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ass of 2024

Congratulations to our graduating class of 2024 and to all our students, staff and families celebrating the successful completion of the school year. You accomplished great things, overcame challenges, and grew smarter and stronger together!

> Corrine Folmer, Ed.D. CUSD Superintendant



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Tassels turn as 3,547 graduates celebrate their completion of the Clovis Unified School District. Congratulations to the Class of 2024, and best wishes for your future!

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INFORMATION UPDATE

July 22 to Aug. 9

Parents and guardians of all returning

Clovis Unified students must update

student records with current contact and

emergency information prior to the

start of the 2024-25 school year.

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# 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR What to know

- First Day: Clovis Unified begins the 2024-25 school year Aug. 19.
- Dress Code: Review online before going back-to-school shopping.
- Bell Schedule: School starting and ending times are online.
- Meals: No-cost breakfast and lunch will be available to all students.
- Buses: Updated schedules, routes and stops will be available in August.

Check your school's website for school-specific information about schedules, sports, clubs, supply lists and teachers. Keep updated: cusd.com/2024-25schoolyear

# Phillip Sanchez Intermediate

Clovis Unified Governing Board names newest school opening for grades 7-8 in Fall 2025 after late Clovis Unified graduate turned U.S. Ambassador!

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Citizens group proposes facility bond for November ballot

Following six months of meetings and research, a group of volunteer community members have recommended to the Clovis Unified Governing Board that they ask voters to consider approval of a \$400 million facility bond on the November ballot.

Members of the Citizens Committee to Study Capital Facility Needs made the recommendation in a June 12 report to the district's Governing Board emphasizing that such a ballot measure would not increase the existing tax rate while providing critical resources to take care of the community's schools. Citizen Committee Chair Todd Cook delivered the report about the work of the 40-member group in developing the recommendation. They studied financial reports, current schools' maintenance and upgrade needs, enrollment projections and planned housing developments that impact future school needs, community survey results and project priority lists.

The citizens group voted unanimously in determining a bond would be necessary to keep schools in good repair and up-todate, and to keep pace with growth.

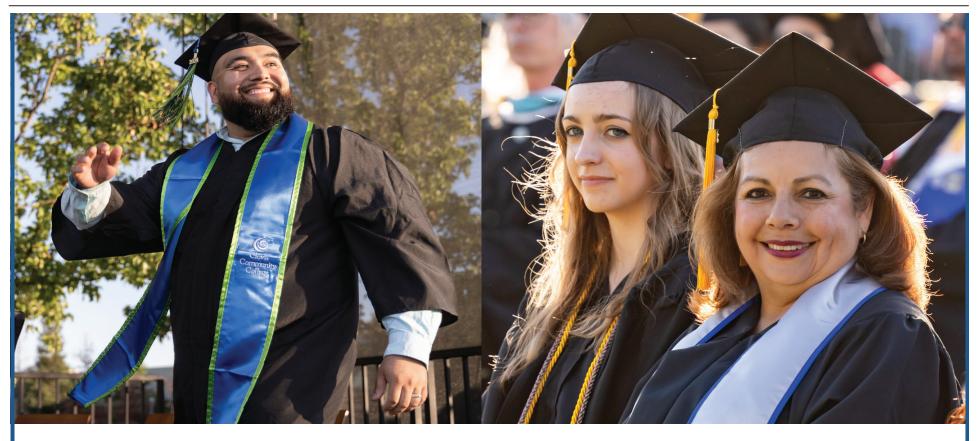
While the committee's research found

overall facility needs that total approximately \$550 million, the group prioritized projects in determining ways to bring the number down so that their recommendation would make no changes to the existing tax rate. For example, fully funding safety and technology upgrades stayed on the list, but athletic upgrades were removed and some modernization projects were also delayed.

"Our recommendation would allow all of us to continue to benefit from high quality facilities and avoid overcrowding our schools, just by continuing to pay the same tax rate we have for the past 12 years," said Cook to the board. "Members of the committee thought that was a good reason for making this recommendation."

For the past 12 years, the annual tax rate paid toward Clovis Unified facility bonds has been \$155 per \$100,000 of assessed home value. Before 2012, the rate was actually higher. The current tax rate is lower than that paid by homeowners in Fresno, Sanger or Central unified.

The Governing Board will consider taking action on the recommendation at its July 17 meeting.



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# WELCOME TO THE FAMILY



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Former U.S. President Richard Nixon, right, congratulates Phillip V. Sanchez who he named as the Ambassador to Honduras from 1973-75. Sanchez, who attended Clovis Unified, is the namesake of the district's new intermediate school.

# Coming Fall of 2025 — Sanchez Intermediate School

One of Clovis Unified School District's newest schools will bear the name Phillip V. Sanchez Intermediate in honor of a Clovis Unified graduate, Governing Board trustee and widely successful Hispanic American who was a U.S. Ambassador, among other things.

In May, the CUSD Governing Board announced the name honoring Sanchez, who died at the age of 88 in 2017. This followed months of community input and suggestions regarding what will be the district's sixth intermediate school and part of the upcoming Terry P. Bradley Educational Center at the Highland Avenue and Clinton alignment. Also at the Bradley Center will be Clovis South High School.

Sanchez grew up in the Pinedale neighborhood of Fresno, attending Pinedale Elementary and Clovis High School where he was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by his classmates. He lived up to that title, going on to launch a successful life of public service in which he became the first Hispanic American to serve on a U.S. Presidential

Longhorns and have school colors of

navy, burnt orange, gray and white. In

May, the Governing Board approved the

Clovis South Area Superintendent

mascot and colors for the Terry P. Brad-

ley Educational Center, or TBEC, that

Stephanie Hanks, Ed.D., and TBEC

ilies to help with the selection. They

Principal Sonia Torossian, Ed.D., gath-

ered input from students, staff and fam-

found that the community wanted the

mascot to give a nod to the area's history

of agriculture, farming and rodeo; to be

something that would look and sound

fierce; to be unique from other district

houses both schools.

Cabinet and was later appointed by President Nixon as the U.S. Ambassador to Honduras (1973-75) and then by President Ford to the position of U.S. Ambassador to

Colombia (1975-77).

Ambassador Sanchez was also committed to education as a path to success. He served as a trustee of the Clovis Unified School District Governing Board and on the boards of the California State Community Colleges, National Hispanic University, University of Bridgeport and University of the Americas Foundation, a non-profit corporation that provides college scholarships to orphans in Mexico.

