

## Influential Educators

- Ms. Hallie Birkett**, History, Rio Rico High School
- Ms. Roxana Brown**, Kindergarten, Peña Blanca Elementary School
- Ms. Marie Cassidy**, Kindergarten, Mountain View Elementary School
- Ms. Christina Cota**, Youth Pastor
- Mr. Emmanuel Cota**, Youth Pastor
- Ms. Jani George**, Math, Calabasas School
- Ms. Jennifer Huerta**, Math, Coatimundi Middle School
- Mr. Nagesh Kumar**, Math, Rio Rico High School
- Ms. Carol Miller**, Sports Medicine, Rio Rico High School
- Ms. Pallavi Patel**, 5th Grade, Mountain View Elementary School
- Ms. Teresa Potter**, Science, Rio Rico High School
- Mr. Daniel Rodriguez**, History, Rio Rico High School
- Mr. Stephen Schadler**, Assistant Superintendent
- Ms. Toni Ann Schadler**, English, Coatimundi Middle School
- Ms. Michelle Titcomb**, 4th Grade, Mountain View Elementary School
- Mr. Byron Thompson**, Interact Club Advisor, Rio Rico High School
- Ms. Elizabeth Vartola**, English, Coatimundi Middle School

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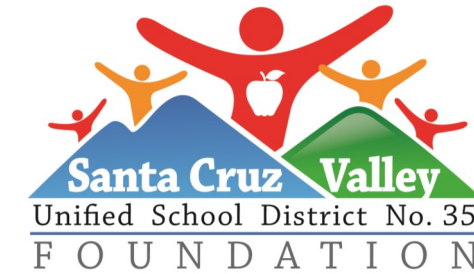
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## Seventh Annual Excellence in Education Recognition Banquet

April 30, 2018 ☞ 6:00 PM ☞ Tubac Golf Resort  
Hosted by the Friends of SCVUSD No. 35 Foundation in honor of Rio Rico High School's highest-achieving graduates, and of the teachers who influenced them on their way toward excellence in education.



MUSICAL INTERLUDE.....Rio Rico High School Jazz Combo  
Anacarina Espinoza, Saxophone ▲ Matthew Gray, Piano ▲ Luis Martinez, Saxophone ▲ Jesus Murillo, Saxophone  
Luis Rivera, Trumpet ▲ August Roquet, Drums ▲ Jon Soto, Trumpet ▲ Antonio Virgen, Trumpet ▲ Frank Thysell, Bass

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF FOUNDATION.....Mr. Francisco J. Padilla, President  
Friends of SCVUSD No. 35 Foundation

RECOGNITION OF SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS.....Mr. Francisco J. Padilla, President  
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RECOGNITION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS.....Mr. Francisco J. Padilla, President  
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▲ **Dinner** ▲

RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT.....Mr. Francisco J. Padilla, President  
Friends of SCVUSD No. 35 Foundation  
Students come forward to receive medals, certificates and congratulations

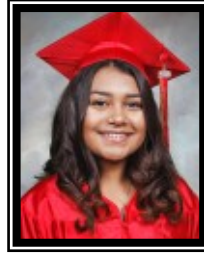
KEYNOTE SPEAKER.....Ms. Nadine Mathis Basha  
Chair, First Things First Board

RECOGNITION OF EDUCATORS .....Dr. Melisa Lunderville, President-Elect  
Friends of SCVUSD No. 35 Foundation  
Educators come forward to receive plaques and congratulations

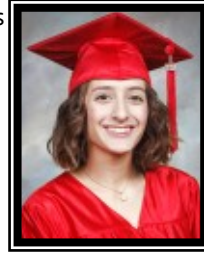
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## Outstanding Academicians

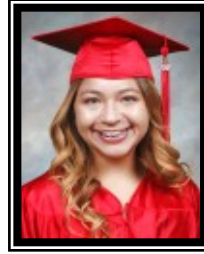
**Marysela Alvarez** is President of the International Thespian Honor Society and a member of Future Farmers of America. She has been a member of the Girl Scouts, HOSA and participated in the Youth Summit for National Park Service. She is a recipient of the Grand Canyon Diploma and scored an "A" on the English Cambridge Exam. She has completed various Cambridge Honors, Advanced Placement and Career and Technical Education classes. Marysela plans to pursue a degree in Speech Pathology at Northern Arizona University.



