



COLLEGE SIGNING DAY

CSD 2026

Rio Grande Valley

North Mission, Owassa, Pharr, San Juan, Weslaco Pike

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026

2:00 PM • McALLEN CONVENTION CENTER

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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.

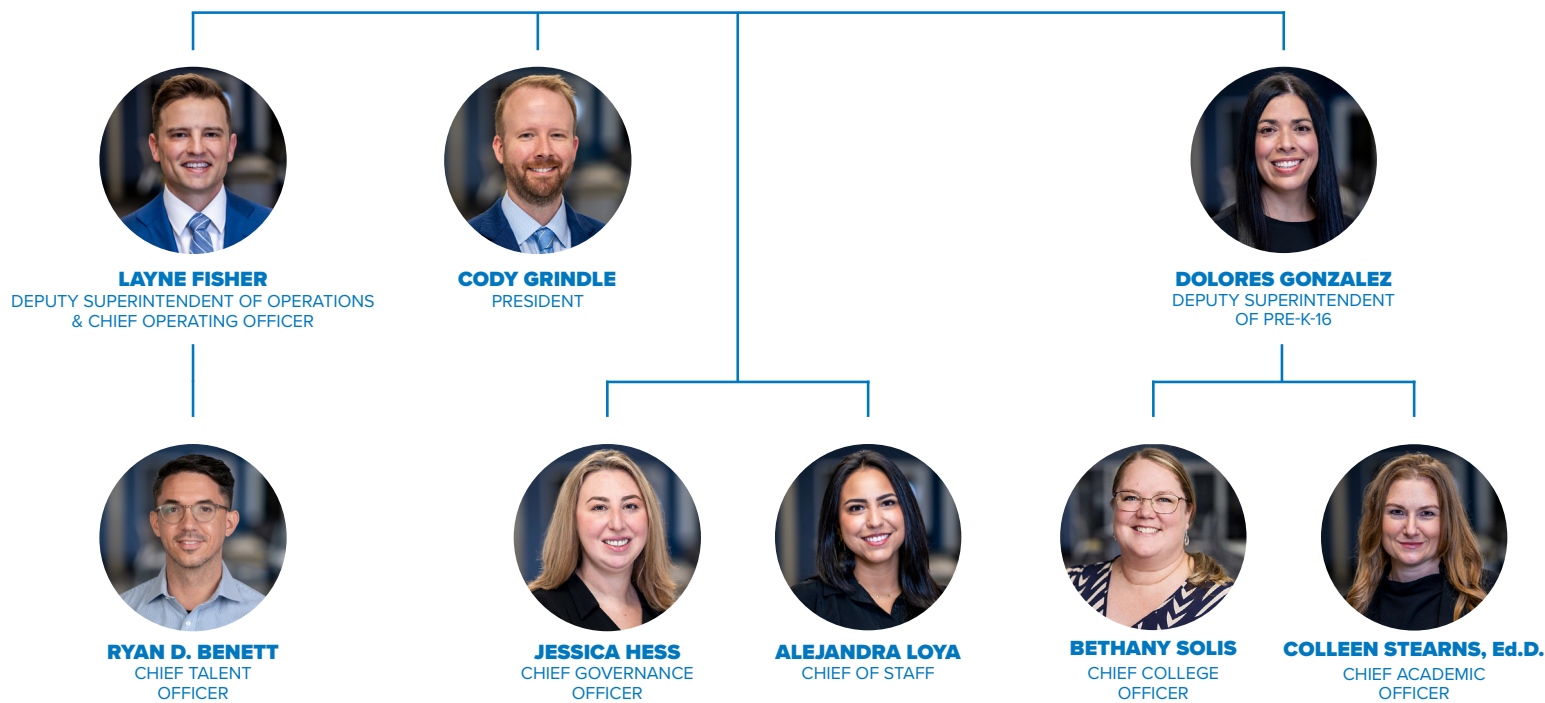
Clase 2026: ¡Felicidades! Vas a ir a la universidad.


