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Delano High Platinum Choir earns Carnegie Hall invite

Delano High School's Platinum Choir and director Rene Gutierrez have been invited to participate in a performance of Christopher Tin's "Calling All Dawns" on the Distinguished Concert International New York Concert Series in New York City.

The performance is planned Sunday, June 9, 2019, at Isaac Stern Auditorium in Carnegie Hall under the baton of composer/conductor Christopher Tin.

The outstanding musicians from Delano will join with other choristers from around the world to form the Distinguished Concerts Singers International, a choir of distinction.

Dr. Jonathan Griffith, Artistic Director and Principal Conductor

for DCINY, states, "the Delano High School Platinum Choir received this invitation because of the quality and high level of musicianship demonstrated by the singers as well as the exceptional quality of their audition recording."

He added, "It is quite an honor just to be invited to perform in New York. These wonderful musicians not only represent a high quality of music and education, but they also become ambassadors for the entire community. This is an event of extreme pride for everybody and deserving of the community's recognition and support."

Singers will spend five days and four nights in New York City in

preparation for their concert. Singers will spend about ten hours in rehearsals over the five-day residency but will also have an opportunity to observe the history and culture in New York City.

Members of the community are encouraged to give financial support in sending the singers to New York by contacting Rene Gutierrez at rgutierrez@djuhsd.org.

Funding will be one obstacle. Another is that the senior class's scheduled graduation date is June 7 of 2019.

Pictured above are the Delano High School Motowners at California Adventure Hollywood Backlot Stage April 28, 2018.

Graduation Quick facts:

The Class of 2018 will have their graduation ceremony on the following days:

- > Delano Adult School: Thursday, May 24 at 5:00 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the CCHS Performing Arts Center.
- > Robert F. Kennedy High: Wednesday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the RFKHS Thunderbird stadium.
- > Valley High: Wednesday, May 30 at 5:00 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the CCHS Performing Arts Center.
- > Cesar E. Chavez High: Thursday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the CCHS Titan Stadium.
- > Delano High: Friday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the DHS Gene Beck Stadium.

We want to make sure all graduates are prepared for the ceremony. If your graduate has not ordered their cap and gown please inquire in the ASB Office at their respective schools as soon as possible.

This last semester can sometimes be a struggle for our seniors. Please encourage your soon-to-be graduate to stay focused, complete assignments, arrive on time, and to attend class. We want them to finish strong!

Performing Arts calendar busy over final month

Several special band and choir events close the school year for our district high schools. The Delano High band and percussion will present a concert Friday, May 10, in the school's north gym. DHS choir will have their spring concert Thursday, May 24, in the DHS auditorium.

Cesar Chavez High band will present their concert Saturday, May 19, in the school's performing arts center (PAC). CCHS choir concert will be held, Saturday, May 12 in the PAC.

Robert Kennedy High band concert will be Friday, May 11, in the RFKHS auditorium and their

choir concert will be Friday, May 18, also in the auditorium.

The Dance, Rock and Soul concert will showcase all three high schools groove bands on Saturday, May 26, in the Cesar E. Chavez High performing arts center.



Delano schools swept at PPAACC Indoor Percussion

Honors continue to pile up for the Cesar Chavez High School musicians, CCHS director Alex Gonzales reports.

CCHS are now back-to-back indoor percussion PPAACC national open champions, winning their first contest last April 2017. Delano high school are champions in the senior National A division with Robert Kennedy High coming in a near second in the same division.

Last spring the Titan Groove and Lost Titanes de CCHS music groups participated in the Cesar Chavez Day of Service in Keene.

For the fall 2017 field show season, Chavez as AAAA champions with firsts in all categories—drum, colorguard, and visuals and general effect.

The Chavez musicians were also AAAA champions and field sweepstakes award winners in all categories, a first in school history, at Orange Cove High School.

In AAA competition, Chavez took second place in the division at Stockdale with drum, colorguard, and general effect all first place winners.

The 2018 Kern County Honor Band lists seven Chavez students, the most in school history. They are Cameron Popoy, Mariel Munoz, Maureen Munoz, Rey Alaniz, Juan Gutierrez, Zhakelia Cabico, and Meagan Maun.

Chavez student Jiselle Galindo was the 2018 Music Memorial scholarship instrumental winner with top instrumental score.

In the SCPA, for the first time in school history competing in the top association on the West Coast and arguably the top percussion association in the nation, CCHS finished second to Arcadia High which ranked sixth in the nation in 2017. Arcadia's score of 74.350 edged Cesar Chavez's tally of 72.850.

Delano Adult School to add Auto Tech Classes

The Adult School of the Delano Joint Union High School is to expand offerings into Auto Technology which is to occupy the area between Adult Ed buildings and Princeton School.

The program is expected to be in full swing for instruction starting in the fall 2019.

If you would like more information, please contact the Adult School at 661-725-4171.

DHS, CCHS, & RFKHS Indoor Percussion ensemble after the PPAACC final competition at Centennial High School on April 14.

