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"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.

Dr. Seuss

Above: Weldon Elementary Principal Ray Lozano sits among a sea of balloons - each one representing a student's 100% on a reading test! The fun was had as part of celebrating Read Across America last month. Right: Jefferson Elementary's littlest Bluejays in Inclusion Preschool practice reading and also made their very own "Cat in the Hat" hats like that in Dr. Seuss books.

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# Changes coming to CUSD school attendance map

#### New boundaries take effect Fall 2025

The Clovis Unified School District Governing Board was expected to take action on a final recommended update to school attendance boundaries at its April 17 meeting. The map can be viewed online at cusd.com, and approved changes will take effect beginning in the 2025-26 school

The update follows a months-long study and review in the fall by a 50-member Steering Committee and a series

of meetings since January on various map proposals that gathered community feedback.

While the driving force behind the boundary review was the anticipated opening of Clovis South

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- ➤ See final map online
- Review options for sibling rules, staying at current site, transfer criteria

High and a yet-to-be-named intermediate school in Fall 2025, the attendance study also provided information about facility space across the district - with some schools over capacity and others having available seats for students. The final updated map aims to ensure the district balances capacities, efficiently uses its existing school facilities' space, and only builds new schools when necessary.

Five guiding principles were followed by the committee and staff throughout the process that included:

- Maximize facility space while moving as few students as possible,
- Value neighborhood schools and keep neighborhoods
- Reduce operational expenses,
- Create boundaries that will last for 5-10 years whenever
- Balance enrollment across high school areas.

Answers to frequently asked questions about the change, transfers, sibling rules and more will be shared online and at each school.

"We intend to make any transitions for students as successful as possible, and we have a team of experienced educators already developing plans to see that through," said Superintendent Corrine Folmer, Ed.D.

The final recommended map modeled what was termed the Silver Scenario, one of three versions of maps shared with the community for feedback. It was created based on input and recommendations from families. Additionally, from parent input, the district developed Boundary Attendance Accommodations that provide options to those who will be impacted by the changes.

Full details about these can be found at cusd.com or by contacting CUSD's Student Services and School Attendance at 327-9200.

Congratulations

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**Scholarships** given to 16 juniors who are overcoming adversity and making education a priority!

➤ See Page 11.



# Gateway earns national title

Clovis Unified's Gateway High was recently named a 2024 Model Continuation High School - one of just 31 out of the 430 in the nation to receive the prestigious title.

The designation is given to continuation high schools that use exceptional instructional strategies alongside engaged guidance

and counseling support systems to serve their students. "Being named a Model Continuation High School reflects the hard work and dedication of everyone who works at Gateway High School where we are focused on the success of all students," said Principal Steve Pagani. "In essence, to be named a Model Continuation High School is to be recognized as a shining example of educational excellence, offering a second chance and a pathway to success for all students who attend Gateway High School."

The Model Continuation High School Recognition Program is a partnership between the California Department of Education and the California Continuation Education Association Plus.

Gateway High will hold the title for three years.

Summer sign-ups starting for art, science, sports and more!

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Photo special to CUSD Today.

When Sierra Vista Elementary long-term substitute teacher Jenna Stanfil finished her term, she had a perfect way to "cap" off her time with her third graders. Using custom-designs by each student, she spent her evenings crocheting beanies for each one of them. Said one student, "I am going to wear this hat forever! When I sleep, when I shower, when I eat, I will always have my



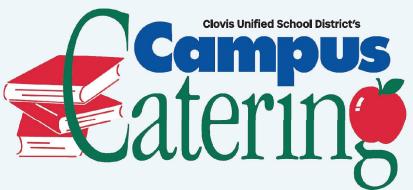
Clovis Unified School District to Honor the School Lunch Heroes Serving Healthy Meals



School Lunch Hero Day provides an opportunity for parents, students, school staff and communities to thank those who provide healthy meals to our Clovis Unified students each school day.

- Campus Catering prepares delicious food, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies, and offering service with a smile.
- School cafeterias are required to always offer low-fat or fat-free milk, fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean protein while meeting limits on calories, sodium and unhealthy fats. For many children, school lunch is the most important and nutrient-rich meal of their day.
- Last year, Campus Catering served a total of 3,645,989 meals; this year, our school lunch heroes have been averaging 29,848 meals per day. Campus Catering has introduced more diverse, student approved offerings such as the sweet thai chicken rice bowls, chicken tamales, and the return of the colorful chicken patty salad served with homemade ranch dressing.





Get the details about School Lunch Hero Day at <a href="www.schoollunchheroday.com">www.schoollunchheroday.com</a>.

To learn more about the school nutrition program for Clovis Unified School District visit <a href="https://www.cusd.com/CampusCatering.aspx">https://www.cusd.com/CampusCatering.aspx</a>.

### > Announcements

# GRADUATION SCHEDULE

Mark your calendar to cheer for Clovis Unified's Class of 2024 as seniors at all district high schools will soon celebrate their graduation. The schedule is:

- May 29, Clovis High, 7:30 p.m., Lamonica Stadium
- May 30, Clovis East High, 7:30 p.m., Lamonica Stadium
- May 31, Clovis Online, 7 p.m., Lamonica Stadium June 1, Clovis Adult Education, 11 a.m., Mercedes
- June 3, Alternative Education (Clovis Community Day, Gateway High, Enterprise High), 7 p.m., Mercedes Edwards Theatre
- June 4, Clovis North High, 7:30 p.m., Veterans Memorial Stadium

**Edwards Theatre** 

- June 5, Clovis West High, 7:30 p.m., Veterans Memorial Stadium
- June 6, Buchanan High, 7:30 p.m., Veterans Memorial Stadium

#### 'School of Rock' shows in April

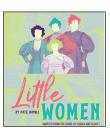


In April, Clovis North's Bronco Drama will present "School of Rock," a musical tale about Dewey, a failed wannabe rockstar who makes it his mission to teach his clueless, straightlaced students all about rock and roll. Much to Dewey's surprise, he realizes they are a talented bunch, and he talks

them into forming a rock band for an upcoming competition.

Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. April 18-20 and 25-27; and a matinee at 2 p.m. April 20 and 27 at the Mercedes Edwards Theatre, 902 Fifth St., Clovis. For information and tickets: cusd.com/events.