He was active in the Pinedale community, supporting student activities and events at the elementary school.

Sanchez Intermediate will open in August 2025.

# **Meet the Longhorns!**

Clovis South High and Phillip V. Sanchez Intermediate will be home to the self to fun chants and spirit wear.

"We are excited to build this Longhorn legacy brand, Longhorn leaders and lifelong Longhorn loyal fans," Hanks said.

Mascot artwork and exact color tones are already under development.

# Who is the Thundering Herd?

Clovis Unified is organized by school areas, with each area including a high school and the intermediate and elementary schools that feed into it. Updates to attendance boundaries were made earlier this year in order to create the new Clovis South Area. Future Longhorns will be students coming from Boris, Fancher Creek, Hirayama, Temperance-Kutner and Young elementary schools.

# > Announcements

# Student information update required

Each year Clovis Unified School District requires parents or guardians to review contact phone numbers, address, emergency and health information for their student that is contained in Parent Connect and to review the district's policies and procedures.

This year, the update process will occur online between July 22 to Aug. 9. Per Clovis Unified policy and student safety, this information must be reviewed and updated before the new school year begins Aug 19. Students will not receive their schedule or teacher assignments until the updates are completed.

The following provides helpful information:

■ Completion of the Annual Information Update is mandatory for all parents of returning students.

■ Parent Connect accounts are tied to the parent's e-mail address. Parents should login to their account prior to verify that their email address and password are correct. If a password has been forgotten, click on the "Forgotten Password" link to establish a new one.

■ Use the Parent Connect website: <u>https://qweb.clovisusd.k12.ca.us/Parent-</u> <u>Portal.</u>

Annual Information Update is open July 22 to Aug. 9.

■ If using a cell phone, download the Q Parent Connection App available at the IOS app store or the Google Play Store.

Clovis Unified's Technology Department will have a Parent Connect Help Desk available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday beginning July 22. The phone number is 327-0789.

### Free summer meals

Clovis Unified's Campus Catering will provide breakfast and lunch at no cost this summer through the Seamless Summer Feeding Program. Meals will be offered to all students from ages 1-18 years old. No identification will be required.

Meals will be available Mondays through Thursdays at Boris Elementary, breakfast 8-9 a.m., lunch 11 a.m.-12:25 p.m., June 24-July 25; Clovis Community Day, breakfast 8-9 a.m., lunch 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., June 10-27; Clovis High, breakfast 8-8:30 a.m., lunch, 12:35-1 p.m., June 17-July 25; Fancher Creek Elementary, breakfast 8-9 a.m., lunch, noon-1 p.m., June 17-July 25; Jefferson Elementary, breakfast 7:45-8:15 a.m., lunch noon-1 p.m., June 17-July 11; Kastner Intermediate, breakfast 8-8:30 a.m., lunch 12:35-1 p.m., June 17-July 25; Lincoln Elementary, breakfast 8-9 a.m., lunch noon-1 p.m., June 17-July 25; Mountain View Elementary, breakfast 7:25-7:45 a.m., lunch 11 a.m.-12:25 p.m., June 17-July 11; Pinedale, breakfast 7:15-8 a.m., lunch 11 a.m.-12:25 p.m., June 17-July 11; Sierra Vista Elementary, breakfast 8-9 a.m., lunch 11 am.noon, June 17-July 11; Tarpey Elementary, breakfast 7:20-7:40 a.m., lunch 11 a.m.-12:25 p.m., June 17-July 11; Temperance-Kutner Elementary, breakfast 7:25-7:45 a.m., lunch 11 a.m.-12:25 p.m., June 17-July 11; Weldon Elementary, breakfast 8-9 a.m., lunch noon-1 p.m., June 17-July 25.

Meals must be consumed in the cafeteria from where they are received. Meals will not be available on summer holidays June 19 or July 4. Students attending Clovis Unified summer school will be offered meals before school and lunch during the school day at their site.

For updates, times, and more details: cusd.com/campuscatering.aspx.

### CUSD summer hours

Clovis Unified School District's office at 1450 Herndon Ave., Clovis, will be on a summer schedule through Aug. 1, with business hours 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The district campus will be closed in observance of holidays on June 19 (Juneteenth) and July 4 (Independence Day). Regular business hours will resume Aug. 5.

### Summer public swim

Clovis West High will be the designated site this summer to provide public swim time. The pool will be open from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesdays through July 24. There is a fee of \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 12 and younger. Children must be 13 years old to use the pool without an attending adult (18 or older).

### **Construction zones**

With students out for the summer, deferred maintenance will be taking place at several Clovis Unified schools in the next weeks. Projects vary at sites depending upon priority needs and may include painting, paving, roofing, parking lot sealing and striping, replacing play courts and repairing bleachers. Schools affected are Alta Sierra Intermediate, Bud Rank Elementary, Clark Intermediate, Clovis East High, Clovis West High, Cole Elementary, Fancher Creek, Kastner Intermediate, Liberty Elementary, Maple Creek Elementary, Nelson Elementary and Sierra Vista Elementary.

Ongoing work will also continue this summer with modernization at the Mercedes Edwards Theatre on the Clark Intermediate campus, and new construction of Satoshi Hirayama Elementary (Fowler/McKinley avenues), Terry P. Bradley Educational Center, home of Clovis South High and Phillip V. Sanchez Intermediate (Highland/Clinton avenues), Clovis Online School (Herndon/Fowler avenues), and CUSD Special Education Services (Herndon/Fowler avenues).

### Key dates for new school year!

Clovis Unified's 2024-25 Student Calendar is available online and indicates holidays, grading periods and end of quarters/semesters for the upcoming school year.

Here are a few key dates to note: Aug. 19, First Day of School; Nov. 25 to 29, Thanksgiving Holiday; Dec. 23 to Jan. 6, Winter Break; April 14 to 21, Spring Break; June 6, Last Day of School.

For the complete calendar, see cusd.com/calendars.aspx.

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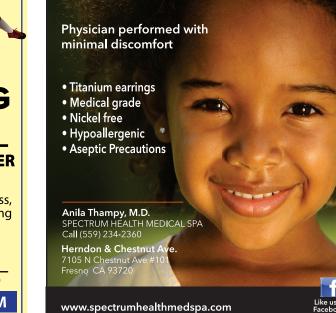
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# **AROUND THE DISTRICT**

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# Win at 'Magical Kitchen'

A Clovis Unified CTE Culinary Arts team competed in a "Cook Around the World" competition at Disney World and earned two third place awards out of 100 teams. The team included Kylee Turner, Eavan Gallaway, Justin Ashton, Kameron Myers and Jett Leonard from Buchanan High; Lilly Adams from Clovis East High; Kayla Nicholas from Clovis West High; and Abdulai Hamed from Clovis North High.

