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Saidee Acevedo

- Junior at Riverside Poly High School
- Member of Poly's Principal's Leadership Council and MVP of the Poly Success Club mentorship program
- Highly motivated mentor dedicated to service and giving back to her community.

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Ausara Bell

- Senior at John W. North High School.
- Has her sights set on attending Texas Southern University and plans to pursue her Juris Doctor post graduation
- Involved with volunteering at Bobby Bonds Park, Cesar Chavez community, and Riverside Museum Associates Multicultural Council.

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Ching Chung

- Junior at Riverside STEM Academy
- Involved in Tutoring at Chinese school and teaching taekwondo and Stem Science Olympiad Team
- 1st place in an international Chinese art contest.

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Destiny Curiel

- Senior at Norte Vista High School.
- President of Drama Club, NVTV (film) Club and Grit Club
- Wants to pursue being a documentary filmmaker of blending story telling and highlighting social issues.

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Arianna Esparza Gonzalez

- Senior at Hillcrest High School
- Volunteers at the local YMCA and takes classes at RCC.
- Aspires to graduate from CSLB and entering medical school with the hope of being a pediatric nurse.

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Cristoval Garcia

- Senior at La Sierra High School.
- Leadership roles in the Recycle club, Cancer Awareness Club and the National Honor Society.
- Full scholarship to Boston University to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering.

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Stefanny Hernandez

- Senior at John W. North High School
- Organized Cancer Awareness Week, played a pivotal role in recognized over 700 students with the "Husky of the Month" award Program
- Plans to major in Deaf Studies and to become a court reporter specializing in ASL

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Alma Sandoval Hernandez

- Senior at Norte Vista High School
- Dedicated in helping her peers and mentoring her underclassman.
- Aspires to understand and address global issues by studying International Relations after high school.

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Cora Holmes

- Senior at Poly High School
- Over a 1,000 hours of community service through the Hot Meals Program and National Charity league.
- Plans to attend Boston College and to major in Political Science.

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Maya Karginova

- Sophomore at Riverside STEM High School
- Co-Vice President of Activities for the Associated Student Body
- Created the C.A.K.T.E.S. club to enrich support in STEM subjects among younger students.

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Suwon Kim

- Senior at Riverside Poly High School
- Involved with several college-level research projects from Vanderbilt University and the Keck Graduate Institute.
- Chief Secretary for the U.S-Korea Alliance Association and aspirations to study engineering, radiology, or data science. He aspires to blend his analytical abilities with a desire to help others.

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Nadia Lewis

- Senior at Riverside Poly High School
- Tourette Youth Ambassador, A Wellness Peer Educator and involved with Youth Advisory Council
- Plans to attend a top college in order to pursue a career in Clinical Pharmacy or Adolescent Therapy

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Gavin McGowan

- Senior at Ramona High School
- Involved with Dual enrollment at Riverside Community College and co-founded the Ramona chapter of the National Organization for women
- Aspires to pursue a degree in civil engineering.

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Caylee McNaul

- Dedication to agriculture in the FFA/4-H region
- President of Norte Vista's Agriculture Club and the local FFA chapter
- Leads mental health education initiatives on campus

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Coby Merrill

- Junior at John W. North High School
- First wrestling CIF winner for John W. North and first male wrestling champion since 1996
- Aspires to win NCAA titles and obtaining gold in the Olympics

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Aiden Scott Pianalto

- Achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and raised \$35,000 to install 100 narrative panels at March Field Air Museum
- Organized multiple blood drives for King High School
- Collaborates with researchers at UCR on projects

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Tom Reznick

- Attended and won multiple awards at Science Olympiad Competitions
- Presented award-winning research at multiple levels
- Leadership in the Associated Student Body and role as a student representative to the School Board reflect his commitment to serving others

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Amy Espinoza-Robledo

- Driving force in the AVID Christmas Shoe Box Project which delivered gifts to over 100 foster students
- Co-created the Bilingual Alvord Tutoring Student to support English language learners in local elementary schools

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Kenya Rodriguez

- Junior at Norte Vista High School who advocates for students with disabilities
- Won the 2025 CEC "Yes I can" award
- Led the volleyball team to the playoffs as captain for the first time in a decade

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Asma Safi

- Senior at Abraham Lincoln High School
- Immigrated from Afghanistan to the US in 2022 and volunteers at the Human Migration Institute
- Plans to seek career in medicine aiming to make an impact.

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Maxim Michael Strong

- Embodies the spirit of musical excellence and leadership
- Studied at the RUSD Composition Workshop, the Los Angeles Philharmonic Composer Fellowship Program, and Interlochen Arts Camp

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Camilo Canizalez Tejada

- Immigrated from El Salvador and achieved IB Diploma Candidate status
- Leads National Honor Society and is a mentor to fellow students
- Aspires to achieve a nursing career after graduating

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Juan Uribe

- Overcame struggles to foster personal growth
- A leader in the National Alliance on Mental Illness club where he transformed his challenges into strengths
- Embodies support for fellow students through advocacy and mentorship

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Owen Weems

- Two-time California History Day State Finalist, Riverside County Science Fair runner-up, and County Champion Mock Trial team leader.
- Leader of various extra curriculars such as Cross Country, Bear Pals, Link Crew, and more

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Kezia Wood

- Volunteered at the UCR Botanical Center over the past two years
- Purchased and packaged personal care items for unhoused individuals
- Embodies collaboration and mentorship, inspiring others to build a stronger, more connected community.

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