#### 'Little Women' in May



Get ready as Clovis High drama students perform the classic tale "Little Women," which features character Jo March, who is not your typical Victorian lady. The story follows Jo and her three sisters who must negotiate their ambitions with society's expectations

Curtains open at 7:30 p.m. May 2, 3 and 9-11; and at 2 p.m. May 4 and 11 in the Dan Pessano Theater, 2770 E. International Ave., Fresno. For information and tickets: cusd.com/events.

#### LCAP review

At a meeting earlier this month, parents from every school joined Clovis Unified School District site and administration staff to learn about recommended student programs for the upcoming school year as part of the Local Control and Accountability Plan.

LCAP is a state-required plan describing how the district will use funds received from California's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) to provide learning and wellness action and strategies for services primarily supporting foster youth, English learner and low-income students.

The recent recommendations and priorities for Clovis Unified were developed following months-long research and meetings with staff and the community reviewing available funding, current supports and services, and recent California Dashboard assessment findings of the district.

There will be a public review and commenting period, and the final recommendations will be presented to the Governing Board for action in late May and June. Learn more: cusd.com/lcap.

#### The Danny Awards, May 17



Come cheer Clovis Unified celebrities as they make their "red carpet entrance" into the Danny Awards May 17 at the Mercedes Edwards Theatre. Just like the Tony Awards, the Danny Awards will recognize Clovis Unified's best play and musical of the year, along with awards for best actors, supporting actors and crew. This star-studded event kicks off at 6:30 p.m. and

features musical acts by several performers from the 2023-24 CUSD year of theater.

#### 2024-25 new student registration

Registration is underway for transitional kindergarten through 12th grade students who will be brand new to Clovis Unified in the 2024-25 school year.

To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2024. To be eligible for transitional kindergarten, a child must turn 5 between Sept. 2, 2024, and June 2, 2025.

Parents should first complete an online pre-registration form, and then can visit their local elementary or secondary school to finalize registration. In addition to the form, information about required documents and other details can be found at cusd.com/NewStudentRegistration.

Clovis Unified also provides high-quality preschool programs at 28 school sites, many of which offer morning and afternoon programs. To enroll or learn more, visit cusd.com/Preschool.

#### Free tutoring help day or night

As the school year is coming to a close, and students may have upcoming exams or papers due, parents are reminded that free tutoring help is available. Tutors can further explain concepts, help with homework and even review writing assignments.

One-on-one tutoring help is just a click away 24-hours a day, 7-days a week for Clovis Unified students at all grade levels. The district makes available free access to tutor.com, a service of The Princeton Review, to provide students with online tutoring anytime without charge to families. There are more than 3,000 expert tutors in 250-plus subject areas available to help.

Students using the service can expect one-on-one help

through a live messaging window, with the ability for the student or tutor to share screens on a whiteboard on which both write and view.

To access, students can log into their Clever account and select the tutor.com app.

#### CalKIDS program launches

Eligible families are encouraged to have their child participate in the new state-launched program California Kids Investment and Develop-



ment Savings Program (CalKIDS) that helps give a jump start on saving for college or career training. To be eligible, participants must either be born in California on or after July 1, 2022; or be an eligible low-income public-school student (as defined by the state Local Control Funding Forumula) in grades 1-12 in California.

Participants receive a seed deposit in a CalKids account to help pay for future education.

All newborns, regardless of parental income, who are born on or after July 1, 2022, will receive \$25 in the account when registering online, and a \$50 deposit for linking the account to a new or existing ScholarShare 529 college savings account.

Eligible low-income public-school students participating receive: \$500 automatic deposit in their CalKids account; \$500 additional deposit for eligible students identified as foster youth; and \$500 additional deposit for eligible students identified as homeless.

To learn more or register an account: calkids.org.

#### **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

The Clovis Unified School District offers a variety of special education services and programs to serve children with communicative, physical, learning, emotional and other special needs. To learn more about special education services and the special education referral process, contact Clovis Unified Special Education at 327-9400.

#### **Exceptional Person Awards, April 24**

The Special Education Exceptional Person Awards for this school year will be presented April 24 at a reception honoring Clovis Unified employees and volunteers. The event starts at 7 p.m. in the CUSD Professional Development Building, 1680 David E. Cook Way, Clovis.

The award recognizes those who work with or support students with special needs and whose qualities include devotion, hard work, creativity, integrity, initiative, compassion and talent. The honorees were nominated by families, staff, students and volunteers.

#### Advisory meeting, May 15

The Special Education Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will meet at noon, May 15 at the CUSD Professional Development Building, 1680 David E. Cook Way, Clovis. The meeting topics will be the "Annual Service Plan Review, SPED Budget and Student Voices."

The committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Special Education Local Plan Area. Its meetings are open to the public. For information call 327-8455 or email familyresourcecenter@cusd.com.



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**SPORTS** 





## College signings beginning at Clovis schools

Some student athletes took part in early college signings this year. Congratulations to:

#### **Clovis West High**

- Tytus Khajavi, Football, California State University,
- Jordan Pierro, Football, California State University,
- Marshel Sanders, Football, California State University, Fresno
- Landon Wright, Football, Washington State University **Buchanan High**
- Sydney Dick, Girls Golf, Oregon Institute of Technol-
- Madison Dick, Girls Golf, Oregon Institute of Tech-

- Makayla Garza, Soccer, California State University,
- Marissa Garza, Soccer, California State University, East Bay
  - Branson John, Wrestling, University of Maryland ■ Kai Butler, Baseball, California State University, Los
- Riley Burgess, Track & Field/Cross Country, Pepperdine
- University ■ Garrett Menagh, Football, Western Oregon Universi-

Additional athletes from around the district are expected to make their commitment at signing ceremonies planned for this spring.



Young wrestlers from around the district gathered at the Clovis North High gym for the Bill Nixon Elementary Wrestling Tournament. This year the annual tournament was renamed in

honor of the late Bill Nixon, who worked for Clovis Unified for more than 40 years and was instrumental in creating and implementing many co-curricular and rec-

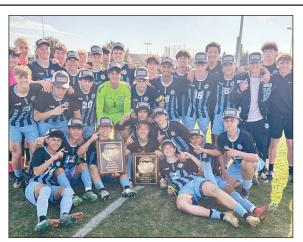
events, including the annual wrestling tournament.

Congratulations to Dry Creek Elementary's team for winning the tournament with 225 points! Mickey Cox reational activities and and Fugman elementary

schools tied for second place with 148 points each.