In the competition, teams were randomly assigned a continent and had to prepare an appetizer and entrée in 90 minutes, making sure to use three mandatory ingredients in their dishes. The Clovis Unified team's winning creations were Vegetable Onigiri Appetizers and Mongolian Beef.



# Chargers at Guard

Second graders from Boris Elementary got a behind-thescenes tour of the 144th Fighter Wing at Fresno's Air National Guard, and they had many questions about the F-15 fighter jets that fly over their school weekly during flight trainings. Students also learned about a robot that can remove bombs in the Explosives Department, toured the fire department onbase, and then got to watch two F-15s taking off.

# Great gamers

Three eSports teams from Clovis Unified high schools qualified to compete in the CIF eSports Initiative state playoffs. Congratulations to Clovis High's "A Team," Clovis West High's "Gold" and Clovis North High's "Broncos SSBU Black" varsity teams playing "Super Smash Brothers Ultimate" during the CIF eSports regional season.

# Cultural models

Thirty-two Cedarwood Elementary students modeled traditional garments from their cultures during the school's Mul-

# Gettysburg spreads kindness to Ethiopia

Five people in Ethiopia will receive needed surgeries thanks to a Gettysburg Elementary class that turned their social studies lessons into a real-life fundraiser to help those in need.

a real-life fundraiser to help those in need. Throughout the school year, David Mattox's fifth/sixth-grade class explored global income inequality and ways they could help others around the world. In one lesson, Gettysburg students heard from a medical professional who lived and worked in a hospital in Ethiopia and learned about patients who needed affordable medical care. Upon hearing that \$400 could cover the medical expenses for a surgery, the class decided to start fundraising.

Students made a variety of crafts – like bracelets, origami art and stress balls – and also received a donation of oranges from a local citrus company that they sold during Gettysburg's Open House and Grandparent's Breakfast events.

The efforts raised more than \$2,000, enough to cover five surgeries!



ticultural Fashion Show. Kids from kindergarten to sixth grade wore clothing from countries including Portugal, China, Japan, Sweden, India, Nigeria, Korea and Ireland. "The students loved the opportunity to learn about and see up close the traditional clothing," said first and second-grade teacher Lauri Vaughn.



# CHS construction wins

A CTE construction team from Clovis High walked away with the top prize in the Design Build Competition hosted by Fresno County Superintendent of Schools and Central California Builders Exchange. The challenge connected students with industry professionals and tasked them with designing and building a small structure to specified criteria. The Cougars' team, under the guidance of Tony Guzman from Core Contracting, was scored based on factors such as safety, construction, building inspections, curb appeal and a marketability interview.



# CN international scientists

Two Clovis North High students both placed in the International Science and Engineering Fair recently in a competition that had more than 1,700 students from 67 different countries.

**Pauline Estrada** won first place in the Plant Sciences with her "Expedited Detection of Superweeds (Herbicide-Resistant Weeds) Utilizing Full-Spectrum Imaging and a Novel Hyperparameter Tuned Convolutional Neural Network" project, and won \$10,000!

Shiv Mehtrotra-Varma competed in the Robotics category and placed fourth with his "The Virtual Cardiologist: Implementation of Three Novel Deep Learning Computational Pipelines Into An Inexpensive Portable Device to Identify Cardiovascular Pathologies And Assist in Rapid Clinical Decision Making" project, and won \$1,000. He also won an award from the Association for Computing Machinery.

# Native American night

Around 70 families gathered at Clark Intermediate School for Clovis Unified's 11th Annual Native American Family Night. The event put a spotlight on Native American culture through art and music, and it provided an opportunity for community connections. The Fresno American Indian Health Project Youth drumming group performed as families ate dinner and visited with each other and local organizations.



Local Native American artist Bobby Von Martin was the keynote speaker and shared his story of resilience with families. He showed some of his paintings and told the stories behind them, both historical and personal. Von Martin also led a watercolor painting lesson and shared tips and tricks for creating colorful artwork.

# Hands-on learning at BR

Henna art was a student-favorite activity during Bud Rank Elementary's Multicultural Week. With the help of the Student Ambassador Group, students used scratch art supplies to trace their hand and then draw henna-like designs to decorate their hand. "It was really fun," said third grader Eden Carter. "You could just make up your own design. I did a flower in the middle and vines on my fingers." Said student ambassador Alexandria Telesmanic, "It was fun to help everyone learn something from a new culture and open their eyes to something different."



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# Future bright for Clovis Unified Class of 2024

**Clovis Adult Education** 

Elizabeth Fourchy

**Clovis North High** 

Editor's note: Clovis Unified graduated 3,547 students in the Class of 2024. The following excerpts are from senior class speeches.

# **Buchanan High**

# Elana Coronado Ortiz

"We began our freshman year behind screens and distanced from each other. As we have wandered through high school, we have made many memories together. From attending football games, winning rallies, taking finals, boys and girls track winning state champs, orchestra traveling to Indianapolis, wrestling winning the big one, robotics traveling to Houston for Worlds, and many other accomplishments, there hasn't been a minute of our time here that won't be cherished. ... we are presented with a blank page before our eyes. High school has given us the tools to strive for greatness, but we must rise to the occasion."

# **Clovis Adult Education**

# Shamah Nassar

"I'm from a small village in Yemen, called Houf, where there is a lack of education especially for women. It is believed that a woman's job is to be a housewife, and she's not allowed to have any dreams.... My experience at Clovis Adult Education has been the best experience I've ever had. CAE not only helped me learn English, but it helped me to know myself more than ever before. I started in Beginning ESL and finished with my high school diploma. My next step will be to go to college. ... I believe determination and hard work are the keys to success."

# **Clovis East High**

# Simran Rai

To think about all the laughter and friendships that were made within the walls of our high school ..... Together, we made so many core memories. Our time together as Clovis East Timberwolves was not only a time of great experiences, but also a period of self-discovery. We first arrived as young teens trying to get a hold of normal life, looking to fit in; however, we leave as young adults, ready to start taking our place within our society, and maybe a couple of inches taller, too. ... We have supported each other and demonstrated that Wolfpack really does mean Family."



