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Ms. Lisa Baker DiGiacomo, Ballet Teacher, Continental Ballet

Ms. Hallie Birkett, History, Rio Rico High School

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Ms. Gail Clark, 5th Grade, San Cayetano Elementary School

Mr. Patrick Echlin, Band, Calabasas Middle School

Mr. Morgan Falkner, English, Rio Rico High School

Ms. Michlle Gibbar, English, Rio Rico High School

Ms. Loree Johnson, English, Rio Rico High School

Mr. Nagesh Kumar, Math, Rio Rico High School

Dr. Melisa Lunderville, Director of Student Services, SCVUSD No. 35

Ms. Teresa Potter, Science, Rio Rico High School

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Ms. Kit Rendon, Business, Rio Rico High School

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Sixth Annual Excellence in Education Recognition Banquet

April 24, 2017 6:00 PM Tubac Golf Resort

Hosted by the Friends of SCVUSD No. 35 Foundation in honor of Rio Rico High School's highest-achieving graduates, and of the teachers who influenced them on their way toward excellence in education.



MUSICAL INTERLUDE.....Rio Rico High School Jazz Messengers
Eduardo Acuna-Arizmendi, Drums ▲ Luis Fierro, Trombone/Clarinet ▲
Matt Gray, Piano ▲ Diego Soto, Bass ▲ Jon Soto, Trumpet

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF FOUNDATION.....Rodney Rich, President
Friends of SCVUSD No. 35 Foundation

RECOGNITION OF SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS.....Rodney Rich, President
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HONORARY SPEAKER.....Carolina Ley, 2013 RRHS Graduate
3rd Year Foundation Award recipient

▲ **Dinner** ▲

RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT.....Rodney Rich, President
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Students come forward to receive medals, certificates and congratulations

KEYNOTE SPEAKER.....Michael John Sullivan
Former Governor of Wyoming and United States Ambassador to Ireland

RECOGNITION OF EDUCATORSFrancisco Padilla, President-Elect
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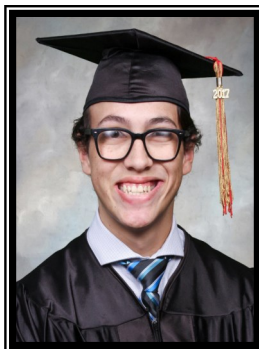
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Outstanding Academicians

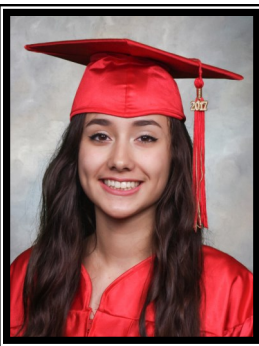
Valeria Arvizu is a member of the National Honor Society, Marching Band, FBLA, CNA HOSA, and Link Crew. She is a recipient of the Obama Scholarship from Arizona State University. Valeria plans to pursue a degree in Biomedical Studies at Arizona State University.



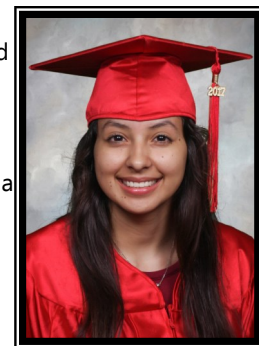
Richard Brennan is a member of the Marching Band, Jazz Band, Tucson Jazz Institute Ellington Band, and All-State Jazz Band. He has placed at the Essentially Ellington Jazz Festival in New York City every year since 2014, recorded four CD's, and traveled and played in Europe. Richard plans to pursue a degree in either Jazz Performance or Graphic Design.



Valeria Cabello is Student Body Vice President, member of Link Crew, the Track & Field team, Interact Club, and Photo Editor of the school yearbook. Valeria has traveled with People to People as a Student Ambassador and has participated in the National Young Leaders State Conference. She has received the New American University Scholar Provost Award from Arizona State University as well as the Indirect President Scholarship from Grand Canyon University. She plans to pursue a degree in Digital Media and Design.



Isabel Campos, is a member of the Girls Volleyball and Track & Field Teams. She has been recognized numerous times on the Honor Roll. Isabel has received the Wildcat Excellence Award. She plans to pursue a degree in Computer Science at the University of Arizona.



Halle De Witt is a member of the National Honor Society, Cross Country team, Track & Field team, the Girls Basketball team, Future Farmers of America, Arizona High School Rodeo National Team, Grand Canyon Professional Rodeo Association, Women's Professional Rodeo Association, and Laurel 1st Councilor at her church. She has been recognized as a member of the Cross Country State Champion team and passed all seven of her Cambridge exams, making her eligible for the Grand Canyon Diploma.



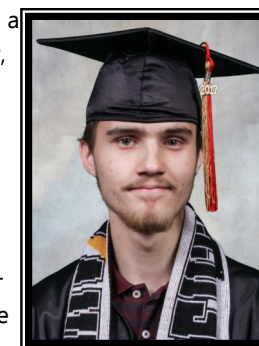
Arelí Diaz, (Salutatorian) is a member of National Honor Society, Link Crew, Positive Youth Leadership Team, and President of Interact Club. She has been recognized as a Cambridge Scholar with Distinction and Questbridge finalist. Arelí has participated in the Summer Institute of Medical Ignorance as well as the Summer Youth Institute. She has received the University Merit Award, Dean's Scholarship, Arizona Excellence Tuition Award, and two President's Scholarships. Arelí plans to pursue a degree in Aerospace Engineering.



