

COLLEGE SIGNING DAY

CSD 2026

Rio Grande Valley

Brownsville, Elsa, Edinburg, Riverview, Tres Lagos

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

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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.

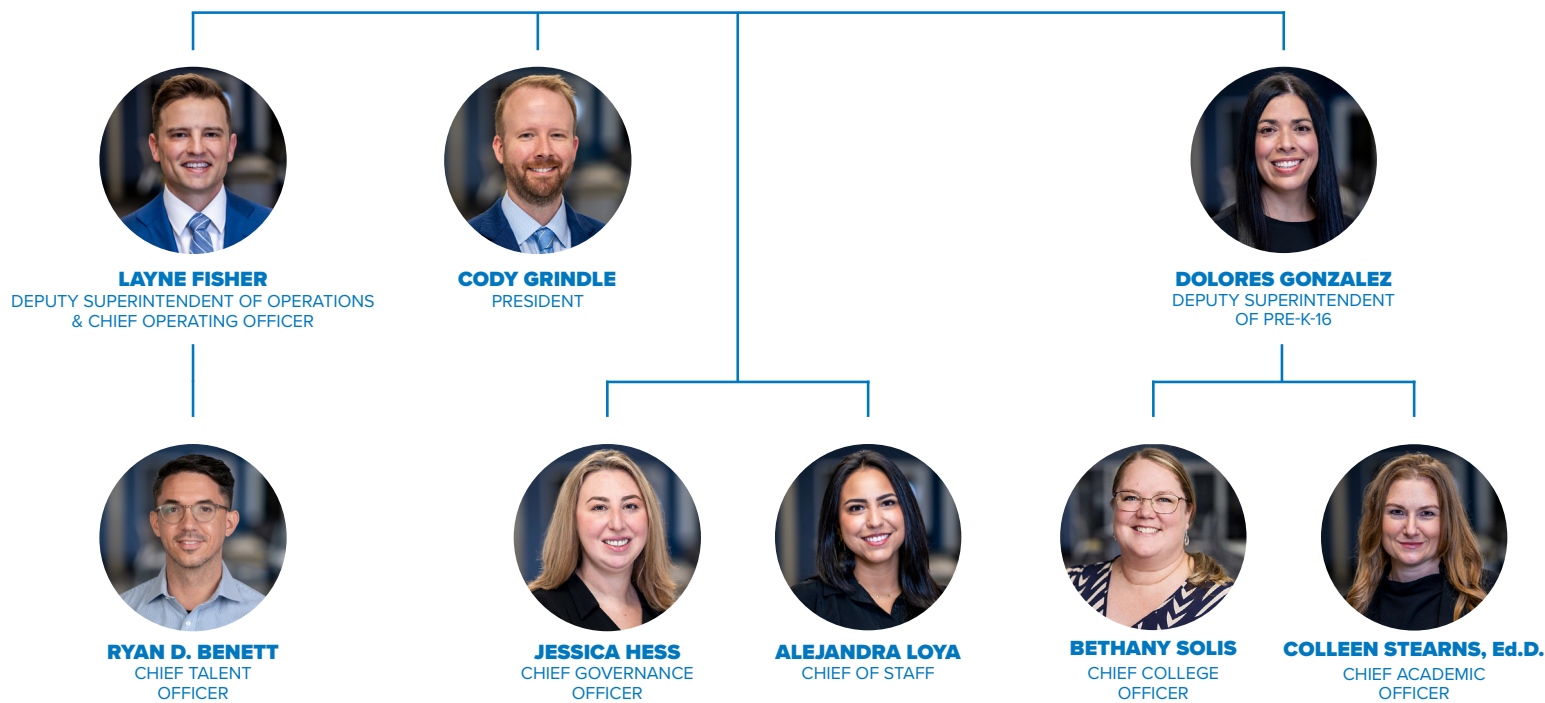
Clase 2026: ¡Felicidades! Vas a ir a la universidad.


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CEO & Superintendent
IDEA Public Schools