Elana Coronado <u>Ortiz</u> **Buchanan High** 



Patrick Palmer Clovis High



Luke Wong Clovis North High



Annalise Vue **Clovis Online** 





Hannah Cleaver

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Ezri Liggett Clovis West High





Simran Rai Clovis East High



Jonathan Gerena **Clovis North High** 



Ralphyal Kajitani **Clovis** Online



Mia Felan Gateway High



creating my schedule has allowed me to network and job shadow many local educational and city leaders, which has helped me envision what kind of leader I want to be and confirm my passion for my choice of career."

# Annalise Vue

"I quickly discovered that the bonds made at Clovis Online were just as strong, if not stronger, than you can imagine. Through discussion meetings, virtual study groups, and collaborative projects, I connected with classmates from all walks of life, each bringing their unique perspectives and experiences to the table. Together, we navigated the challenges of online learning, supporting and encouraging one another, every step of the way."

# **Clovis West High**

# Ezri Liggett

"Whether you started in Clovis Unified or anywhere else on this beautiful planet - know that every single day you came to school, faced a stressful schedule or tumultuous home life - you walked into the unknown with bravery and brilliance. You did it again and again. ... [E]very single one of you has become a small, but mighty part of one another. We've all simultaneously built each other into who we are today. So it's scary to grow up and it's painful to watch yourself change, but everything that you've been through - the good, the bad, the drama, and the persistence - will only help you grow."

# **Gateway High**

# Mia Felan

"At the end of my junior year when I started recovering credits, I realized that I could get myself on track to graduate. This taught me that anything you put your mind to is possible. ... Being at Gateway has helped me get out of my comfort zone by meeting new people. I made friends that made my school days better and helped me look forward to coming to school. ... I owe this moment to my parents because without them, I wouldn't be the person I am today."

# Ace Keller

"At Gateway, I found my people

# **Clovis High**

### **Patrick Palmer**

"As we step into the next chapter

of our lives, remember that the future is not a distant concept but a canvas waiting for us to paint our aspirations. Our dreams, ambitions and actions will sculpt the world we want to live in. The challenges we face may seem daunting, but we must recognize that within our hands lies the power to innovate, create positive change, and overcome adversity. The decisions we make, both big and small, will echo through time, influencing not only our own lives but also those of generations to come. ... Not all of us may have the answer to 'What are you going to do?' yet we all have the opportunity to decide who we will be when we leave."

# **Clovis North High**

### Elizabeth Fourchy, Jonathan Gerena & Luke Wong

JONATHAN: My favorite color is red - 12 years ago, in kindergarten, we introduced ourselves with that exact phrase, or something similar. Just a bunch of little kids saying our first hellos.

ELIZABETH: And now we are a bunch of almost adults saying our last goodbyes.

LUKE: The culmination of years of hard work, dedication, late nights and hours spent on TikTok have led us to this moment.

Ace Keller Gateway High

years of our lives.

**Clovis Online** 

Hannah Cleaver

still receiving an education."

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North.

Ari Recinos **Gateway** High

ELIZABETH: But this was only possible with the many

JONATHAN: Our wonderful parents who support us

LUKE: And our staff and teachers who have inspired us

"The personalized schedule afforded to me by online

learning allowed me to tailor my working habits to fit my

needs. ... But perhaps the most significant reason for

choosing Clovis Online was the ability to spend my

Grammy's last four years of life with her. ... Being able to

work from home gave me the freedom to be with, make

memories with, laugh and cry with, and care for her while

"At the age of 13, I decided to increase my involvement

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with my religious ministry. I committed to doing a certain

number of hours each month, so Clovis Online has allowed

to grow as students and people through their tireless work

to give us the best possible experiences here at Clovis

kids as we go through one of the most challenging four

people who aided our journey throughout high school.

Salem Becker Gateway High

who gave me the support I needed, and I wouldn't have made it this far without them. I also wouldn't be here without my big brothers or my grandma. But if I named off every person and how they've affected my life, we'd be here for hours, so I'll try to keep this brief. To all of my teachers, thank you for never giving up on me, for

seeing me as who I am and not what I was. Thank you for always pushing me to be better, even when I felt like better wasn't within reach."

### Ari Recinos

"I never thought I would go to college, but I'm enrolled in the welding program at Fresno City College. .... I'm so excited to see where my journey goes from here. I know that whatever road I take, all of us on stage are ready for the challenge that the next chapter of our life brings to us. To my fellow graduates, never forget all of the lessons that vou learned at Gateway. Don't forget about how you pushed yourself to overcome your obstacles and earn your way up on this stage tonight. Most importantly, never give up on yourself. You are worth it. We are all worth it."

# Salem Becker

"I am incredibly grateful for everything this school has given me. I first got here during the first semester of my junior year. I was only meant to stay for six weeks before transferring, but I decided I wanted to stay here. ... Thank you to Gateway for holding me accountable and keeping me on my feet. To my fellow graduates, I hope you all know that struggling doesn't make you any less of a person. You are still strong beside it all. You are all more than your struggles; you always will be. From me to you, I'm proud of me to honor my commitment. ... Having the flexibility of how far you've come."

CUSD Today, Clovis Unified's good news publication, is sent directly to the homes of all CUSD parents and staff, as well as district supporters. In an effort to unify the CUSD community, the newspaper highlights the achievements of Clovis Unified students and staff; profiles new and updated Governing Board policies; and shares general news and information happening within the district.

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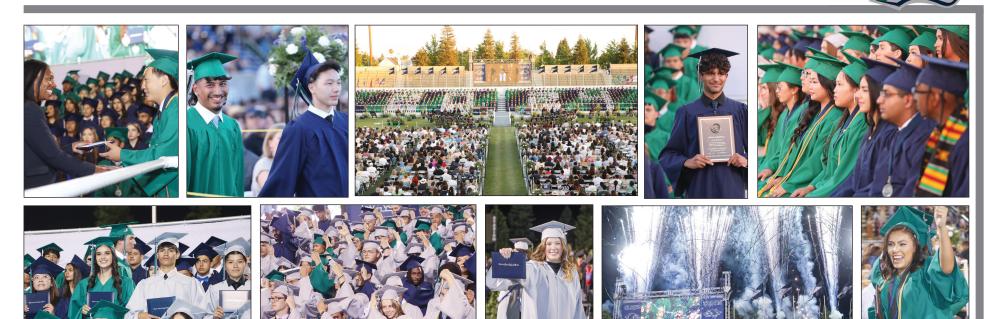
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May 30, 2024 | 675 Graduates

