

COLLEGE SIGNING DAY

CSD 2026

Rio Grande Valley
Alamo, Donna, Quest, San Benito, Toros

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.

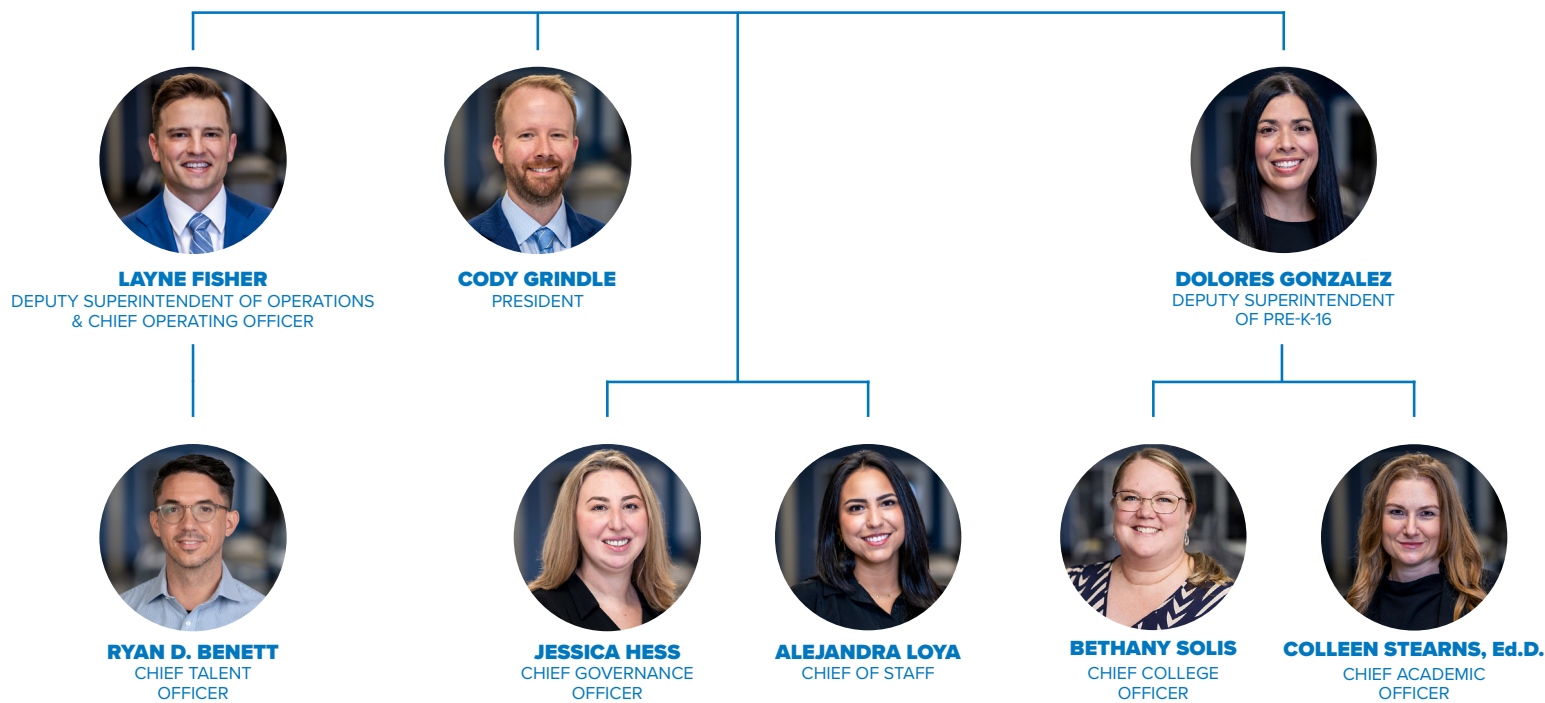
Clase 2026: ¡Felicidades! Vas a ir a la universidad.


