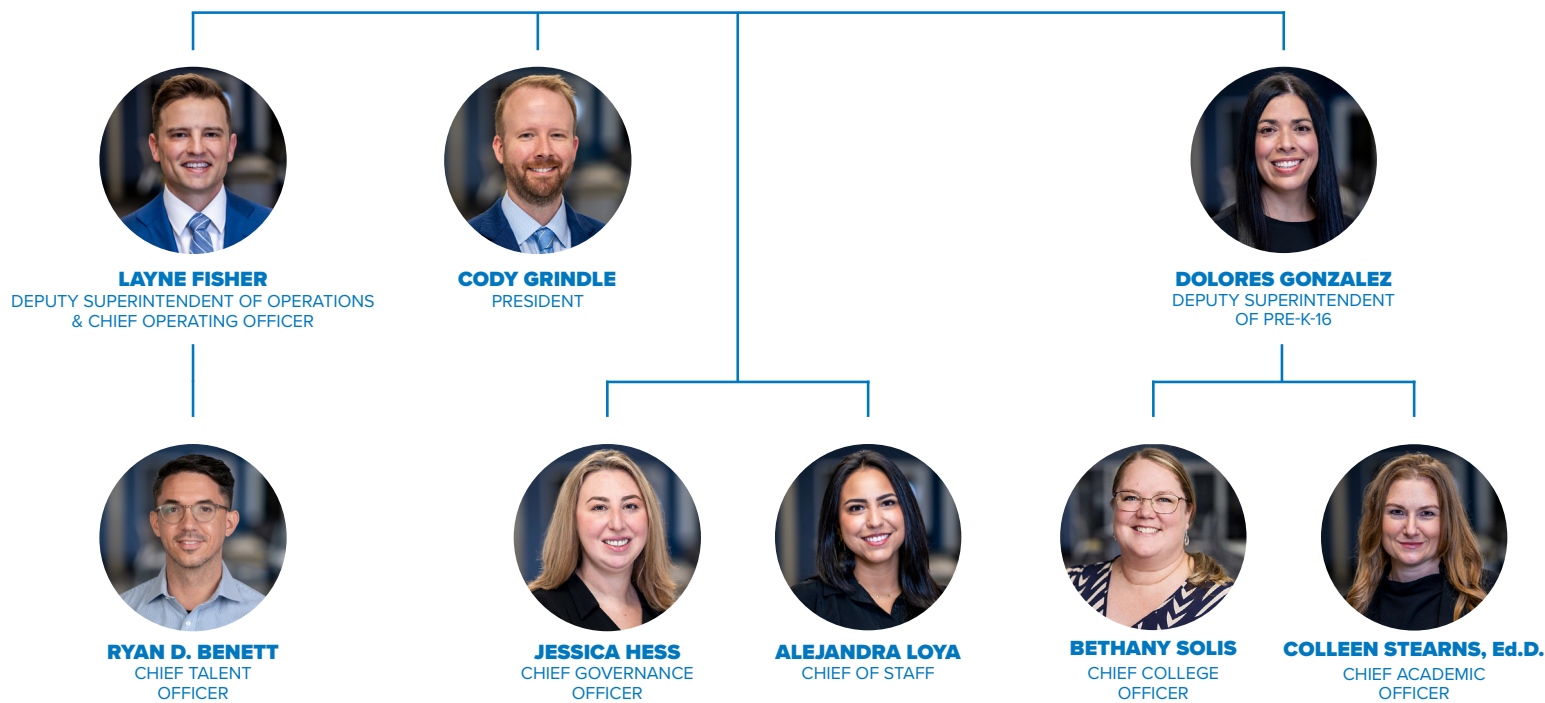
Clase 2026: ¡Felicidades! Vas a ir a la universidad.