# Clovis East High School





VALEDICTORIANS Albert Adams Robert Burdick Christian RJ Castillo Leia Cha Samuel Chaidez Simran Chandel Leanne Chavez Jake Corson Graycen Gose Victor Harris Owen Johnson Simran Kaur Hannah Lafferre Zoie Lango Aveanna Lee Madison Martinez Ethan Mcfadden Andrew Mcfarland Cadence Moua Alyssa Navarro Rylie Oleson Mckay Olsen Kevin Ortiz Marquez Vraj Patel Riley Putnam Simran Rai Madalyn Sanders Jasmine Sandhu Harjap Singh Manraj Singh Ben Sivongxay Carter Spradling Sharp Trinh Maya Tudman Jayden Xiong Charity Yang SALUTATORIANS Cherub Adeniran Maria Bautista Vivas

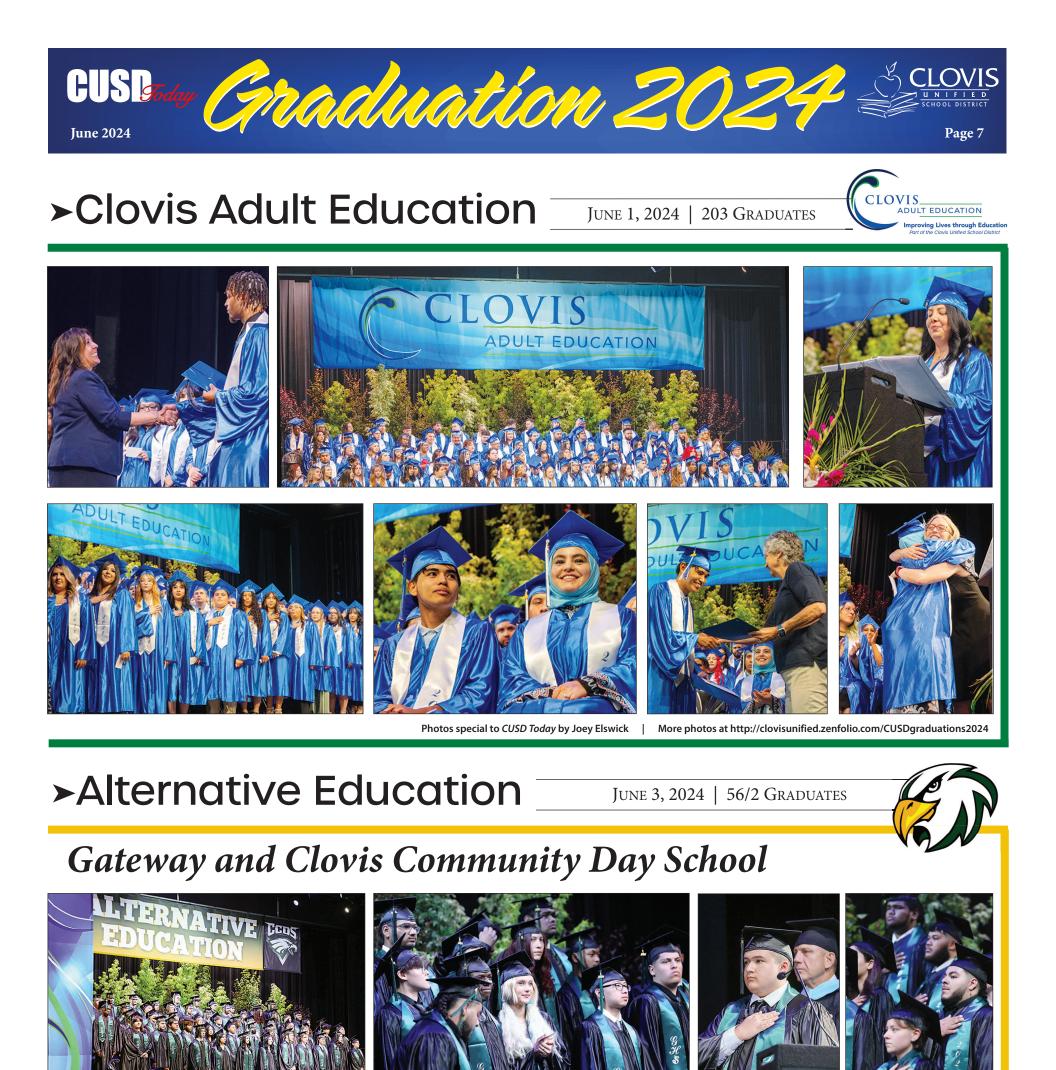
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# ► Clovis Online/Enterprise High

May 31, 2024 | 208/15 Graduates







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# Clovis North High School

JUNE 4, 2024 | 593 GRADUATES















### VALEDICTORIANS

Crisabella Sophia Abrea Emma Blea Ellie Bogna Sydney Bowns Luke Carson **Boston Carter** Samhitha Chava Siena Falk Sierra Garza Taran Gill Aidan Greenlaw **Emily Harris** Taylor Hooper-Deleon **Corey Juarez** Surabhi Khanna Aidan Leist Alayna Lopez Aleena Munshi Patrick Murphy Katherine Nogin Elizabeth Oliver Alan Pham

Lola Poerzgen Aruthra Ranjithprabhu Camille Ruiz Shalini Sathi Ava Serrato Neil Shah Madeleine Shehadey Abhinav Shenoy Mimi Steele Valeria Suarez Veninka Supara Megan Sutton Areeba Syed Jasmine Wong Luke Wong Jason Yang **SALUTATORIANS** 

### Ahana Ahuja Benjamin Brundage **Elizabeth Fourchy** Maxwell Fuller Jonathan Gerena



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Albert Kim

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Julia Yang

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Ahana Ahuja

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Siena Falk **Elizabeth Fourchy** Maxwell Fuller **Connor Gahan** Sierra Garza Makenna Genco Jonathan Gerena Angad Gill Eshaan Gill Taran Gill **Gustavo Gomez** Mikayla Gyle **Emily Harris** Jason He Taylor Hooper-Deleon Aliaa Hussein Manomay Jha **Caprice Johnson** Aanva Johri Karly Jones Corey Juarez Prabhroop Kang **Ryan Kasem** 