On the court, the CUSD Elementary Basketball Championship also saw young athletes giving their

Congratulations to the teams who made it to the tournament, and a special congratulations to the championship teams. In the girls basketball tournament, Garfield Elementary claimed the championship spot with Weldon Elementary as the runner-up. The Reagan Elementary boys basketball team took home the championship in their division, with Woods Elementary as runner-up.



#### League titles and more

As the winter sports season came to a close in March, Clovis Unified intermediate and high school student athletes finished strong in their leagues, and many teams won Valley Champion titles, too. Congratulations

#### High school

TRAC League: Boys Basketball: Clovis North and Clovis West high schools; Girls Basketball: Clovis West High; Boys Soccer: Clovis North High; Girls Soccer: Clovis North High; Wrestling: Buchanan High

Additional achievements included: Buchanan High Wrestling, CIF Valley Champions; Rocklin Zinkin, State Wrestling Champion, Buchanan High; Clovis High Pep, CIF Division I Dance Champions; Leilani Lemus, State Wrestling Champion, Clovis High; Nikade Zinkin, State Wrestling Champion, Clovis High; Isabella Marie Gonzales, State Wrestling Champion, Clovis East High; Clovis North High Boys Basketball, CIF Division I Valley Champions; Clovis North High Cheer, CIF Division II Co-Ed

Cheer Champions; Clovis North High Boys Soccer, CIF Division I Valley Champions; Clovis West High Girls Basketball, CIF Division I Valley Champions (the team's twelfth consecutive Valley Champion title!); Clovis West High Cheer, CIF Division II Cheer Champions; and Clovis West High Pep, CIF Division II Dance Cham-

#### Intermediate school CIAL league champions

Seventh Grade: Girls Basketball, Granite Ridge and Kastner intermediate schools; Boys Basketball, Kastner Intermediate; Girls Soccer, Alta Sierra Intermediate; Boys Soccer, Clark Intermediate

Eighth Grade: Girls Basketball, Kastner Intermediate; Boys Basketball, Alta Sierra and Reyburn intermediate schools; Girls Soccer, Alta Sierra and Granite Ridge intermediate schools; Boys Soccer, Kastner Intermediate

Seventh/Eighth Grade: Gymnastics, Kastner and Alta Sierra intermediate schools; Wrestling, Alta Sierra Intermediate.



#### State's best coming to town

Clovis Unified will be hosting two California Interscholastic Federation state championships in May. California's top high school athletes will compete in the 2024 CIF Swimming and Diving Championships May 9-11 at the Clovis Olympic Swim Complex on Clovis West High's campus and in the 2024 CIF State Track and Field Championships May 24-25 at Veterans Memorial Stadium on Buchanan High's campus. Traffic around these venues is expected to be impacted.

Information and tickets to watch the high-caliber competitions can be found at CIFstate.org.

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# Student assessments part of roadmap to success

By Corrine Folmer, Ed.D. Superintendent

CONIC hockey player Wayne Gretzky is credited for the saying, "You miss 100% of the

shots you don't take." Today, our youth have a popular saying with a similar "be bold and go for it" message: "Shoot your shot." These phrases are exactly what our

educators are



Corrine Folmer, Ed.D.

building up our students to do! As the Spring semester is in full force, our team is helping prepare our students for upcoming state testing, AP testing and, eventually, finals.

This preparation requires having established goals and a positive

In education and in life, clear directions and clear goals are extremely important to achieving success. It is one of the reasons that our teachers spend hours mapping out the entire academic year, carefully planning the instructional strategies they will use to ensure students master the core standards of a given grade level.

Having a clear curriculum map allows our teachers to achieve their learning goals for their students. It also provides our students with the maximum opportunity to, yearover-year, build on the knowledge gained in each grade level so that they graduate fully prepared and ready for life after high school.

Student assessments are another part of this critical roadmap to success, and each spring, California's standardized tests provide an

opportunity to measure the degree to which our students are mastering grade level standards. Sometimes, these assessments can be a source of anxiety, and I would encourage our students and their families (as well as our teachers) to take confidence that they are nothing to fear. Instead, they are an indicator helpful in guiding instruction and, where necessary, intervention. These assessments are one validation tool of the growth and hard work of our students and staff.

At school, our teachers are reviewing key learnings and practicing key strategies with their students that prepare them to be ready to demonstrate their full understanding of the lessons they have already learned this year. Our schools will hold rallies and create fun methods to encourage and support their students, and I have even seen some principals and GISs go so far as to perform original song and dance routines to get their students excited.

At home, you can help your child be ready for these assessments, too.

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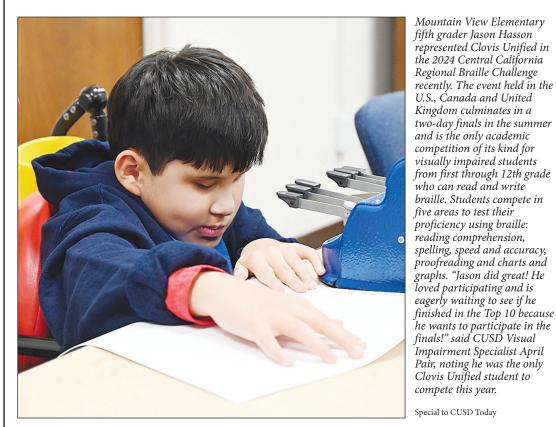
> Corrine Folmer, Ed.D. Superintendent

As you hear of your individual school's assessment schedule, make sure to schedule any family appointments outside of the instructional school day. Leave plenty of time in the morning to get to school to try and avoid the lastminute dash out the door and the possibility of a missed breakfast. In fact, I want our families to remember, too, that our schools offer free breakfast for students so they can have a hot, nutritious meal to start their day. Enforce a reasonable bedtime so your child is rested and ready for the school day, and finally, encourage your child with a reminder that these assessments cover material that their teachers carefully prepared them for all

Students, staff and parents are all in this together. We want our students to know we have confidence in them and are eager to watch them "Shoot their shot!"

#### LESSONS

Inspirations by, for and from our CUSD students



"Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort. "

THEODORE ROOSEVELT, 26TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

# Clovis Unified employees inspire with dedication, care

Editor's note: Clovis Unified honored 28 employees for their exceptional work conducted in the 2022-23 school year with a Crystal Award, the district's highest employee honor at a gala this spring. These educators - ranging from teachers and administrators to librarians and athletic directors – were nominated by their peers or supervisor in the fall and found deserving by employee judging panels to merit the top recognition.

