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City of Riverside Announces "25 Most Remarkable Teens" for 2025

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The Riverside Youth Council, a youth program coordinated in partnership between the City of Riverside Mayor's Office and the Riverside Police Department, is pleased to announce this year's "25 Most Remarkable Teens."

The program recognizes Riverside youth in grades 8-12 for their excellence in academics, athletics, arts and culture, community involvement, leadership, courage to overcome, acts of valor, or any other remarkable accomplishments. The applications are carefully reviewed, deliberated, and then selected by the Youth Council.

These 25 teens will be recognized and honored in a special ceremony at the City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday (5/6) at 4:45 p.m. The event will be held at the Council Chambers at Riverside City Hall, located at 3900 Main Street in downtown Riverside. The public and media are invited to attend.

Currently under the mentorship of the Riverside Police Department and Office of the Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson, the Riverside Youth Council was established in 2004 by the Mayor and City Council as a means of expression and leadership development for the city's youth. The program aims to encourage Riverside's best and brightest to have a voice in public policy and other decision-making that directly impact the lives of young people.

25 "MOST REMARKABLE TEENS" FOR 2025:

Ausara Bell, Stefanny Hernandez, Coby Merrill – JOHN W. NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Camilo Canizlez Tejada, Destiny Curiel, Alma Sandoval Hernandez, Caylee McNaul, Amy Espinoza-Robledo, Kenya Rodriguez – NORTE VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

Saidee Acevedo, Cora Holmes, Suwon Kim, Nadia Lewis, Maxim Michael Strong, Owen Weems – RIVERSIDE POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL

Gavin McGowan, Juan Uribe – RAMONA HIGH SCHOOL

Aiden Scott Pianalto – MARTIN LUTHER KING HIGH SCHOOL

Cristoval Garcia – LA SIERRA HIGH SCHOOL

Ching Chung, Maya Karginova, Tom Reznick, Kezia Wood – RIVERSIDE STEM ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

Arianna Esparza Gonzalez – HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

Asma Safi – ABRAHAM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

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