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

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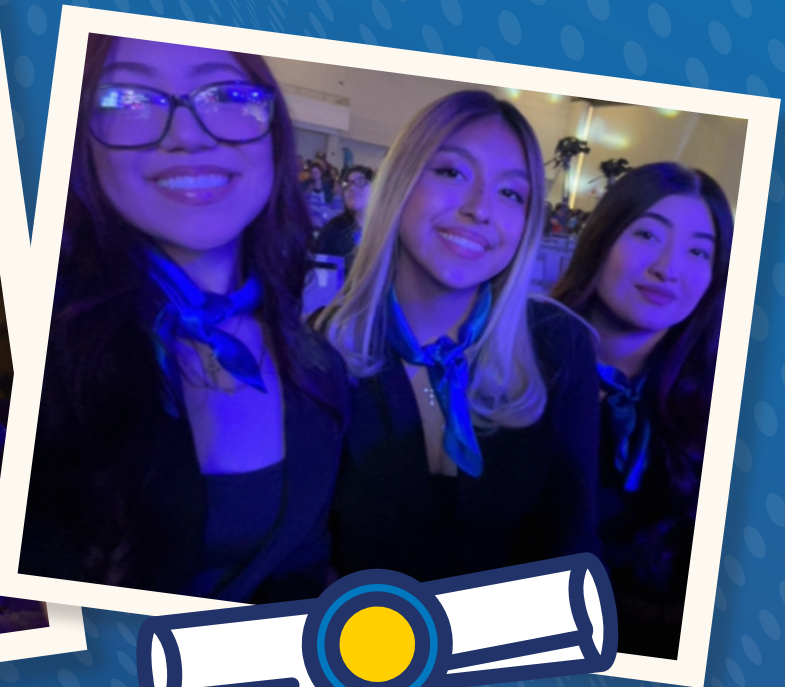
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CONGRATULATIONS IDEA ALAMO!

Griffins,

Today is the moment you've been waiting for throughout your high school journey. From the first day you walked onto our campus, you imagined this day. And now, here you are. You made it.

Today you stand before your teachers, families, friends, and community to announce the college of your choice—your next big step. For some of you, college once felt like a distant dream, too far away or uncertain. But you proved to yourselves and to everyone around you that anything is possible when you push forward, believe in yourself, and refuse to give up.

As you begin this next chapter, remember this: wherever you go and whatever you do, strive to be the very best version of yourself.

Life will bring challenges and opportunities—moments that test your strength and moments that reveal your greatness. Through it all, carry the same determination that brought you to this stage today.

Know that we love you, we believe in you, and we are proud of the journeys you are about to begin. Your future is bright because you built it.

Congratulations, Class of 2026! And as always, GOOO GRIFFINS!

Maria Charles

Principal, IDEA Alamo College Preparatory

CLASS OF 2026

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Damian Baltazar
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Valeria Garcia
Rodrigo Garza-De Lara
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Mario Gonzalez
Robert Gonzalez Ramirez
Bielka Guerrero
Yael Gutierrez
Fernando Hernandez
Max Hernandez
Jordan Izquierdo
Valeria Jasso
Juan Jasso Grimaldo

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Fernando Lerma
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Allan Martinez
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Antonio Medina
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CONGRATULATIONS IDEA DONNA!

Class of 2026,

Today marks the day so many of you all have been waiting for and working towards—College Signing Day!

I, like everyone else, am so proud of the accomplishments each of you have achieved to get here today. Your journey may have started with us in Kinder, 6th, 9th or perhaps somewhere in between, however, regardless of when this journey started it is the destination you've now arrived to that we are celebrating today.

We know that each of you have contributed countless hours building up your GPA to ensure that you would be prepared to apply to the colleges of your choice. In addition, you've spent great effort drafting personal essays and short answer responses to countless applications, and today we get to hear where those efforts will be leading you.

As you announce the college or university, you will be spending the next four years at, I hope you savor that moment and feel the pride we all feel as we hear your announcement. You owe it to yourselves to take that moment in and celebrate your hard work.

We are so proud of who you've been, who you are, and who you have yet to be. Congratulations and enjoy today—you've earned it!