In this issue of CUSD Today, we conclude a series in alphabetical order that showcases our honorees.

By Carol Lawson-Swezey

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#### Mark Perez

Pinedale Elementary/Facilities



Affectionately dubbed the "hardest working man in America," Pinedale Elementary lead night custodian Mark Perez is dearly beloved.

His can-do attitude pours into his daily work that includes listed duties and beyond, including walking teachers safely to their cars after dark or jump-starting a parent's car. He not only completes his own assignments, but he also sets up facilities

for the next shift to make their job easier. Perez's supervisor refers to him as the "People's Custodian," as he is the most requested by outside groups who use school facilities. Perez shows appreciation to fellow staff with customized gifts and

fresh vegetables from his garden. He consistently collects food, clothing, backpacks and school supplies to donate to the Pinedale neighborhood and his hometown community of Firebaugh.

For after school upper grade students who aren't in co-curricular activities, Perez established the Blue Crew, where students can make a difference and feel good by helping with trash pickup, collecting equipment and clothing left from recess and other odd jobs. One nominator said, "Mr. Perez lives as if each day is an opportunity

to show love and care to others." That love comes back as well. When his own truck was stolen from school, the staff rallied to raise money

#### Sarah Perkovich

Clovis High



Clovis High English teacher Sarah Perkovich will invest extra time and effort to ensure students achieve optimal potential. Known as "Ms. Perk," she serves as the English

Department Chair, is the PLC Lead Teacher and a member of the CUSD Curriculum and Instruction Performance Task Committee. She spent many off-duty hours coordinating and structuring the WASC (Accrediting Commission for Schools) application, collecting

data from 11 departments and four grade levels. She led her PLC team in revamping each writing unit, so students The Crystals For a full list of winners and their video biographies from The Crystals, see cusd.com/CrystalAwards.

are using critical thinking and thought-provoking prompts, enabling the composition of intricately written essays. This resulted in a whopping 83% rating of students on grade level or above on the 2022 and 2023 state assessments. Continuing to refine practices, Perkovich created an Academic Pathway in 2019, revised in 2022, to support teachers and counselors in recommending students for English courses, resulting in a cohesive academic vision for all staff.

She advocated for her English department colleague during her cancer treatment, providing the substitute teachers with everything they needed, including daily lesson plans.

'She took my subs under her wing and made them feel at home at Clovis High," her colleague wrote. "Sarah also took the role of advisor for my daughter while I was undergoing chemo."

#### Liz Peugh Mickey Cox Elementary

Liz Peugh is known for always putting others before self. The Mickey Cox Elementary Intervention teacher fosters a culture of kindness, trust and respect on her campus and beyond.

Peugh volunteered to promote the Positivity Project on campus by providing lessons, resources and video announcements to promote character traits like communication skills and building

positive relationships. She ensures every staff member feels celebrated by making them a VIP annually. Last year, she put together a studentcreated appreciation book for the new nurse, and she had students write notes of appreciation for the lunch ladies for Lunch Hero Day.

Last year, Peugh reported to work 5 weeks early to collaborate with teachers on lesson planning and DRA testing. She voluntarily attends weekly kindergarten and PLC meetings and does additional kindergarten intervention parent meetings.

Her dedication resulted in strong test scores at Mickey Cox last year. Kindergarten iCAL scores jumped from 41% to 79%. Kindergarten iReady scores more than doubled from 35% to 84%. More amazing stats include First Grade iReady Reading Diagnostic showing gains from 8% to 82% and the EL program was able to reclassify nine of its 37 students.

#### Adam Reid Clovis West High

Clovis West High's Adam Reid juggles multiple titles with passion and intensity. Eighteen-year special education teacher, department chair, coordinator and director of sport for swimming and dive all fall under his realm.



Reid played an integral role in the redesign of the school's Olympic Swim Complex, ensuring it met the needs of all athletes. With the philosophy that "there's a place on the Clovis West pool deck for everyone," he introduced new events for Special Olympians, providing access for students with special needs to participate in the same high level of competition as their peers. .

Reid's belief in getting students college and career ready has led to more opportunities for students. Under his leadership, Clovis West placed five students in the Workability Program and continuously organizes presentations and experiences for students to build job skills.

During the 2022-23 school year, 26 of 38 special education students were not only enrolled in college before graduation, but also connected to the Disabled Students & Services program on campus to help support future IEP needs. Clovis West special education students outperformed all other area high schools in English/Language Arts and Math with a 22% overall growth.

#### Erica Robinson

**Granite Ridge Intermediate** 



Erica Robinson has been a Clovis Unified gem since 2012. She was first hired as a special education teacher at Granite Ridge Intermediate and created a science program for the SPED department. Her love for science led her in 2018 to become Granite Ridge's seventh-grade science teacher. Over the years, she has poured into the Bronco community, impacting the entire campus in countless ways.

Known for her superpowers of energy, efficiency,

and connection with students who feel marginalized or invisible, Robinson has a servant's heart. From teaching dynamic science lessons, to being the PLC lead, to presenting at the annual 504 coordinator workshop, she plays a crucial part in the lives of others. Among her many roles, she is the CNEC site lead 504 Coordinator

with a team of six and caseload of 185; Captain of Bronco Lunch Tutorial program; creator of the Bronco Closet; and AP/SAT/ACT testing accommodation coordinator.

During Teacher Appreciation Day, Robinson tirelessly solicited vendors, businesses and organizations for donations to honor fellow staff. She was also an integral force in initiating a dedication ceremony from the Clovis mayor proclaiming Teacher Appreciation Week for CUSD teachers.



#### Steve Soma

Sierra Vista Elementary/Facilities

Sierra Vista Elementary Plant Supervisor Steve Soma treats his campus as he would treat his own home. He takes pride in maintaining the campus during work hours, but if he drives by on the weekend, he will stop if he sees an issue like fallen trees or broken sprinklers.

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#### — ABOUT US

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# Summer adventure plentiful in Clovis Unified

■ Sign-ups starting for art, science, sports and more

**CUSD Today** 

With summer just around the corner, Clovis Unified is planning several engaging activities for June and July that will provide children with fun ways to continue exploring and learning new things. Signups for programs begin soon, and some are currently underway. Here are some of the programs being offered:

#### CART SUMMER **ACADEMY**

CART - the Center for Advanced Research and Technology that is a joint facility of Clovis and Fresno unified school districts - offers a Summer Academy for kids to invent, experiment, create, learn and have fun. Children who will be in fourth through seventh grade in the fall of 2024 can attend the one-week session that is from 8 to 11:30 a.m. June 10 to 14 at CART, 2555 Clovis Ave., Clovis.