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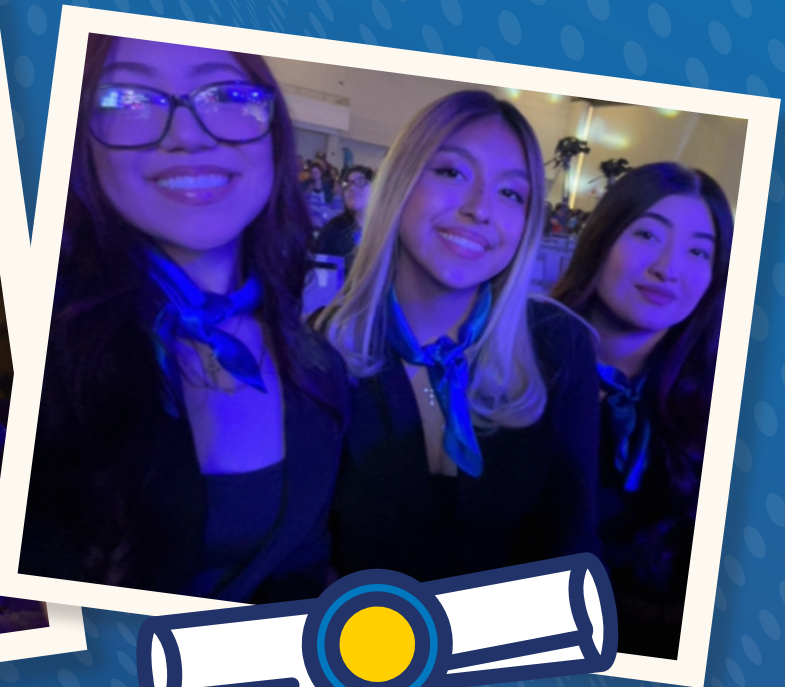
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CONGRATULATIONS IDEA NORTH MISSION!

Warrior Class of 2026,

Seven years may have passed quickly, but they were seven meaningful years spent growing, learning, and building community together. Today is a moment to celebrate a milestone, but it is also the beginning of what comes next. What has set your class apart was how intentionally you built strong connections with one another—ensuring that no challenge had to be faced alone.

Your class has also become a proof point of what is possible for those who follow. With 100% college acceptance, new scholarships such as the Coca-Cola Scholars Program, a record number of Early Decision applications, began new legacies at Mount Holyoke College and Babson College, and continued strong traditions at University of Chicago, Northeastern University, and Wabash College while having two Gates semifinalists and two QuestBridge Scholars. Your achievements set a new standard—and they will inspire future classes to aim even higher.

As you leave our campus, carry forward the culture you created: one rooted in meaningful connection, mutual support, and shared purpose. Your legacy will be remembered at North Mission—not just for your results, but for who you were as a community.

Congratulations, Class of 2026. I am forever grateful for you.

Dave Wagner

Principal, IDEA North Mission College Preparatory

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Elias Acuna
Erick Alvarado
Oziel Araiza
Arturo Emiliano Banda Morales
Diego Alonso Bermea Rivas
Najee Bogarth
Allison Cabrera
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Max Cantu
Tiffany Cantu
Oziel Cardenas
Angel Javier Cardona
Valeria Yizle Carmona
Cesar Castaneda
Luis Castro Medina
Priscilla Cavazos Valdivia
Kristen De Anda
Marvin De La Cruz
Kathleen De Leon
Jumalay Del Angel
Celeste Azusena Diaz
Nahum Diaz
Isis Elguezabal
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Paola Sophia Gonzalez
Emily Gonzalez
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Lesly Hernandez
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Diego Emiliano Martinez
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CONGRATULATIONS IDEA OWASSA!

Class of 2026 Broncs,

College Signing Day is a powerful milestone, and today we celebrate you. Choosing a college is more than selecting a place to continue your education; it is choosing a direction for your future. This moment belongs to you. It is not about pressure, rankings, or anyone else's expectations. It is about where you believe you will grow, learn, and thrive.