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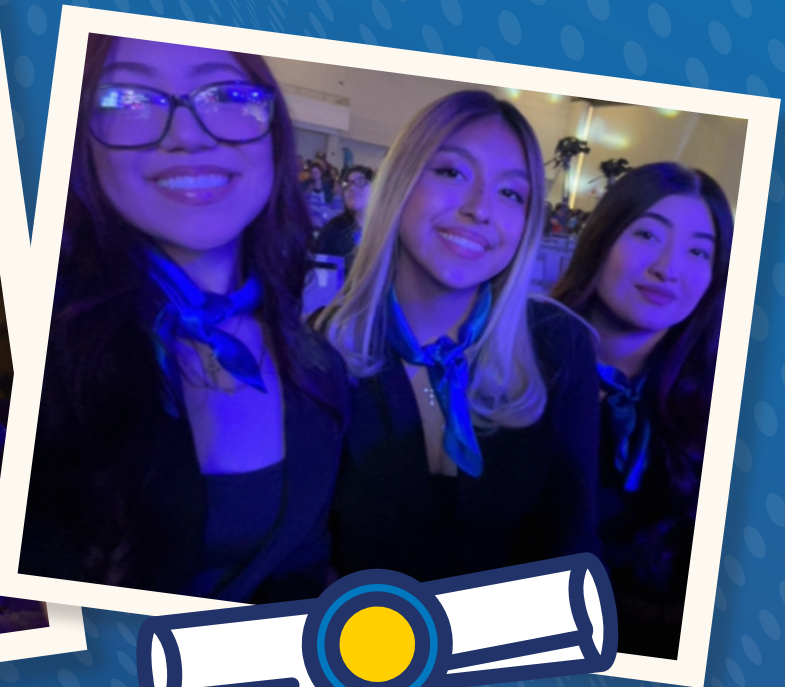
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CONGRATULATIONS **IDEA** BROWNSVILLE!

Bobcats!

Today is a powerful milestone. College Signing Day represents your discipline, perseverance, and commitment to your future. Every acceptance earned, every application submitted, and every decision made reflects years of hard work and determination.

You have embraced rigor, met high expectations, and chosen growth over comfort. This moment belongs to you.

As you sign and represent your college, university, trade school, military branch, or career pathway, do so with pride and confidence. Carry forward the values that define IDEA Brownsville — integrity, grit, excellence, and service.

Your journey does not end here; it accelerates. The foundation you've built will carry you forward.

We are incredibly proud of the leaders you have become and excited for the impact you will make.

Congratulations, Class of 2026. Go Bobcats!

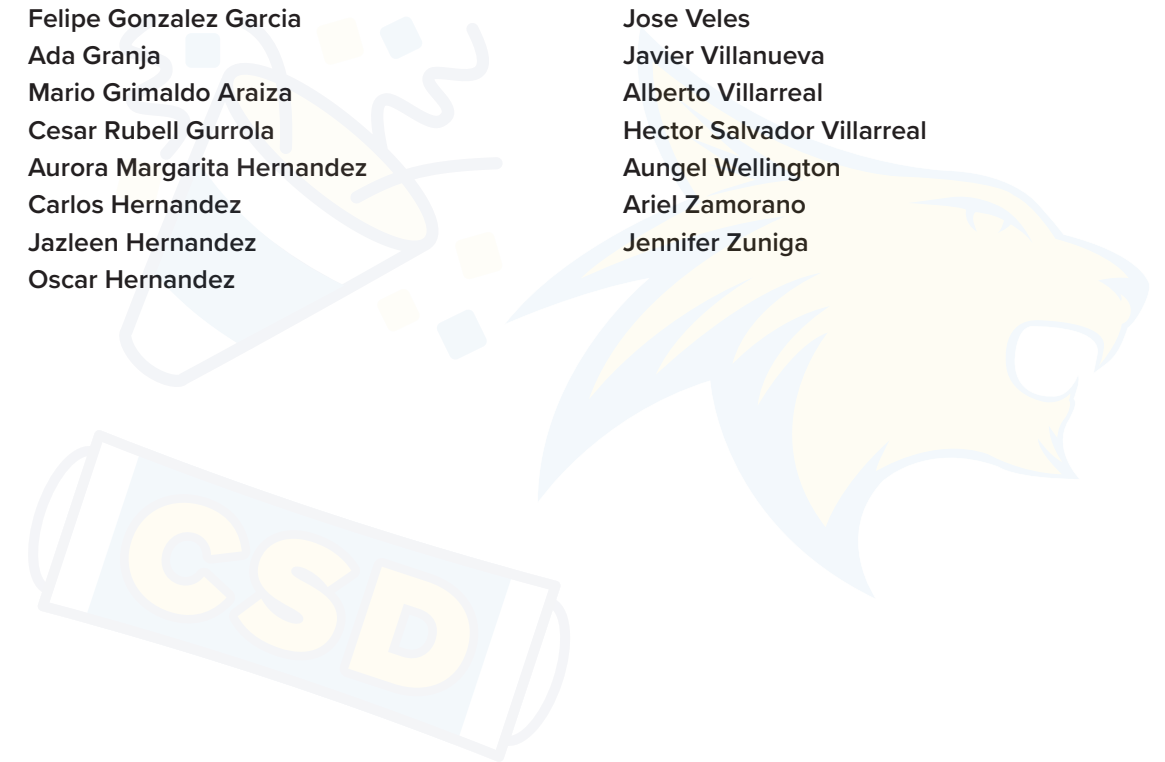
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Sr. Principal, IDEA Brownsville College Preparatory

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CONGRATULATIONS IDEA EDINBURG!