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

# IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS — LEADERSHIP —



**JEFF COTTRILL, Ed.D.**  
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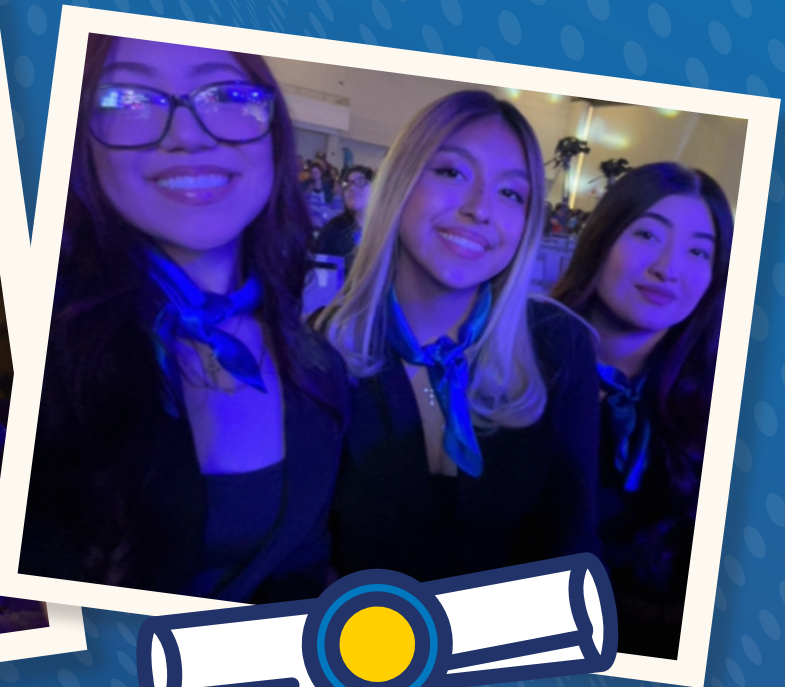
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**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS  
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# CONGRATULATIONS IDEA FRONTIER!

My incredible IDEA Frontier Class of 2026,

Congratulations on this extraordinary milestone. Each of you has demonstrated resilience, determination, and heart throughout your journey, and today we celebrate the dreams you are boldly stepping toward. You have grown as scholars, leaders, and changemakers, leaving a lasting legacy on our campus and inspiring those who will follow in your footsteps.

As you begin this next chapter, carry your courage, your purpose, and your belief in what is possible. The world is waiting for your brilliance, your voice, and your impact. Always remember—you will forever be part of the Frontier family, and we will be cheering you on wherever life takes you. Once a Charger, always a Charger.