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# Clovis West High School [

JUNE 5, 2024 | 516 GRADUATES



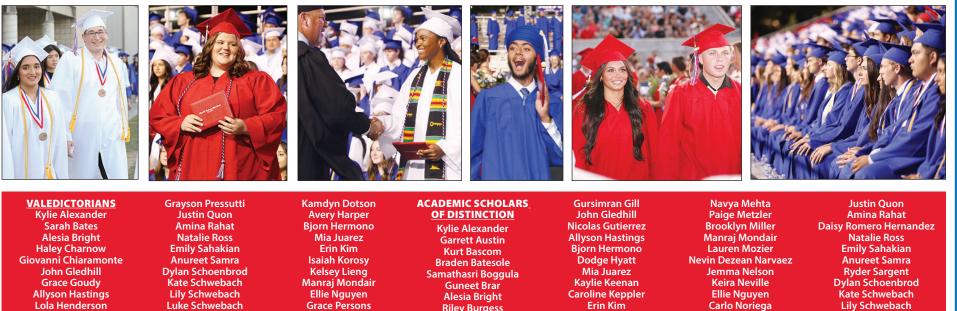














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**Erin Kim** Colby Kirk Richard Lai Jillian Leslie **Melanie Liv Kathleen Llemit** Matthew Mallory Rven Kenna Manzano

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# Foundation awards \$180,000 in grants

# Mobile mics for band, limb models for anatomy class among funded awards

More than 30,000 students across Clovis Unified School District - from preschoolers to high school seniors - benefited in educational and emotional wellness programs during the 2023-24 school year thanks to 26 grants from the Foundation for Clovis Schools that totaled nearly \$178,528 in projects.

The Foundation, a nonprofit group that raises money to support Clovis Unified students and educators, annually invites proposals from teachers and staff for projects that enhance and support learning in innovative and creative ways.

Community partners assisting in funding grants included Community Medical Centers, Kaiser Permanente and the Clovis Veterans Memorial District.

Learn more or contribute at Foundation-ForClovisSchools.com.

# CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL GRANTS

### **Clovis East High**

■ Enhancing Kinesthetic Learning In Anatomy and Physiology: Arm & leg models for hands-on learning to help students enrolled in anatomy and physiology classes learn the location of muscles, nerves, arteries and veins in the upper and lower limbs.

### **Clovis High**

Building a Stronger Future for High School Aquatics: Improves safety and health of student athletes by providing shade covers, feeding supplies and a replacement refrigerator.

■ Increasing Use of Probeware in Honors and AP Science Classes: Increases and updates the collection of Vernier probes to enhance students' understanding of scientific concepts, develop critical thinking and data analysis skills, and prepare for advanced and college-level programs.

# **Clovis North High**

■ Women Engaged in Engineering: A hands-on approach to empowering High School girls in STEM - Resources to recruit, train and inspire girls interested in STEM in a team-building environment through handson skills training and robotics competition.

### **Clovis West High**

Biology Forensics Project: DNA electrophoresis and PCR technology equipment for students in Biology, Honors Biology, and AP Biology classes to conduct DNA investigations in class.

■ Clovis West Anatomy Models and

**FOUNDATION** FOR CLOVIS SCHOOLS

Tools: Anatomical models of multiple areas of the human body to help teach anatomy and physiology students anatomical relationships, structures and function.

Equal Physical Fitness Opportunity for All Students: Provides Core P.E. students and collaborative mentoring special education students physical fitness training equipment traditionally dedicated to athletic training.

### Copper Hills/Clovis North Area **Elementary Schools**

Enhance Learning Through Virtual Reality in the Elementary Classroom: Supplies and integrates Virtual Reality technology into elementary schools, offering students immersive and interactive learning experiences to enhance their education.

### District-wide

Cortical Visual Impairment Training: Provides Special Education teams with training on Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI) and deeper insights into assessment and intervention to best meet the needs of individuals with CVI.

■ Spot Vision Screener for PALS Preschool (Program for the Acquisition of Language and Social Skills): Equips PALS program with a diagnostic device that will quickly detect vision issues in 3-6 year old students with autism.

### **Freedom Elementary**

■ Enhance Play-Based Learning through Sensory Equipment and Toys: Educational sensory equipment to implement a designated sensory room for SDC preschoolers to help promote language, motivate learning, and develop cognitive skills and self-regulatory abilities.

### Fugman/Clovis North Area **Elementary Schools**

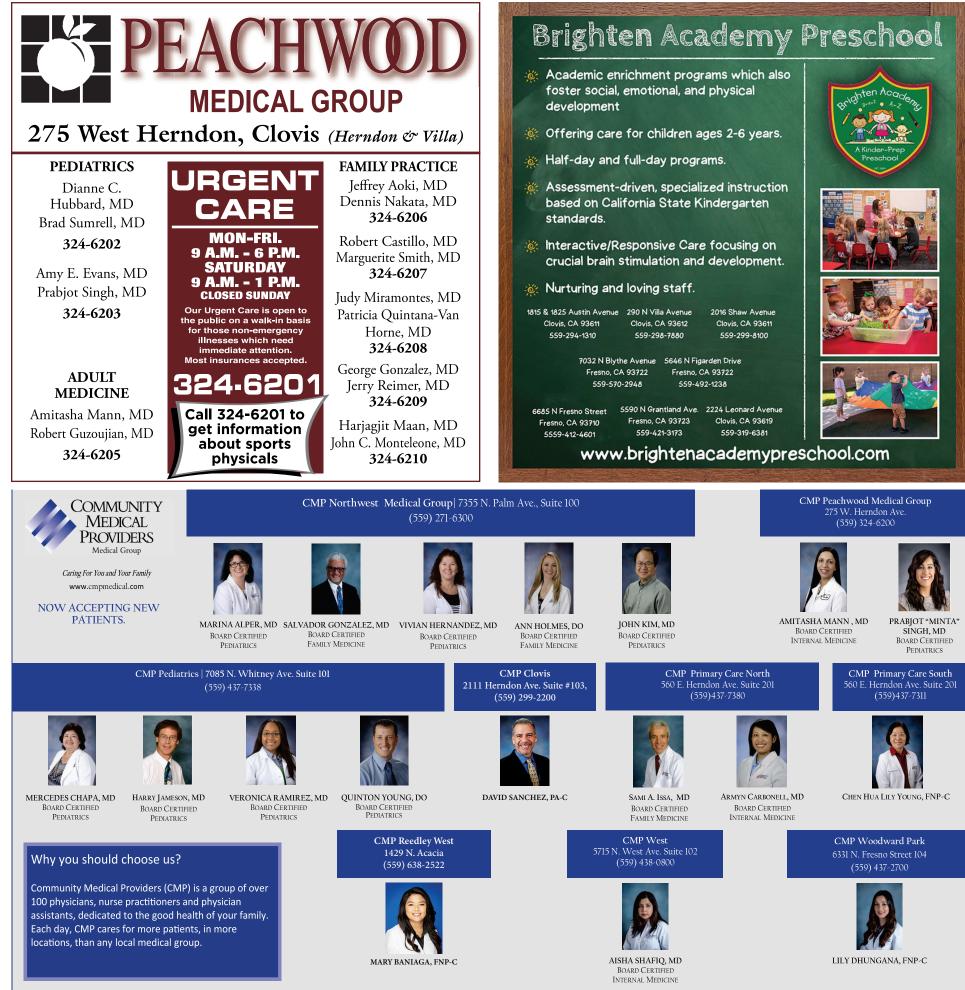
Science of Reading Resources: Provides new, improved, multi-sensory resources to support all Clovis North Area TK - 2nd grade students in learning to read with a focus on using Science of Reading instructional practices.