Spotlight

Lilliana Lopez, 16-year-old daughter of Arturo and Arcelia Lopez, has been selected to represent Cesar Chavez High School and the American Legion Auxiliary at Girls State June 25-30 at Claremont McKenna College.

She hopes this spring to be selected to her fourth year as a CCHS cheerleader, including two years on the varsity.

The past fall she volunteered as a Pee Wee cheer coach in the Stallion program. Through her church she volunteers Saturday mornings as a tutor for elementary school students.

Academics keep her busy as she is enrolled in Advance Placement classes in Statistics, English, and Spanish IV. She is also taking a dual enrollment history class.

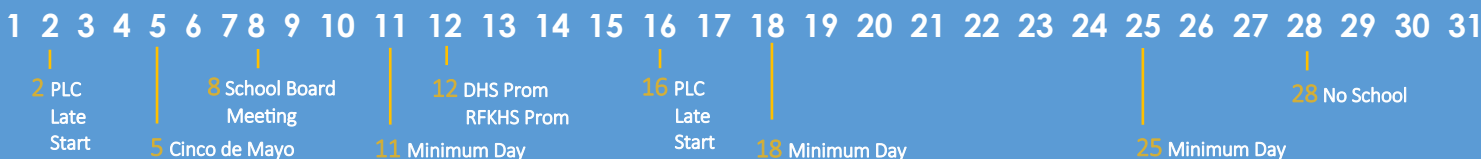
Lopez has a 4.15 overall grade point average and is ranked fourth in her class. She hopes to attend UCLA to focus on the medical field in the area of nursing.

Selection was made on the bases of an essay, activities, service, and grades.

"I was shocked and disbelief but feel very honored to be selected as a delegate for the ALA Girls State."
> Liliana Lopez



May





2018-2019 Delano High School all three cheerleading squad

Delano High selects new cheer squad

The new 25-member Delano High cheer squad for 2018-2019 has been chosen, announced Mrs. Carmina Reyes, advisor/coach. A cheerleader and parent orientation night has taken place and practices began March 2 for varsity, JV and frosh-soph squads to learn material to perform following their Sunday, April 15 Friends and Family Luncheon at the school cafeteria.

Squad members are selling luncheon tickets, or the public may arrange purchase by calling Mrs. Reyes on school days, 661-720-4282. The luncheon honors seven graduating senior cheerleaders and introduces the new squads.

The squad already needs support in the sale of cookie dough, fan cloth, sports cups, frozen pizzas, and popcorn as spring fund-raisers. Please contact Mrs. Reyes should you wish to help with their fund-raisers.

Returnees from the pats year's squad include Jessica Beltran, Lexie Chavez, Lezette Escalante, Rutchie

Galanta, Lupita Reyes, Yeraldi Sanchez, Jessica Diaz, Briana Fernandez, Arlette Garcia, Vanessa Gomez, Abigayl Ontiveros, Yarikza Quiroz, and Brianna Lopez.

New to the squad are Alyssa Medrano, Sophia Lira, Christopher Barrios, Stephanie Etrata, Evelin Gonzalez, Stormie Kates, Dulce Maldonado, Britzenia Reyes, Gabriela Soto, Araceli Beltran, Alaskari Flores, and Jacqueline Martinez.

One CC girls named

Eustolia Beltran of the Cesar Chavez girls' soccer team has gained honorable mention in All-Areacheices of the Bakersfield Californian.

Kennedy track boys win SSL power meet

In a South Sequoia League "power meet" held at Robert F. Kennedy, the Kennedy varsity boys outscored the field, 191.75 points to 152 for Shafter. Cesar Chavez was fourth. In frosh-soph boys Chavez placed third and Kennedy sixth.

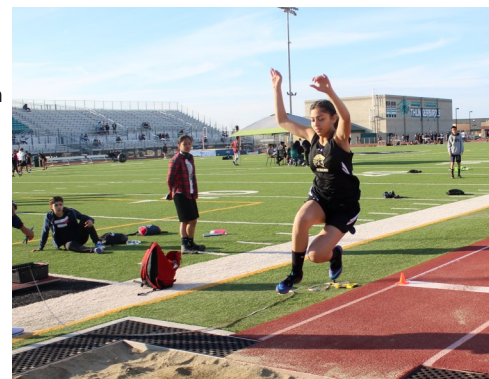
In varsity girls Chavez placed fourth as a team and Kennedy fifth. Kennedy frosh-soph girls were first and Chavez fifth.

Yoncanni Sandoval of RFK ran 11.3 to win the 100 meters with mate Jonathan Carrillo 8th. RFK's Jose Mendez ran 4th and CC's Jesus Lopez 5th in the 200. Mendez for RFK was 2nd in the 400 in 51.71 with CC's Jesus Lopez 4th and Jesse Ortega 5th.