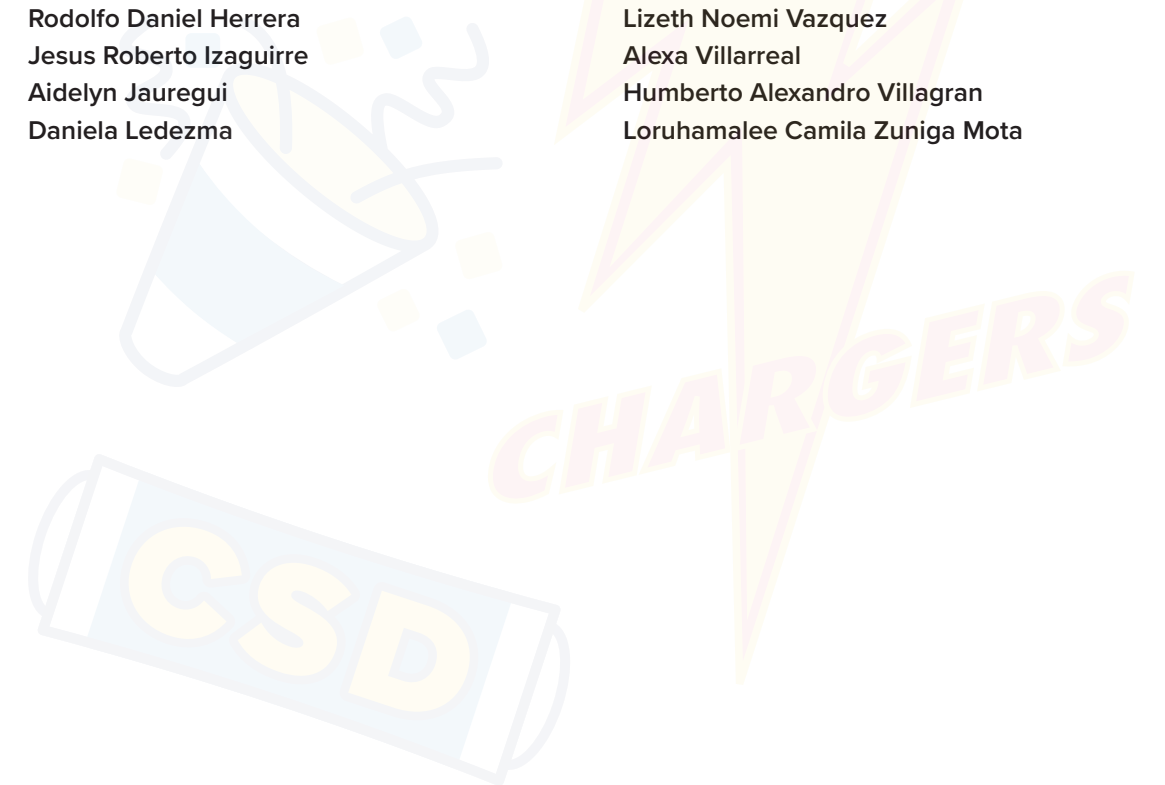
With immense pride and belief in you,

**Dr. Abigail Molina**  
Principal, IDEA Frontier College Preparatory

# CLASSES OF 2026

Emmanuel Alejandro Amador  
Mauren Adaly Andrade Guillen  
Caleb Anthony Alanis  
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Andres Garcia  
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Alma Irela Garcia Camacho  
Lessly Lizeth Gonzalez  
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David Alec Herevia  
Azul Ayleen Hernandez  
Derek Mauricio Hernandez Briones  
Camila Sofia Hernandez Rivera  
Hector Hugo Hinojosa  
Rodolfo Daniel Herrera  
Jesus Roberto Izaguirre  
Aidelyn Jauregui  
Daniela Ledezma

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Gaddiel Aldayr Ovalle  
Luna Sofia Ortiz  
Gael Perez  
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Agustin Robledo  
Jesus Enrique Robledo  
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Dafne Elizabeth Rodriguez  
Marvella Rodriguez Barrera  
Anthony Rivera  
Dafne Elizabeth Reyes  
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Ammi Celeste Sanchez  
Idalys Santamaria  
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Kevin Obed Salguero  
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Aaron Vasquez  
Lizeth Noemi Vazquez  
Alexa Villarreal  
Humberto Alejandro Villagran  
Loruhamalee Camila Zuniga Mota





# CONGRATULATIONS IDEA RIO GRANDE CITY!

To the Amazing Students of the IDEA Rio Grande City Class of 2026,

Congratulations on reaching this powerful milestone. Each of you has grown in ways both seen and unseen—through late nights, tough moments, big wins, and quiet perseverance. Your journey has required courage, grit, and heart, and you should be incredibly proud of how far you’ve come.

As you step into this next chapter, know that you are ready. Embrace challenges with confidence, lead with kindness, and never stop believing in your ability to make a difference. Your stories, voices, and dreams matter, and the impact you will have is just beginning.

No matter where life takes you, remember that you will always belong at IDEA Rio Grande City.