Hands-on project-based learning experiences offered are: Builders Workshop, Game Design, Lemonade Stand - Microbusiness, Mini-Med School, Optical Illusions, Pixel Playground, and Robots, Rockets & Air-

Registration opens April 10. The academy costs \$199 before June 1, and \$250 after that date. The fee includes a T-shirt.

Details: CART at cart.org or call 248-

#### CTE SUMMER ACADEMY

The College and Career Readiness Department will offer the Career Technical tation (CPR), Automatic External Defibril-Education (CTE) Summer Academy for the lator, and First Aid, and they will have the third year. Held on high school campuses, opportunity to earn certification in these three-week courses in June and July for Other skills acquired will be vital signs, day experience for students currently enrolled /summer-fun, 327-2880.

Clovis Unified students currently in 7th and signs, symptoms and response to drug in Clovis Unified TK-sixth grades. Each and 8th grades.

Session 1 will be June 10-27 and Session and there will be no classes held on June 19 class) or July 4. Space is limited.

Offerings will include:

■ Graphic Design for Beginners at Alta Sierra Intermediate: Students will learn

logo design, event poster and a thematic portfolio that can be accessed both digitally and in print. (June 12-29)

- 3-D Design Workshop at Clovis High: Students will be introduced to basic design concepts and discover how to use Com-Students will create unique solutions to de- creation. (June 12-30) sign prompts that will challenge them to This course combines creative and technical at cusd.com/CTEsummer. skills, and it appeals both to those who like the arts and those who prefer math and science. (June 13-29)
- **High:** Students will learn the basics of story writing and storytelling, plus the elements of plot structure and character development literature, and they will create their own cheerleading, volleyball and water polo. two hours. mythological story. At the end of the session, students will receive a professionally bound copy of their story. (July 10-27)
- "A Look into Education and Health Careers" at Clovis North: Students will at ClovisRec.com or call 327-9225. learn all about Cardiopulmonary Resusci-

overdose.

2 July 1-19. Each program will be held from to the Education field through engaging trips, guest speakers, projects and more 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, activities. (Three options of a one-week

- "A Look into Health Careers" at Clovis High: Students will learn all about Cardio- held at selected elementary school sites pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automatic Mondays through Thursdays, all CUSD is External Defibrillator, and First Aid, and the basic elements of graphic design like they will have the opportunity to earn cercolor use, principles of design, typography, tification in these skills from the American The fee is \$50 per day and free to students writing for media and basic photography Heart Association. Other skills acquired from Title I/CEP schools or who have qualwill be vital signs, and signs, symptoms ified for a fee waiver. They will create several projects including and response to drug overdose. (Three options of a one-week class)
- the immersive Cars and Video Production designated program site. program, where students will learn the puter-Aided Design (CAD) software to Get hands-on experience repairing classic model and 3D print their own creations. cars while also mastering the art of video

Details: Watch for the full listing of think creatively and work collaboratively. courses, dates and enrollment information

#### **SPORTS & RECREATION**

The CUSD Clovis Community Sports ■ The Art of Storytelling at Clovis North and Recreation Department offers youth programs for children ages 3 to 12. Youth programs are offered in softball, t-ball, baseball, rugby, futsal and flag football. Year-The department also offers area camps that and a variety of other activities.

#### **EXPANDED** LEARNING CLUB

Expanded Learning Club Summer Full opens May 1. the popular, free program will feature several skills from the American Heart Association. Day Program provides an enriching full-

week of the six weeks of the program will Additionally, students will be introduced have its own theme with activities, field specifically planned to engage students in learning while having fun!

> The Summer Full Day Program will be closed Fridays, June 17-July 25, and they will be closed for June 19 and July 4 holidays.

A light breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack are provided at no cost. Transportation ■ Wheels and Reels at Clovis West: Join is available from the home school to the

Applications are available online via Parbasics of auto maintenance and hone sto- ent Connect. Enrollment is on a first-come, rytelling skills through film production. first-serve basis and is expected to fill

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#### **SUMMER FUN**

The Summer Fun program, coordinated by CUSD's Community Education, offers a variety of classes for children ages 4 to 13. The program is open to all students in this age range, regardless of their home district. Class registration begins online May 1.

Summer Fun classes will be held Monday through Thursday, June 17 to July 18, from 8 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. at Century Elementary. to develop themes that are important to round competitive and recreational programs Kids can take one class or up to four. Most the development of child and adolescent are offered in gymnastics, swimming, dance, classes are \$199 and meet twice a week for

> The program offers a variety of fun include sports, band, music, cheer, computers learning opportunities including arts, crafts, computer, cooking, dance, fitness, foreign Details: See upcoming summer offerings language, music, drama, reading, writing, science, sports and much more.

Course catalogs will be distributed to all CUSD elementary schools during April and will also be available online. Registration

Details: ClovisCommunityEd.com

# Academic summer school enhances education

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Academic summer school in Clovis Unified strives to meet the needs of students and families by addressing learning loss or providing further educational opportunities. "Clovis Unified offers summer school for students who need additional instruction or practice to master grade level standards at the elementary level, and we will provide options for students with impacted schedules to take classes for original credits as well as students who need credit recovery at the secondary level" said CUSD Summer School Administrator Karen Boone.

#### Elementary grade levels (TK-5)

The elementary summer academic program will be held Mondays through Thursday, June 17 to July 11; there will not be class June 19 or July 4. Each high school area will operate one elementary site. The summer school programs for elementary grades are designed to provide students with targeted, meaningful, and engaging instruction for essential skills in English and/or math. All students will receive language acquisition skills during the daily Language Acquisition Block, and then will receive instruction in English Language Arts and math.

Summer school programs for students in grades TK to fifth will be held at:

- Copper Hills Elementary
- Jefferson Elementary ■ Pinedale Elementary

- Tarpey Elementary
- Temperance-Kutner Elementary

Space at each site is limited. Students with at-risk grades to July 25 (no class June 19 and July 4). will receive priority enrollment. Parents may contact their home school regarding availability and site location for their school area.

#### Intermediate grade levels (6-8)

This year current sixth through eighth graders needing intervention will attend a summer school academy at Alta Sierra Intermediate on Mondays through Thursdays, June 17 to July 11; there will not be class June 19 or July 4. Students will receive standards-based instruction that includes leadership skills, college and career readiness, English language arts and reading strategies.