Kennedy's Patrick Espinoza wond the 800 in 2:05.44 with mate Rafael Gutierrez 4th. Gutierrez won the 1600 in 4:40.54 with Espinoza 3rd and Gutierrez won the 3200 in 10:19.53 with Socar Batista of RFK placing 7th. Ponce ran 2nd, Renanto Ortiz 4th, Angkahan 6th, Gil Rivas 7th and Cervera 8th for the strong RFK 300 hurdles team. Ponce timed 16.02 to win the 110 high sticks with Cervera 3rd and Angkahan 5th.

In the weights, RFK's Roman Prieto was 2nd in the shot (44-1), CC's Blasé Mata 3rd, and RFK's Fabian Gonzalez 5th and Fernando Herrera 6th. Gonzalez won the discus (121-3) with Prieto 5th. RFK's Ponce was second in the high jump (5-8) and won the long jump (21-1.25) with CC's Paul Sangha 2nd, and RFK's Denmark Cu 4th and Aaron Ruiz 7th. Cu 2nd and Rios 3rd paced RFK in the triple jump.

CC's Luis Santillano scaled a school record 12-6 in the pole vault with mate Samir Espinoza 2nd and RFK's Gil Rivas 4th. CCHS ran 3rd in the 400 relay and RFK 4th. Kennedy was 2nd in the 1600 relay.



Chavez's Alyssa Rivera stretches to get the longest jump at the SSL power meet held at RFKHS.

Sports

calendar

DHS

4/27-28: Boys tennis at EYL Tulare Union
4/27: Softball hosts Tulare Western
4/27: Monache baseball here
5/1: Golf at EYL at River Island
5/2: Softball at Tulare Union
5/2: Baseball hosts Porterville
5/4: Softball at Monache
5/9: Track EYL at Tulare Western (at Tulare Union)
5/9: Porterville softball here
5/11: Baseball at Mission Oak
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CCHS

4/25-26: Tennis at Taft for SSL championships
4/26: V/JV baseball/softball host Wasco; f/s at Wasco
4/27: Track at Dinuba Invitational
5/1: V/JV baseball at Taft; F/S host Taft
5/2: Track host to SSL championships
5/3: V/JV baseball host Shafter; F/S at Shafter
5/8: V/JV baseball/softball host Arvin; F/S at Arvin

RFKHS

4/25-26: SSL tennis championships at Taft
4/27: Track host to Thunderbird Classic
5/1: Baseball hosts Shafter; softball also hosts Shafter
5/2: Track at Chavez for SSL Championships
5/4: Baseball hosts Bakersfield Christian; softball also hosts BCHS
5/8: Baseball at Wasco; softball also at Wasco
5/11: Baseball hosts Taft; softball

Valley High students take educational trips

Valley High School students have taken part in many trips this school year to acquaint students with opportunities for them.

About 30 upperclassmen took part in an Oct. 12 journey to visit both Bakersfield College and Cal State Bakersfield campuses. Tour guides were provided for students at both sites, said counselor Eliseo Santillano.

On Nov. 14, vice-principal Colby Barker escorted a group of about 40 students to the UCLA campus to motivate them for life ahead as a collegian.

March 9 was a trip to the Universal Technical Institute at the Long Beach campus.

In May a spring incentive trip is scheduled to Magic Mountain. The

fall semester trip headed by Mr. Barker visited John's Incredible Pizza in Bakersfield.

An all-grades awards banquet is planned May 17.

Instructor Linda McKnight said that for Black History Month that the student body arranged an appearance by Dr. Jerry Shipman, retired state department of corrections administrator, who spoke to students. His appearance was related to classroom lessons in connection with Black History Month.

Student body leaders for Valley High are Lizeth Ayon, president; Jose Pena, vice-president; Selena Solis, secretary; and Christina Silva, treasurer.

Maya theater seeks workers

About 30 students from the three local public high schools are expected to be hired by the new Maya theater which is scheduled to open in late May.

About 150 students attended recent meetings at which managers of Maya in Delano and Bakersfield presented information about job openings.

Paul Chavez, Career Technical Education Director for the high school district, said that invited to the meetings were students in the pathways: food and nutrition, business management, and multimedia at Cesar Chavez High, Delano High, and Robert F. Kennedy High.



Maya Theater Managers presenting tips and expectations to interested pathway students.

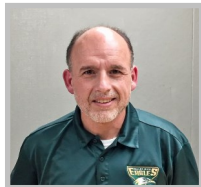
Delano High seeks scholarship donations

Donations for scholarships for Delano High School's Class of 2018 are being accepted by head counselor Sandra Oropeza who may be reached at 661-720-4133.

Scholarship recipients are to be announced at the school's Senior Awards Night May 17 at 5 p.m. in the school auditorium.

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Director of Alternative
Education

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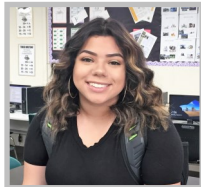
Edward Gines
DHS Class of 2007

"The teachers
were awesome...
they got you
engaged in
learning."



Rebecca Ordonez
Accounts Receivables

"We are a family
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