With immense pride and belief in you,

**Karmen Alaniz**

Principal, IDEA Rio Grande City College Preparatory

# CLASS OF 2026

Edgar Barrera Barrera  
Isaac Rafael Barrera  
Emily Valentina Benavides  
Melannie Aileen Bruno  
Julian Alexander Canamar  
Hunter Dee Carrion  
Alexander Correa  
Athán Emanuel Escogido  
Alondra Edith Estrada Guzman  
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Martin Resendez  
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Gael Rios  
Adriana Jetzabel Rivera  
Abiel Robledo  
Dayami Idaly Rocha  
Abigail Rodriguez Estrada  
Jayden Daniel Rosa  
Daniel Adrian Salinas  
Romeo Solis  
Amalio Soto  
Ernesto Jesus Vaquera  
Alexis Vargas  
Brianna Nevaeh Villarreal  
Eduardo Villarreal  
Esthefany Yitzel Zapata Vazquez





# CONGRATULATIONS **IDEA** ROBINDALE!

My amazing Aviators,

Today marks a momentous occasion. As you announce the universities you will call home this fall, we celebrate more than your decisions; we celebrate your journey. At Robindale, you experienced many firsts. You are our first graduating class, and this is the first step into college life.

You walked through our doors in August 2019, filled with hope and uncertainty. Six months later, the world changed, and so did your school experience. Still, you returned, rebuilt traditions, and led with courage. You showed resilience and shaped the spirit of this campus.

Because of you, this school has a legacy. As you take this next step, remember you will always be our first, and that makes you unforgettable. Lead by example, empower others, achieve your dreams, and stay determined.

The sky is not the limit... Aviators, the sky is home. Take flight!

We are forever proud of you.

**Jessica Hinojosa**

Principal, IDEA Robindale College Preparatory

# CLASS OF 2026

Heidy Sofia Adriano  
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Oscar Javier Alfaro  
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Leonel Armendariz  
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Kevin De Jesus Cavazos  
Cristian Cervantes  
Luis Alberto Chavarri  
Roberto Antonio Cordova  
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Troy Alexander Cortes  
Victor Jared Cortez  
Jose Rafael De La Cruz Flores  
Juan Luis Escobedo  
Gregory Gael Flores  
Daniel Gutierrez Flores  
Iris Galvan-Garza  
Jimmy Felipe Garces  
Aaron Gutierrez Garcia  
Andrea Alessandra Garcia  
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Maria Guadalupe Garcia  
Natalia Garcia  
Natalia Marely Garcia  
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Ivan Gonzalez  
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Romina Mejia  
Perla Morales Juarez  
Renatha Padilla  
Sebastian Julian Pena  
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Edna Maria Quiroz  
Brandon Dominic Ramos  
Korin Janett Reyes  
Meliton Rincon  
Karime Rivera  
Miriam Gabriela Rodriguez  
Celeste Amariani Romero  
Amira Salas  
Yaritza Michelle Salinas  
Abelardo Sanchez  
Arielle Silva  
Alucard Balam Solis Delgado  
Fatima Jacqueline Sosa  
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John Anthony Torres  
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Katriel Sadie Van Der Kam  
Fatima De Lourdes Varela  
Maria Fernanda Vazquez Martinez  
Brissia Lizbeth Vazquez Perez  
Ebony Itzel Velasquez





# CONGRATULATIONS **IDEA** SPORTS PARK!

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To the incredible graduating class of 2026 at IDEA Sports Park,

I want to express my most heartfelt congratulations on reaching this incredibly important milestone. The journey has been drastically different for each of you standing here today. At different times, many of you have faced challenges, made mistakes, worried about assignments, tests, and deadlines. Yet you accomplished the mission and persevered.

Ahead of you, you will no doubt face tough decisions and continue to learn things about yourselves. My advice: do what is right for YOU. Pursue your dreams, explore, take risks, but most importantly act with integrity. While the future may seem uncertain, I want to reassure you all -you are ready.

Thank you so much for letting me serve as your proud principal. Remember, whatever you decide to do and wherever you go, you will always be a proud Stingray!

**Federico Saqui**

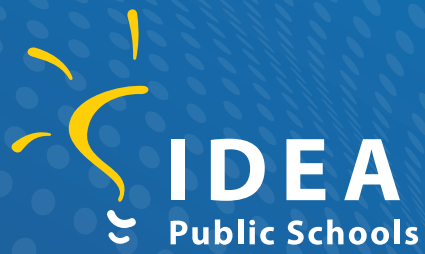
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# CLASS OF 2026

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