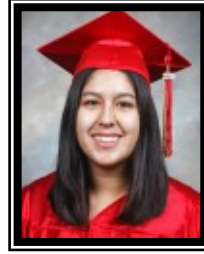
**Karen Berrellez** is a member of the Girls Soccer team, Track and Field team, Student Government, Interact Club, Yearbook and a Youth Ministry Leader. She has completed numerous Cambridge Honors, Advanced Placement and Career and Technical Education classes. She is a recipient of the Wildcat Excellence Award from the University of Arizona. Karen plans to pursue a degree in Civil Engineering at the University of Arizona.



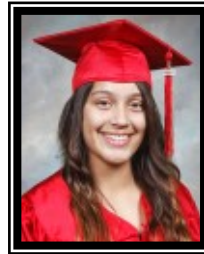
**Kate Castillo** is a member of the Cross Country team, Track and Field team, National Honor Society and Interact Club. She has completed numerous Cambridge Honors, Advanced Placement and Career and Technical Education classes. She is the recipient of the Dean's Scholarship from Arizona State University. Kate plans to pursue a degree in Social Work at Arizona State University.



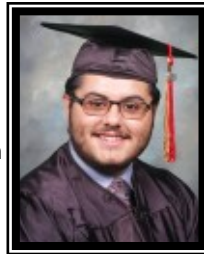
**Kayla Coronado**, (Valedictorian) is a member of National Honor Society, Interact Club, Link Crew, Drama Club, Fashion Club, Student Body Vice President and Class Treasurer. She has been recognized as a Cambridge Scholar with Distinction, Questbridge Finalist and an Advanced Placement Scholar. Kayla has completed numerous Cambridge Honors and Advanced Placement classes. She is a recipient of the Grand Canyon Diploma. Kayla plans to pursue a degree in Occupational Therapy at Northern Arizona University.



**Karima Cruz-Shepard** is a member of the Girls Soccer Team (Captain), Girls Volleyball Team, Track and Field Team, Link Crew and Drama Club. She has completed numerous Cambridge Honors, Advanced Placement and Career and Technical Education classes. Karima plans to pursue a degree in Nursing at Case Western Reserve University.



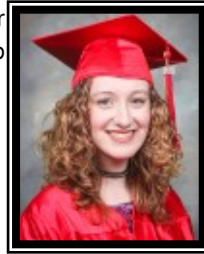
**Luis Fierro** is a member of the Marching and Symphonic Bands, Activism Club, Science Club and the Cambridge/AP Chemistry Club. He has been recognized as a National Hispanic Scholar and a Cambridge Scholar with Merit, passing all seven tests that includes getting an "A" in the Math test. Luis has completed numerous Cambridge Honors, Advanced Placement and Career and Technical Education classes. He has received the University Merit Award. Luis plans to pursue degrees in Math and Engineering at Arizona State University.



**Jubin George** is a member of National Honor Society (Vice President), Activism Club and FBLA. He has been recognized as a Cambridge Scholar, an Advanced Placement Scholar with Honors and has received the High Flying Hawk Student of the Month award. He has completed numerous Cambridge Honors, Advanced Placement and Career and Technical Education classes. He is a recipient of the Wildcat Excellence Award from the University of Arizona. Jubin plans to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Arizona.

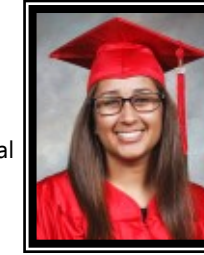


**Sofia Gray** is a member of National Honor Society, Student Government, Interact Club and Link Crew. She has been recognized as an Advanced Placement Scholar as well as a Cambridge Scholar with Distinction. She has completed numerous Cambridge Honors and Advanced Placement classes. Sofia is a recipient of the Grand Canyon Diploma as well as the Wildcat Excellence Award from the University of Arizona. She plans to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Arizona.



## Rio Rico High School ~ May 2018 Graduates

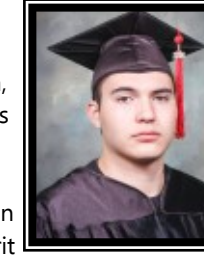
**Julissa Hernandez** is a member of the Marching Band, Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Band and Link Crew. She has completed numerous Cambridge Honors, Advanced Placement and Career and Technical Education classes. She is a recipient of the Wildcat Excellence Award from the University of Arizona, Lumberjack Scholars Award from Northern Arizona University and the New American University Scholar Provost Award. Julissa plans to pursue a degree in Computer Engineering at the University of Arizona.