### Garfield Elementary

■ Literacy Training and Materials to Support Students with Dyslexia: Provides teacher training in morphology, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension, and classroom materials to support student learning.

# Gateway High

■ Cell Phone Lockers: Provides secure



cell phone storage for students while in class, creating a more distraction-free learning environment for students, and a practical and enforceable strategy for teachers to remove the distraction of cell phones.

# Kastner Intermediate

■ Jazz Band Mic'd Up: Enables the Jazz Band ensemble to perform in a variety of venues at school and across the community with mobile sound equipment.

### Liberty Elementary

■ The Power of Decodable Readers: Equips first-grade classrooms with books that help students learn to decode words and improve phonics skills, enhance reading fluency, increase vocabulary and comprehension, and foster a love for reading.

### Red Bank Elementary

Sensory Storytime: Creates a more inclusive culture by supplying books and materials in the library to meet the sensory needs of students with autism.

### Sierra Outdoor School

■ Hiking in the Snow: Access to warm winter boots for all Clovis Unified 6th graders who attend outdoor classes and go on hikes at Sierra Outdoor School in all weather conditions, including snow.

# SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELLNESS GRANTS

### Alta Sierra Intermediate

■ Drug Free 2023: Provides resources and materials to partner with Drug Free Clubs of America to educate and reduce/prevent substance abuse, and create connection and belonging for students who choose to be drug and alcohol free.

### **Clark Intermediate**

■ Adapted PE Peer Tutoring: Provides equipment to create an inclusive environment where students with special needs have opportunities to improve motor development, sport skills, and socialization as they are paired with general education tutors that are developing leadership and coaching skills. **Clovis Elementary** 

Strengthening the Brain-Body Connection Through Facilitated Sensory-Motor Integration and Interoception Activities: Provides tools that strengthen the brain-body connection and teach regulation techniques through daily patterned, rhythmic, and relational sensory-motor integration activities.

# **Clovis High**

Cougar Country Enrichment Through Gymnastics: Creates unique enrichment opportunities through gymnastics equipment for schools to engage PE and after-school program students to learn spatial awareness, foster cognitive development, improve self-regulation skills and build confidence.

### **Clovis High and Clovis High Area Schools**

Clovis High Area Chess Wellness Initiative: Provides resources and opportunities to K-12 students to learn and play chess, compete in local tournaments, develop social and emotional skills, and build lasting relationships.

### Clovis North High and Granite Ridge Intermediate

■ Substance Abuse Prevention: Resources and materials to partner with Drug Free Clubs of America to educate and reduce/prevent substance abuse, and create connection and belonging for students who choose to be drug and alcohol free.

### Garfield Elementary

Book Vending Machine: Promotes positive behaviors and literacy by implementing a "ROAR Coin" reward system which is redeemable at the book vending machine.

# PATRIOTS CHARACTER AND CIVIC EDUCATION GRANT



### District-wide

■ CA20131 AFJROTC Color Guard Flags: Provides a full set of military service flags and bases representing all service branches to be used at ceremonies across the district and throughout the community at events such as military signing days, Wreaths Across America and 9/11 remembrances.



# Theater students in the spotlight at Danny Awards

# ■ '23-24 productions celebrate show-stopping stage moments

Talented actors, dancers and stage crew from all five comprehensive high schools gath-



ered recently for the 51st Annual Danny Awards, an evening celebrating the schools' theater performances throughout the 2023-24 year.

Students dressed their best to walk the red carpet into the Mercedes Edwards Theatre, watched a selection of performances of musical numbers, honored the graduating theater students and cheered on the award winners. And the Danny goes to:

# Musical Category:

Best Lead Performer in a Male Role: Mitchell Henderson, Buchanan High

Best Lead Performer in a Female Role: Katelyn McGary, Buchanan and Ella Lev, Clovis North High

Best Supporting Performer in a Male Role: Zachary Taylor, Clovis East High

Best Supporting Performer in a Female Role: Madyson Wright, Buchanan

Best Featured Performer in a Male Role: Holic Oliquiano, Clovis East

Best Featured Performer in a Female Role: Taylor Shapiro, Clovis North

Best Overall Musical: Hello Dolly, Buchanan



# **Play Category:**

Best Lead Performer in a Male Role: Eli Fisher, Clovis High

Best Lead Performer in a Female Role: Jordan Paramo, Clovis West High

 Best Supporting Performer in a Male Role: Kalos Cluff, Buchanan and Jonathan Silva, Clovis

Best Supporting Performer in a Female Role: Avery Chevalier, Clovis West

Best Featured Performer in a Male Role: Jackson Bowman, Clovis West

 Best Featured Performer in a Female Role: Gracie Sperling, Clovis West

■ Best Overall Drama: 12 Angry Jurors, Clovis East

**Technical Awards:** 

■ Mercedes Edwards Theatre Awards: Kimberly Krebs and Jocelyn Olmos-Rodriguez





Performing Arts Center Awards: Nisha Patel and Zakiya Cosby

Dan Husak Scholarship: Jocelyn Olmos-Rodriguez

**Outstanding Ensemble Members:** 

- Kailyn Sanders, Clovis East
- Gracie Sperling, Clovis West
- Ashlyn Blackburn, Clovis
- Sophie Schwebach, Buchanan
- Khari Somerville, Clovis North



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# **> BOARD BRIEFS**

# By Kelly Avants

Officer

### May 22

The Governing Board heard the year-end report from the Inter-School Council, which is made up of leadership students from all CUSD high schools who provide student input on topics such as offcampus lunch or dress code and share about student activities.