The college you choose should challenge you, shape you, and help you discover strengths you may not yet see in yourselves. There will be days that feel difficult, but there will also be moments of growth, purpose, and transformation. Embrace them all.

Be proud of how far you have come and confident in the path ahead. Choose the place where you will shine the brightest and become the person you are meant to be.

We are proud to celebrate this moment with.

You've earned this. You've prepared for this. And remember, YOU GOT THIS!

Saddle up and go Broncs! Portense bien, chavos!

Braulio Barranco
Principal, IDEA Owassa College Preparatory

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Ilse Alanis Guzman
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CONGRATULATIONS IDEA PHARR!

Hello, Lion Class of 2026,

Many of you I first met as seventh graders, learning through screens during a time of uncertainty. Even then, I saw resilience rooted deep within you; resilience shaped by family, community, and the spirit of Las Milpas. I have watched you grow through challenges, setbacks, and moments when the path felt heavy. Yet you kept going.

Today, we celebrate more than a diploma. We celebrate your courage to dream bigger than what the world sometimes expects of you. As you begin your college journey, carry with you the strength of where you come from, the sacrifices made for you, and the belief that you belong in every space you enter.

Congratulations, graduates. Go boldly. Carry your story with you; it has already changed what is possible.

With heartfelt admiration,

Nathalie Farías

Principal, IDEA Pharr College Preparatory

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CONGRATULATIONS **IDEA** SAN JUAN!

To The Class of 2026

This is the moment you've anticipated for many years, and today you get to see the results of all your hard work and dedication. Although many of you faced multiple challenges throughout this year—you've made a lasting impression not only in my life, but also in the lives of your teachers and all who were a part of your journey at IDEA San Juan.

The Class of 2026 is special. You have fought hard to have the opportunities before you. Many times, you chose hard work over an easier route, but when you wavered on difficult days, your school family encouraged you to follow the path to graduation and college.

As you begin celebrating all that you've achieved, pause and think about every success, every challenge, and every relationship that helped shape who you are—let those experiences motivate you as you continue pursuing your goals.

I see the potential within you, and I know you will make a powerful impact on the world. Congratulations, Seniors! Relish in this moment and remember, this is not the end of the journey. This is the beginning...

With true admiration,

Mariela Gaona

Principal, IDEA San Juan College Preparatory

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CONGRATULATIONS IDEA WESLACO PIKE!

Mighty Maverick Class of 2026,

What a truly beautiful and unforgettable day it is to celebrate you—surrounded by your peers, your families, and all who have supported you along this journey. This moment is not given; it is earned. Today, you walk across this stage because of your dedication, your resilience, and your courage to keep going.

Thank you for always bringing kindness, joy, and tradition to our school. You have always been a class with a big heart, and this character trait will make our world a better place!

During your time at Maverick Nation, your school family has poured into you—not only knowledge, but lessons about perseverance, integrity, and strength. Carry these lessons with you as you step into the next chapter of your life. Let every challenge shape you, every obstacle strengthens you, and every opportunity inspires you to keep reaching higher.

Maverick Nation will forever be your home. We will always be here—cheering for you, believing in you, and celebrating the incredible impact you will make in this world.

Never forget this: if no one has told you today that they love you, know that we love you deeply and unconditionally—and we always will.

Your Proud Principal,

Janet Guerrero

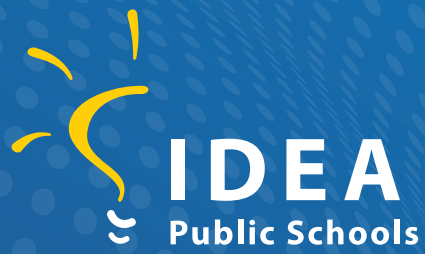
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 Danna Victoria Rodriguez De Leon
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