Patrick Hays is a member of National Honor Society, the Cross Country team, Track & Field team, Link Crew, and Symphonic Band. He is a two-time All-State Jazz Band Finalist, three-time Regional Orchestra participant, a Cambridge Scholar, Advanced Placement Scholar, and has received the High Flying Hawk award. Patrick has received the Lumberjack Scholars Award from Northern Arizona University. He plans to pursue a degree in Engineering.



Jonah McCoy, (Valedictorian) is a member of National Honor Society, Interact Club, FBLA, Chess Team, Founder and Prefect of the Board and Card Game Club, and has previously served as Class President and Student Body Vice President. He has been recognized as an Advanced Placement Scholar as well as a Cambridge Scholar with Distinction. Jonah has received the Questbridge Scholarship. He plans to pursue a degree in Macro Economics.

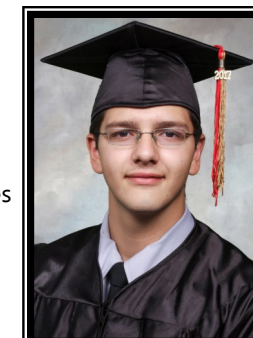


Rio Rico High School ~ May 2017 Graduates

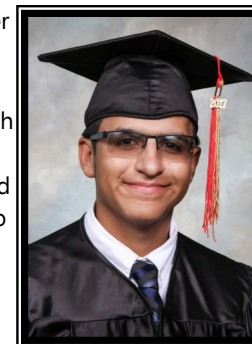
Paloma Orozco is a member of the National Honor Society, Interact Club, Science Club, Link Crew, and Vice President of the HOSA Club. She has received the Wildcat Excellence Award, University Merit Award, Obama Scholarship, Earn to Learn Award, Dean's Distinction Award, and the New American University Scholar. Paloma plans to pursue a degree in Veterinary Science at the University of Arizona.



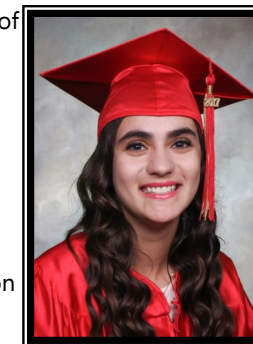
James Quijada is a four year member of JROTC, holding the position of Command Sergeant Major. He has been recognized as a recipient of the H.L. Hornley Award, awarded to cadets of the United States Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps who have demonstrated strong corps values, honor, courage and commitment to their unit. He has received the Wildcat Excellence Award. James plans to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Arizona.



Rafael Romero has been a member of the Boys Baseball team, Boys Soccer team, FLBA, Drama Club, and Interact Club. He has been recognized with several Coaches Awards. Rafael has received the Wildcat Excellence Award and the Dean's Scholarship Award. He plans to pursue a degree in Aeronautical, Biochemical, or Electrical Engineering.



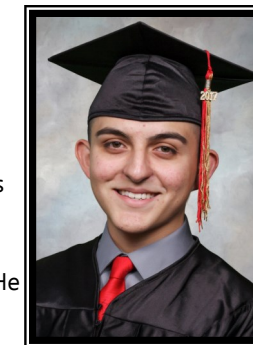
Victoria Salcedo is a member of National Honor Society, the Marching, Symphonic, and Jazz Bands, Interact Club, and FBLA. She has been recognized as a High Flying Hawk, Outstanding Cambridge Learner, 1st Place Shakespearian Sonnet at the Arizona Renaissance Festival, and has placed several times at the FBLA Region 1 Conference. Victoria is a member of the Green Valley Company, Ballet Continental and has performed in numerous ballet recitals. She plans to pursue a degree in Physiology at the University of Arizona.



Alexandra "Allie" Schadler is a member of National Honor Society, Cross Country team, Track & Field team, Interact Club, and Rich River Athletics Club. She has been named Arizona Gatorade Athlete of the Year twice for Cross Country and once for Track & Field. Allie is also member of the Division 3 Cross Country State Champion team and passed all seven of her Cambridge exams, making her eligible for the Grand Canyon Diploma. She is a four-time Cross Country State Champion and State record holder, three-time State Champion in the mile, received the John Paul II Youth Leadership Award, and has been an AZ Sports Award Finalist. She will attend the University of Washington on athletic and academic scholarships and will pursue a degree in Engineering.



Sam Sneed is Senior Class President, member of National Honor Society, and President of CNA HOSA. He has participated in the Summer Youth Institute provided by Mariposa Community Health Center as well as the University of Arizona's summer program Med-Start. Sam has received the University Merit Award. He plans on pursuing a degree in Psychology from either Arizona State University or the University of Arizona.



Jose Velasquez is a member of Interact Club and the Summer Youth Institute. He has received the Cambridge Distinguished Award and passed all seven of his Cambridge exams, making him eligible for the Grand Canyon Diploma. He plans on pursuing a degree in Physics at the University of Arizona.