*In other action, the board:* Appointed Shawn Van-Wagenen to the position of General Counsel effective July 1, replacing Maiya Yang who is retiring.

■ Received the written report on the Annual Local Control Accountability Plan for Clovis Unified School District and Clovis Online School

Summary Report. ■ Adopted the CUSD

2024-27 Strategic Plan. ■ Approved the 2025-26 school year calendar and revisions to AR No. 6112 -School Day Starting and End-

ing Times. ■Adopted Resolution No. 3989 authorizing Clovis Unified School District and its appointed representatives to file modernization and/or new construction applications for eligibility and funding under the School Facility Program (SFP) with the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC).

# May 8

At the May 8 meeting, board members voted to name the intermediate school on the Terry P. Bradley Educational Center after well-known civil servant and Clovis Un-

ified graduate Ambassador Phillip V. Sanchez. (See Page 3 for more.)

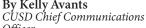
*In other action, the board:* Announced the appointment of Casey Olson to the position of Principal of the Clovis Community Day School, effective July 1.

Accepted the annual Third Quarter Financial Report, as submitted.

■ Awarded construction and equipment bids for campus security improvements Phase 2 at various locations in the district and for pavement maintenance projects at various sites.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Board will be July 17 at 1680 David E. Cook Wav in Clovis. The open session of the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Complete minutes, agendas and videos of meetings are available online at cusd.com

# GRAND OPENING



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# **SPORTS**

June 2024

CUSD Today

# Clovis athletes winners in spring sports

# Elementary Champions

Elementary athletes from around Clovis Unified finished strong in their spring sports, and many went on to compete in the district championships.

■ In boys volleyball, Cole Elementary captured first place. In softball, it was Reagan Elementary earning the championship spot. And in baseball, co-champions were Dry Creek, Woods, Maple Creek and Fugman elementary schools.

■ For track and field, Mickey Cox Elementary





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letic Conference): baseball, Clovis West; boys track and field, Buchanan; girls track and field, Buchanan; boys volleyball, Clovis; boys golf, Clovis North; boys swimming, Clovis North; girls swimming, Clovis West; boys tennis, Clovis East, Clovis North; girls badminton, Clovis East; softball, Central.



Bank Elementary with a

At the intermediate school

and high school level, league

champions emerged following

a robust season of competition.

The following are the results:

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score of 102 points.

League winners

# Scholarship revealed

Ava Mirelez, a soccer player from Clovis North High, is the recipient of the 2024 Rene Errotabere Scholarship, named after a beloved Clovis Unified administrator who died in 2004. The memorial tribute was set up to honor Errotabere's never-give-up attitude, and it is presented yearly to a student athlete who has been found to be excellent in mind, body and spirit by a committee made up of the namesake's family and co-workers.

Also celebrated as finalists were: Sveva Sweeney, Clovis High, softball; Karma Pugh, Buchanan High, wrestling; Mayezie Loggins, Clovis West High, water polo and swim and dive; Albert Adams, Clovis East High, wrestling.



■ TRAC (Tri-River Ath-



# Best in California!

The Clovis West girls 200 medley relay team and a Clovis North track athlete won first place in the state finals in their respective sports! The 2024 CIF State Swimming and Diving Championships and the 2024 CIF State Track and Field Championships were held in Clovis Unified venues in May, and the home crowd had lots to cheer about!

The Golden Eagles relay team made up of Hailey Marinovich, Hannah Marinovich, Audrey Hill and Sophia Oka-Fedder touched the wall first at the Clovis West Olympic Swim Complex.

The Broncos' McKay Madsen won not one but two gold medals for his efforts in shot put and discus at Veterans Memorial Stadium, and his Clovis North boys team earned second place overall in the state meet.

Other district athletes who placed in the Top 5 are:

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# SWIM & DIVE:

■ Girls 200 yard Medley Relay: Clovis West, 1st place Girls 200 vard Freestvle Relay: Clovis West, 5th

Girls 100 yard Breaststroke: Hannah Marinovich, Clovis West, 3rd; Ellie Fitzgerald, Clovis North, 5th **TRACK & FIELD** 

Boys Shot Put: McKay Madsen, Clovis North, 1st; Brayden Bitter, Clovis North, 2nd

Boys Discus: McKay Madsen, Clovis North, 1st; Derek Smith, Buchanan, 2nd Boys Long Jump: Harold

Duvall, Clovis East, 5th ■ Girls 4x400 Meter Relay: Clovis North, 5th

■ Girls 4x800 Meter Relay: Buchanan, 3rd; Clovis North, 5th





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Meals will not be available on summer holidays June 19 or July 4. Meals will be served lunch and breakfast at no charge at the following sites:

Site	Breakfast	Lunch	Starts	Ends	No Service	Days of Week
Clovis High	8:00-8:30	12:35-1:00	6/17	7/25	6/19 & 7/4	MonThurs.
Kastner	8:00-8:30	12:35-1:00	6/17	7/25	6/19 & 7/4	MonThurs.
Tarpey	7:20-7:40	11:00-12:25	6/17	7/11	6/19 & 7/4	MonThurs.
Temperance- Kutner	7:25-7:45	11:00-12:25	6/17	7/11	6/19 & 7/4	MonThurs.
Jefferson	7:45-8:15	11:00-12:25	6/17	7/11	6/19 & 7/4	MonThurs.
Mountain View	7:25-7:45	11:00-12:25	6/17	7/11	6/19 & 7/4	MonThurs.
Pinedale	7:15-8:00	11:00-12:25	6/17	7/11	6/19 & 7/4	MonThurs.
Fancher Creek	8:00-9:00	12:00-1:00	6/17	7/25	6/19 & 7/4	MonThurs.
Weldon	8:00-9:00	12:00-1:00	6/17	7/25	6/19 & 7/4	MonThurs.
Lincoln	8:00-9:00	12:00-1:00	6/17	7/25	6/19 & 7/4	MonThurs.
Boris	8:00-9:00	11:00-12:25	6/24	7/25	6/19 & 7/4	MonThurs.
Sierra Vista	8:00-9:00	11:00-12:00	6/17	7/11	6/19 & 7/4	MonThurs.
Clovis Community Day	8:00-9:00	11:45-12:30	6/10	6/27	6/19	MonThurs.

For additional information please contact: *Clovis Unified School District, Campus Catering Department,* 310 N. Sunnyside, Clovis, CA 93611, 559-327-9130. For updates, times, and more details: **cusd.com/campuscatering.aspx** 

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