Dr. Amanda Canales

Sr. Principal, IDEA Donna College Preparatory

CLASS OF 2026

Alejandro Acosta
 Luis Alberto Acosta
 Dayana Elizabeth Alcantar
 Shantal Bravo
 Angel Castilleja
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 Alfredo Cipriano
 Natalia Concha
 Aldo Uriel Coronado
 America Cortez
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 Delilah Joelyn Diaz
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 David Garcia
 Joe Garcia
 Nereyda Ivonne Garcia
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CONGRATULATIONS IDEA QUEST!

To the Graduating Class of 2026,

Today you stand at a powerful crossroads, not just as graduates, but as young leaders ready to step boldly into the world. What you have accomplished is no small feat. You navigated challenges, embraced growth, overcame setbacks, and continued forward even when the road felt uncertain. That perseverance defines you far more than any test, grade, or milestone.

As you begin this next chapter, remember that success is rarely a straight line. There will be moments of celebration and moments of doubt. Some doors will open easily; others will require persistence and courage. Do not fear the detours—they often lead to the greatest growth.

Know this: you are ready. The discipline and resilience you built here will guide you wherever life takes you.

We will always be cheering you on. The world doesn't just await you—it needs you.

Remember, once a BLAZER, always a BLAZER.

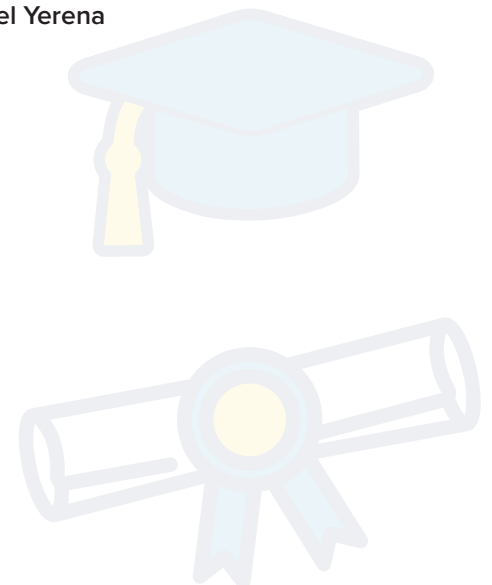
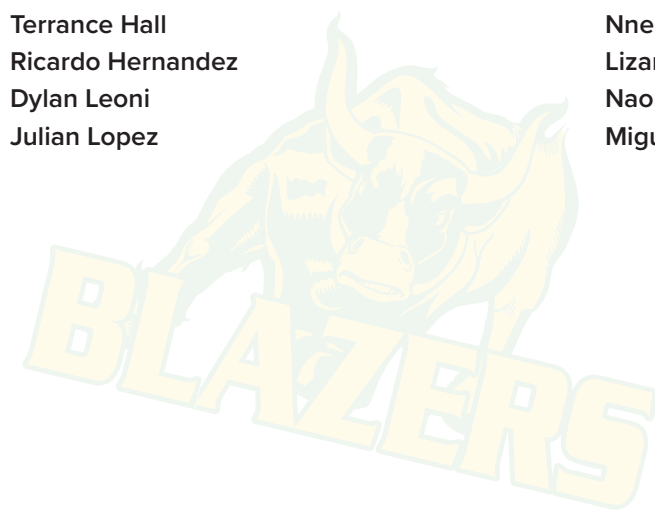
With pride,

Mary Arrezola
Principal, IDEA Quest College Preparatory

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Leo Bang Shin
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Elton Cantu
Andres Castillo
Miguel Cisneros Villanueva
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Brandon Flores
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Destiny Garcia
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Jose Garcia
Kristyn Garcia
Matthew Garcia
Yaretesy Garza
Itzel Geronimo-Morales
Diego Gomez
Leonardo Gonzalez
Julio Guerra
Terrance Hall
Ricardo Hernandez
Dylan Leoni
Julian Lopez

Anareli Luna
Noel Magana
Olivia Maldonado
Jayden Manzanes
Vanessa Manzano
Lana Melendez
Manuel Melgoza Salas
Jesus Mendoza
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Adrian Palomo
Jennifer Pena
Aida Peralta
Diane Perez
Celso Perez Morales
Perla Reyes
Emmanuel Rivera
Raul Rocha
Evelyn Roman
Sergio Saenz
Valeria Saldana
Katherine Salinas
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Maricela Torres
Nnena Torres
Lizandra Vela
Naomi Villarreal
Miguel Yerena





CONGRATULATIONS IDEA SAN BENITO!