The program design is project-based learning and highly engaging. Transportation will be provided from each area elementary school to Alta Sierra. Parents may contact their home school regarding availability and site location for their school area.

Current eighth graders desiring to take Health due to an impacted schedule their upcoming freshman year will still take their class at the high school campus.

#### Secondary grade levels (8-12)

Summer School for secondary students will be held at three sites this year: Kastner for Clovis West area students; Clovis North for Clovis North area and Buchanan area students; and Clovis High for Clovis High area and Clovis East area students. In-person credit recovery and original credit classes will occur from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., June 17

Eighth-grade students can take health. Independent Study summer school will operate Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and students' appointments will be scheduled by their independent study summer-school

Due to the highly impacted courses and short duration of the summer session, strict discipline and attendance policies are enforced daily. For a student to receive credit for a summer school course, he or she must attend the entire summer school session and not miss more than one day of instruction. One absence is permitted. On the second absence of a semester class, the student will be dropped from the summer school program.

The purpose of the summer session for ghigh rades 8-12 is two-fold. First, the summer session provides high school students with the opportunity for "credit-recovery" to master the essential elements of incomplete/failed courses. Original credit summer school for high school students who will have an impacted schedule in the fall will continue to be available both in-person and through independent study class for those who meet requirements. If a student meets the criteria, high school counselors will enroll the student into summer school during the registration pro-

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Photo special to CUSD Today. Clovis Unified students make up the city's first "City of Clovis Youth Commission" to provide local leaders with the youth

# perspective about the town and is future. City Hall gets youth input

Several Clovis Unified high school students are part of the first-ever City of Clovis Youth Commission, which held its inaugural meeting earlier this year at City Hall. The Clovis City Council voted unanimously in the fall to create the panel of teenagers that will provide young people's perspectives on the city and its future. Sophomores and juniors living in Clovis were invited to apply, with 15 recently announced as commissioners.

"The future of Clovis is our youth, and it's important to us to work alongside them in shaping Clovis both for today and tomorrow," said Clovis Mayor Lynne Ashbeck. "I'm sincerely looking forward to working with our young leaders and hearing all they have to say."

The new members' first business will be to establish the Youth Commission's charter and bylaws. They will be coached by Clovis City Council members and Clovis city staff through the spring and will present their work to the council in May.

Congratulations to: Avereet Samra, Daniel Salgado, David Perez, Noor Riar, Rajbir Longia, Isaac Perry, Buchanan High; Bonnie Barlow, Mina Berumen, Camila Gutierrez, Emily Albertson, Grace Yang, Clovis East High; Jocelyn De La Cruz, Eli Pugliese, Kameryn Fedele, Clovis High; and Victoria Chiu, Clovis North High.

#### Hitting the high notes

Several Clovis Unified students were selected to be part of California All-State choirs and bands who studied and performed with top student-musicians from around the state during the 2024 California All-State Music Education Conference (CASMEC) held in Sacramento in February. Congratulations to the following students:

Choirs: Jakob Chang, baritone, and Dominic Olaes, bass, Alta Sierra Intermediate; Blythe Griffin, soprano, Michael Tabanas, bass, Buchanan High; Samuelle Pawig, alto, Rebekah Ricon, alto, Rebecca Tillman, soprano, Chasity Syvong, alto, Clovis East High; Samantha Montgomery, soprano, Clovis High; Owen Cortes, tenor, Peter Kildirian, bass, Jacob Wynkoop, tenor, Lauren Kjar, alto,

#### Clark makes digital designs

Students in the new Digital Art class at Clark Intermediate wanted to show off their art to their peers, so they held their own Pop-Up Art Show at lunch recently. Teacher Melissa Fritsch used a grant from the Foundation for Clovis Schools to purchase laptops for her students and taught them about digital art. Her students were proud of their work and wanted to share it with others. She helped students print their digital artwork and set up the display, but the students ran the show, talking to their audience about their work and the new art class.

The student body was excited to learn how the artists created their masterpieces, and many students are now excited to join the class next school year. "Good things are happening!" said Fritsch.



Kamryn Baker, alto, Noah Bedouch, bass, Matthew Cereno, tenor, Ashlan Huang, bass.

Bands/Orchestras: Ethan Ma, violin, Alta Sierra; Eli Ilobekemen, trumpet, Clark Intermediate; Gus Alley, baritone saxophone, Ananya Chava, violin, Andy Fisher, bass, Daniel Lien, cello, Granite Ridge Intermediate; Rajibir Longia, violin, Atom Paz, violin, Erik Stopinski, French horn, William Damrose, trombone, Buchanan High; Gillian Smyth, bass trombone, Jonathan Yang, bass clarinet, Clovis East High; Emery Douglass, bass, Lela Buck, oboe, Clovis High; Junghun Kim, violin, Sonia Rao, violin, Jason Yang, viola, Abhishek Yarenahalli, viola, Alex Fisher, alto sax, Nicholas Gabrielson, percussion, Baylin Lamee, French horn, Luke Noordmans, tenor saxophone, Clovis North High; Bobby Moreno, trumpet, Luke Blancas, flute, Clovis West High.

#### **Kindness at Cole**

From dress-up days to handwritten compliments, the Cole Elementary Bulldogs shared a lot of kindness during their third annual Kindness Week. An assembly with positivity and motivational speaker Mr. Peace kicked things off, and there were also inspirational signs made by student council and leadership students being hung around the campus.

All week long, students dressed up in themes like "Team Up for Kindness – Favorite Sports Attire" and "Think Twice, Be Kind – Twin Day." During recess and lunch, kids could create cards and notes for friends, teachers and classmates to share a nice thought. Students and staff also collected new socks and spare change to donate to the Poverello House to share the kindness outside their campus.

"It has become a special week at Cole, and this year was no different than the last couple of years" said fourth grade teacher and Leadership advisor Tara Buckley. "It lifts our spirits and reminds us how to look outwards and help make someone's day a little brighter!"

#### Kids support kids

Miramonte Elementary students helped one of their



own as they took part in Valley Children's Hospital's Kids Day in March. Nine-year-old Jeremy Her, a student at Miramonte, was selected as the 2024 Kids Day Ambassador and the face of the 37th annual event where a special edition newspaper is sold to raise money for

the hospital. Jeremy has a genetic blood disorder and has frequent appointments at the hospital, where he is known for his joyful spirit and playful imagination. Leadership students at Miramonte sold the special edition in the school parking lot to show their support of their Mighty Mustang. In addition, several Clovis Unified schools across the area also took part in the annual community event.