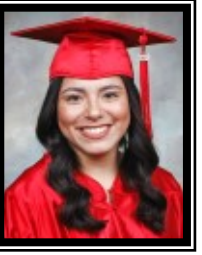
**Alejandra Jaime** is a member of National Honor Society, Student Government, FFA, Interact Club and Fashion Club. She has completed Cambridge Honors, Advanced Placement and Career and Technical Education classes. She is a recipient of the Scholars Award in Basketball and Agriculture, John Paul II Leadership Award and 1st Place in the Culinary Arts Front of House Competition. She has received the Westmont Founders Scholarship. Alejandra plans to pursue a degree in Communications at Cerritos College.



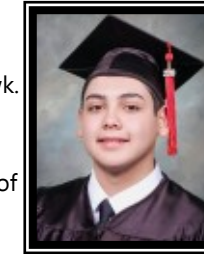
**Issac Martinez** is a member of National Honor Society, Interact Club, German Club, Science Club, Positive Youth Leadership Team, Mariposa Youth Coalition, HOSA and Students Taking A New Direction. He has completed numerous Cambridge Honors, Advanced Placement and Career and Technical Education classes. He is a recipient of the University Merit Award as well as the New American University Scholarship from Arizona State University. Issac plans to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering at Arizona State University.



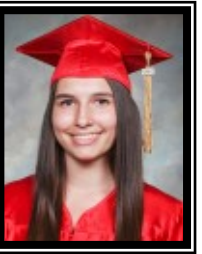
**Kayla Navarro** is a member of Interact Club, HOSA, International Club (Vice President) and a Youth Group Leader. She has completed numerous Cambridge Honors, Advanced Placement and Career and Technical Education classes. She has previously received a Silver Medal in Softball in the Mexican Junior Olympics. She is a recipient of the Wildcat Excellence Award from the University of Arizona. Kayla plans to pursue a degree in either Public Health or Criminal Justice at the University of Arizona.



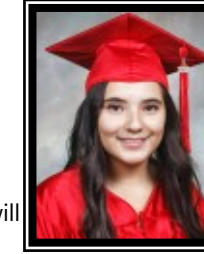
**Edgar Perez** is a member of Student Government, Chemistry Club and HOSA. He has been recognized as a High Flying Hawk. Edgar has completed numerous Cambridge Honors, Advanced Placement and Career and Technical Education classes. He is a recipient of the Wildcat Excellence Award from the University of Arizona. Edgar plans to pursue a degree in Medicine from the University of Arizona.



**Delanie Rendon** is Student Body President, member of National Honor Society and Interact Club. She has been recognized as a National Hispanic Scholar, Cambridge Scholar with Distinction, Advanced Placement Scholar and Grand Canyon Diploma recipient. She has completed numerous Cambridge Honors and Advanced Placement classes. She is a recipient of the Lumberjack Scholars Award from Northern Arizona University. Delanie plans to pursue a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management at Northern Arizona University.



**Carolina Soto** is Class Vice President and a member of Interact Club. She is a recipient of the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award as well as the Grand Canyon Diploma. She has completed numerous Cambridge Honors and Advanced Placement classes. Carolina is undecided on where she will be attending college.



**Edward Ureña** is a member of National Honor Society, Band, FBLA and participated in the Mariposa Community Health Center Summer Youth Institute. He is a recipient of the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award. He has completed numerous Cambridge Honors, Advanced Placement and Career and Technical Education classes. He is a recipient of the Wildcat Excellence Award from the University of Arizona. Edward plans to pursue a degree in Operations Management at the University of Arizona.



**Sebastian Valencia** (Salutatorian) is President of National Honor Society, member of FBLA and Student Activism Club. He has been recognized as a High Flying Hawk and as a Cambridge Scholar with Merit. He has completed numerous Cambridge Honors, Advanced Placement and Career and Technical Education classes. He is a recipient of the Grand Canyon Diploma, University Merit Award and the Wildcat Excellence Award. Sebastian plans to pursue a degree in System Engineering at the University of Arizona.