Dear Seniors 2026,

Today is more than a celebration — it is a milestone that represents years of commitment, resilience, and heart. You are a class that has not only met expectations, but you have also raised the bar for what excellence looks like.

Because of your leadership, your achievements, and your determination, our campus has reached incredible milestones and earned top recognition. You have left a legacy of pride, unity, and unforgettable memories that will continue to shape this school long after you walk across the stage.

Today is a symbol of everything you have worked for — the late nights, the challenges you pushed through, the goals you refused to let go of. Each reveal represents a future filled with possibility, and I could not be prouder of the paths you are choosing.

Thank you for the impact you have made, for the example you have set, and for the way you have represented IDEA San Benito with excellence. Wherever you go next, know that you will always be part of this community, and we will be cheering you on every step of the way.

With immense pride,

Carla Zarate
Principal, IDEA San Benito College Preparatory

CLASSES OF 2026

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Francisca Esperanza Barrera
Jose Rodolfo Becerra
Miley Burrola
Olivia Cantu
Aidil Ainat Cantu
Heidi Cantu
Alexzaid Yahel Cantu
Oscar Cantero
Miah Alexandra Cavazos
Erika Cerda
Pablo Cienfuegos
Dayreliz Alejandra Chio
Ezequiel Claudio
Gloria Milagros Clavel
Israel Castillo
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Cristian De la Fuente
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Daniel Hinojosa
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Angela Lozoya
Hector Javier Maldonado

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Anneliesse Martinez
Samantha Martinez
Emily Elizabeth Martinez
Zoe Martinez
Shelby Leah Mendez
Noe Azael Mendez
Sohpia Medrano
Giselle Mireles
Ayden Fire Montez
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Carolina Sierra
Daniel Luna Silva
Fernanda Lizeth Sosa
Maria Isabel Teran
Jorge Aramis Tejeda
Abigail Tello
Montserrat Tijerina
Donavynne Merrick Torres
Jose Ignacio Torres
Hannah Alexis Torres
Nathaniel Seth Trevino
Cristian Trujillo
Samantha Lynn Van Cise
Antonio Varela
Derek Villanueva
Adam Joel Zamorano
Christopher Zamorano





CONGRATULATIONS IDEA TOROS!

Dearest Class of 2026,

Today is especially meaningful to me because when you began your journey as sixth graders, I began mine as your principal. We have celebrated together, and we have carried heartbreak together. You are the most resilient group of young people I have ever known.

When we moved into our home campus, you made it your own. When COVID separated us physically, you found new ways to stay connected and celebrate. When you discovered your dreams, you pursued them with courage and determination.

I have had the privilege of watching you grow—not only taller, but kinder, more aware, and more intentional about the impact you have on others. You have chosen your path, and today you will share where your next chapter begins.

The ending is yours to create. Wherever life takes you, know that Toros will always be cheering you on. I am deeply proud of who you are and excited for who you are becoming. The world needs you.

Viviane Castillo-Manzano

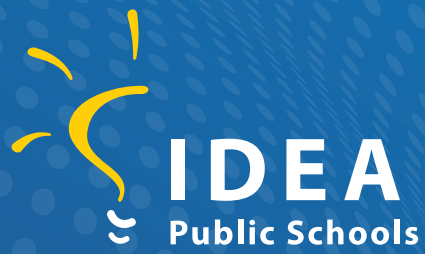
Principal, IDEA Toros College Preparatory

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