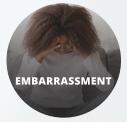
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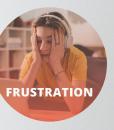
















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# Board names new principals for Kastner, Clovis Online

By Kelly Avants CUSD Chief Communications Officer

#### April 3

Kastner Intermediate School will welcome Julie Duwe into the role of principal for the 2024-25 school year after the Clovis Unified Governing Board took action April 3 to approve her appointment. Duwe joins the Kastner Thunderbirds from Valley Oak Elementary, where she has served as principal for the past 10 years.

Community members from Pinedale were present to celebrate the board's action to name the school's library after long-time librarian Carol J. Lewis. Lewis spent

a 43-year career serving the students and community of Pinedale Elementary, where she was known for keeping her library open long after the school day for elementary, intermediate and high school students needing a place for homework help, or just a safe space with a caring

During the meeting, the board congratulated student athletes who won Valley and/or State titles during the Winter CIF season. Eight teams and four individuals were recognized, including: Buchanan High Wrestling and individual State Champion Rocklin Zinkin, along with Coach Troy Tirapelle; Clovis High School Dance

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#### **BOARD BRIEFS**

Division I Champions directed by Dominique Papaleo, and individual State Wrestling Champions Leilani Lemus and Nikade Zinkin; Clovis East High's Individual State Wrestling Champion Isabella Marie Gonzales; Clovis North High's Boys Basketball coached by Tony Amundsen, Division II Co-Ed Cheer Champions directed by Devin Balbach, and Boys Soccer coached by Cameron Shahrokhi; and Clovis West High's Girls Basketball coached by Craig Campbell, Division II Cheer Champions coached by Taleen Issakhanian and Division II Dance Champions coached by Dannicie Kwan. In other action, the

board: ■ Received the annual written report on the district's AVID programs and approved the annual agreement to maintain the program designed to build college-going

capacity and success in stu-

dents. March 20

The Governing Board an-

nounced the appointment of Sean Osterberg to the position of principal of Clovis Online School, effective July 1.

Also at the meeting, the

■ Approved a fee increase for the Sierra Outdoor School following a comparative fee study. The rate increase addresses rising costs to operate the program. The new fees take effect for the 2024-25

school year, with built in increases in future years by a calculation using the state's annual Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers

■ Approved a resolution supporting two federal appropriations requests to Senator Alex Padilla to support Clovis Unified students. The first is to request start-up funding for a new Career Technical Education (CTE) program at Clovis South High focused on careers in

aeronautics, and the second is to offset costs to build a multipurpose event facility at the school that would serve the entire district and community, and house a future CTE facility.

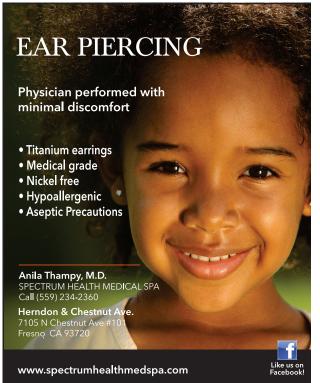
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Board is at 6:30 p.m. April 17 in the boardroom at 1680 David E. Cook Way in Clovis. Complete minutes, agendas and videos are available at



#### Welcome to CUSD!

Clovis Unified kindergarten registration for Fall 2024 began last month on campuses throughout the district. At Oraze Elementary, registration was made even more special with all the props for an official student signing ceremony! At the close of the first day on March 6, there were 1,026 new kindergartners officially enrolled. That number will continue to grow.

For enrollment information for students who will be new to the district in the 2024-25 school year, see details of requirements and forms at cusd.com/NewStudentRegis-







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# Crystals: Exceptional work honored

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Soma also coaches JV basketball and baseball, repairs athletic equipment, and maintains the student snack bar and equipment room. As an avid gardener, he worked alongside After School Academy Coordinator Sandy Xiong to create an after-school community garden program, benefiting both after school and Functional Life Skills Special Education students. They learned real life skills about the plant cycle and farm-to-table growing. Soma shared his expertise on growing and maintaining a garden and spent more than 60 hours of his own time building planter boxes and a storage shed for tools and supplies and setting up an irrigation system.

He is a 31-year Clovis Unified employee and is passionate about Sierra Vista's welfare as a Title 1 school with 87% socioeconomically disadvantaged students. He encourages all students to get involved and he makes sure every new staff member has a "Viking" welcome.

#### Libby Trutna Special Education



Lead Occupational Therapist for Special Education Libby Trutna takes a whole-student approach to her OT work as she collaborates with families, service providers and case managers. She helps create intricate goals and approaches, and she brings customized gadgets and materials to meet the needs of students.

Trutna recently advocated for a student with severe self-injury behaviors, with a very dents each day Protective gear had previously

high number of incidents each day. Protective gear had previously been ineffective. Trutna spent her own time making and modifying arm and head equipment and, after training staff and family, the student's behavior decreased by more than half. The student now points to the braces when she feels triggered, and with the gear can calm down sooner.

Trutna is known for her collaborative finesse. She led an effort with physical therapy to train district teachers and instructional aides in appropriate seating positions, adaptive toileting systems and other mechanics to keep staff and students safe while promoting student independence. Additionally, she gives back to the community by participating on conference panels to help share knowledge with other OTs.

Her research of data on shifting from a caseload to a workload model resulted in increased hiring of occupational therapists and adapted physical educators.

## Tachua Vue, Ed.D. Tarpey Elementary



From Title 1 Tarpey Elementary student to its principal, Dr. Tachua Vue's journey is one of perseverance and determination. Her Cinderella story began as a student followed by 23 years as a district employee and culminating eight years ago when she was named principal of her alma mater.

Her accomplishments include establishing Anti-Bullying Week and collaborative Student Council-led lessons. That pioneering work

helped result in Tarpey being named last year as the only California elementary school to receive the California Civic Learning of Excellence Award.

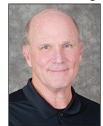
Said former CUSD Superintendent Eimear O'Brien, Ed.D., "We are so proud of Dr. Vue for creating opportunities and platforms for diverse, young leaders to grow, thrive and serve their community."