Mighty Eagles,

Today we honor not only where you are going, but the dedication, resilience, and growth that brought you to this moment. Each of you has faced challenges, discovered strengths, and shown a commitment to learning that deserves to be celebrated. Your college, career, or service commitment represents a promise to your future self—a step toward the life you are building with courage and intention.

As you prepare for what comes next, remember that you carry the strength of your experiences, the support of this community, and the belief of every adult who has guided you. You are ready for new challenges, new friendships, and new opportunities to grow.

No matter how far you travel, you will always be part of the Eagle's Nest. We are deeply proud of you, and we cannot wait to see the impact you will make.

Congratulations, graduates!

With admiration,


Sylvia Verdooren

Principal, IDEA Edinburg College Preparatory

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Daniela Alanis
Oliver Alaniz
Isabella Alcantara
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CONGRATULATIONS IDEA ELSA!

Class of 2026,

From the moment you walked through our doors, you carried dreams bigger than yourselves. Today, you walk across this stage as scholars, leaders, and champions. You have grown in courage, wisdom, and heart. You have represented Badger Nation with pride, resilience, and excellence.

Your journey was not always easy, but you persevered. You lifted one another up, honored your families, and proved that hard work and belief open doors.

As you take your next step, remember this: you will always have a home here. Once a Badger, always a Badger. Carry our navy and gold spirit with you wherever life leads.

We are proud of who you are and even more excited for who you are becoming. Remember, "What starts here, changes the world." Go change the world.

With much love,

Tony Garza
Principal, IDEA Elsa College Preparatory

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CONGRATULATIONS IDEA RIVERVIEW!

Dear Class of 2026,

As you prepare to take your next big leap, I want to reflect on the incredible journey you've taken as Unstoppable Rockets. You have not only created lasting traditions, but you have also paved the way for future generations of students who will follow in your footsteps. Your willingness to embrace challenges, seize opportunities, and grow together has been truly inspiring.

When I think of the Class of 2026, three words come to mind: courage, loyalty, and care. During your time at IDEA Riverview, you faced language, academic, and emotional challenges, yet you remained strong in your resolve. You showed that with preparation, perseverance, and support for one another, nothing can stand in the way of your pursuit of greatness. You cared for each other, lifted one another up, and advocated for yourselves with respect and courage—lessons that will serve you well in college and beyond.

Everyone at IDEA Riverview is incredibly proud of you. You have brought joy, kindness, and energy to our community. Your laughter, spirit, and presence have helped shape the culture of this campus, and you will be deeply missed in our halls.

Remember that your IDEA Riverview family will always be here to support and celebrate you. As you begin this new chapter, carry forward the knowledge, confidence, and resilience you've gained.

You are Rockets—and you are unstoppable.

With pride and best wishes,

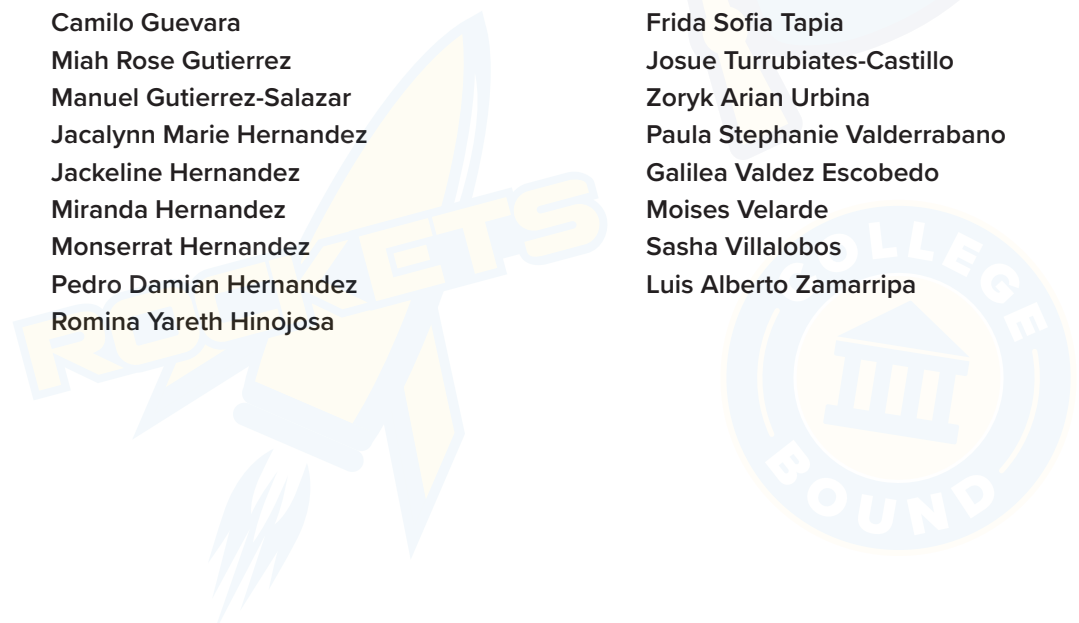
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Principal, IDEA Riverview College Preparatory

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CONGRATULATIONS IDEA TRES LAGOS!

Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

Here we are—College Signing Day. I've been imagining this moment since I first met you as 10th graders. Every conversation, every interaction, and yes—even every redirection—was intentional... all to see you here today.

Today, I see you as champions. Champions of your own lives. Champions embracing your future and the decisions you now make as young adults.

We are so proud of you. I hope you truly know that. Your dedication, your hard work, and your perseverance brought you to this moment. This is your moment—embrace it. Step into what's next and don't be afraid to take on new challenges or try new things. We know you have it in you to succeed because you've already proven that you can.

We will miss you. We'll miss the conversations in the hallways, cheering for you at games and events, and those quick fist bumps as you walked by. Don't forget about us—come back and visit. Come back and show us the champions you continue to become.

Now go out there and make your dreams happen, Class of 2026. And remember, Lobos—if no one has told you today that they love you...We love you, and we always will.

With pride and unwavering belief in you,

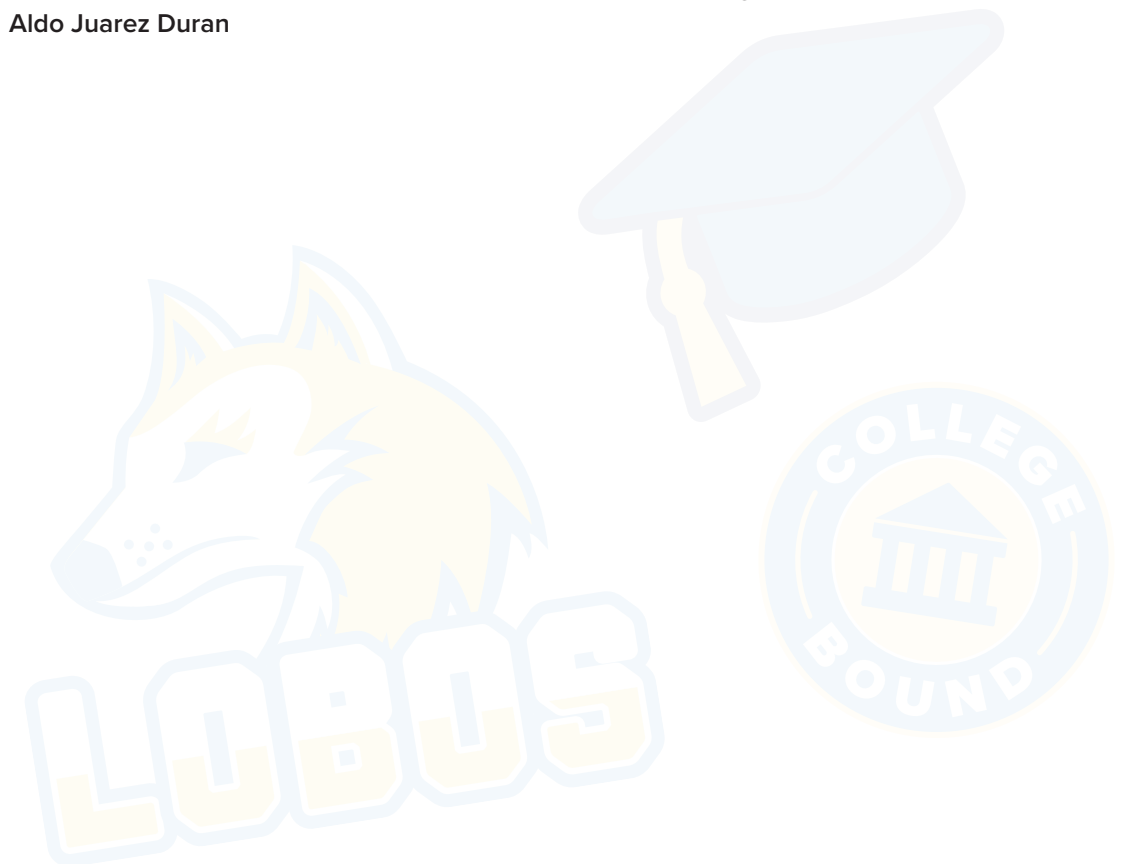
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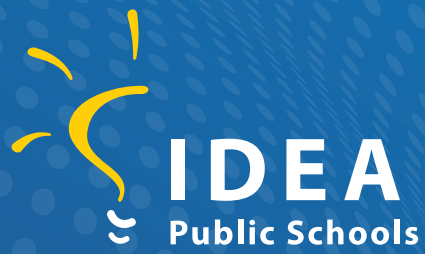
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