Vue developed a system to annually evaluate the school's Multi-Tiered Student Support System and had teachers participate

in Tarpey Team Talks to maximize student achievement. Those efforts resulted in the installation of an innovative book vending machine to reward students who "RISE the Spartan Way" by showing respect, integrity, self-control and academic achievement

Vue's support for the ELD model resulted last year in 44% of Tarpey's EL students advancing at least one proficiency level, staying advanced or redesignated. Tarpey also achieved Class 1, one of five of 14 Title 1 schools to receive the prestigious recognition.

#### Vance Walberg Clovis West High



After an illustrious career that included coaching in the NBA and college level, Vance Walberg returned home in 2016 to be a Clovis West High PE teacher and Director of Sport boys' basketball coach.

Under Coach Walberg, who is known worldwide as the innovator of the Dribble Drive Offense, last season the Golden Eagles had a 30-4 record and were Tri River Athletic Conference co-champs; CIF-Central Section

Division I finalists; and ranked No. 17 in California. Two players were named TRAC Players of the Year, another two earned All-State honors and Walberg was named TRAC Coach of the Year. He had at the time, 669 career wins at the high school level – making him one of the winningest basketball coaches in California history!

As a teacher, Walberg partnered with an adapted PE specialist to team teach CW's Collaborative Mentoring PE class made up of 15 special education students mentored by 15 general education peer students. His nominator said Walberg "poured into his special ed students as if they were competing for a CIF title."

From having early-morning gym hours for athletes, to hiring coaching staff to reflect the student body, to having the gym recognized as a classroom so his Unified Sports students had a safe facility for daily fitness activities, he is dedicated to positively impacting lives.

#### Tina Wood Clovis North High



Clovis North Educational Center School Counselor Tina Wood is busy. In addition to her counseling duties, Wood is involved in National Honor Society and worked to streamline the system so that documents are digitally uploaded, calculated and kept confidential by a numbering system.

She spearheaded Bronco College Applications Day, resulting in 65% of seniors applying to continued education. Her work en-

abled Clovis North to offer a Pre-ACT for sophomores on campus, the only district high school to do so.

Wood is a wiz at organizing and creating digital documents, affectionately dubbed by colleagues as "Tina forms" or "Tina cards." These have allowed counselors to monitor students more effectively, increasing course completion and graduation rates. She has been instrumental in mentoring new counselors and created a guidebook with information, policies and procedures to ease their journey.

In her 15 years in the district, from elementary teacher, coach and counselor, Wood has left her mark. One student, who traveled full circle as a Riverview Ram to a Clovis North Bronco under her tutelage, credits Wood for her success and involvement.

"Being in her classroom showed me my calling in life was to be a third-grade teacher, so that I would one day be able to channel my inner Tina Wood with students I call my own."





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# Students honored for resilience, strength

■ Foundation awards Students of Promise scholarships

**CUSD Today** 

Sixteen high school students who have made education a priority in the midst of facing heart-wrenching challenges were celebrated as Students of Promise April 10 by the Foundation for Clovis Schools.

"For a lot of teenagers - and even adults - the challenges these students face every day might get the best of them," said Foundation Chairperson Mike Fennacy. "But the perseverance and courage they show daily by showing up to school and giving their very best is incredibly inspiring."

Each year the Foundation for Clovis Schools, a nonprofit organization that supports Clovis Unified School District, selects 16 students in their junior year to receive a \$2,000 Students of Promise scholarship upon completion of high school and enrollment in further education.

"We want them to know that we see their determination and efforts, and we see promise in them. This scholarship and celebration are how we can show we believe in them and their future," Fennacy said.

The gala event honored the 2024 Students of Promise recipients and included a red-carpet walk, candelabra dinner and presentation ceremony.

Students are nominated for the scholarship by their school counselor, selected by a Foundation committee, and surprised with the news in late January.

"They are living examples of the strength of the human spirit and a reminder of all that can be accomplished through hard work and belief in oneself.," said Superintendent Corrine Folmer, Ed.D.

Keynote speaker Destanie Yarbrough was a 2007 Student of Promise and Clovis East High graduate who is a professional Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) fighter, women's tackle football player, and has also recently returned to the district and as a Student Relations Liaison at Gateway

"Don't forget that growth always comes with challenges, [and]... be



... the perseverance and courage they show daily by showing up to school and giving their very best is incredibly inspiring.

> Mike Fennacy Foundation Chairperson

open to learning from both success and failure," she advised the recipients. "The mindset of success, whether it be short-term or longterm success, turns a setback into a comeback."

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**Anthony Bryan** 



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Kellen Davis



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Yolanda Maeshiro Clovis North High School Clovis East High School



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Phu Nguyen



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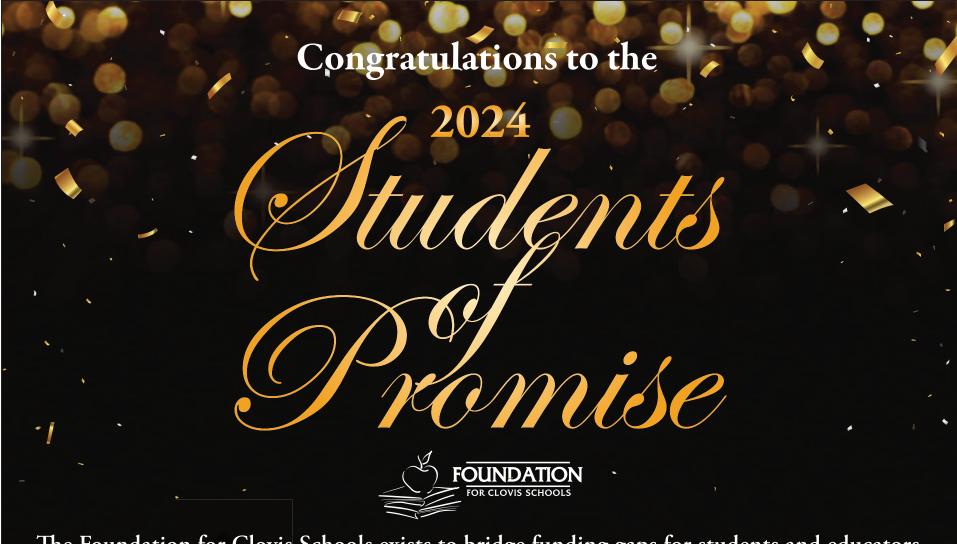


Lily Shaw



Samantha Silva Gateway High School Buchanan High School Clovis West High School Clovis North High School





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