



Agenda of Board Workshop

The Board of Trustees McAllen Independent School District

A Board Workshop of the Board of Trustees of the McAllen Independent School District will be held Tuesday, May 19, 2026, beginning at 5:30 PM Auditorium/McAllen High School, 2021 La Vista, McAllen, TX 78501.

Items listed on this agenda may be taken in an order other than as shown on this agenda. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

At this meeting there may be discussion and action by the Board on the item(s) and subject(s) listed as follows:

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Presenter: Presenter: Dr. René Gutiérrez, Superintendent
- X) Recognition of McAllen High School Vertical Team/Career Technical Education State Qualifiers and Winners 28

Item Submitted: Dr. Rosalba De Hoyos, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Services

Presenter: Presenter: Dr. René Gutiérrez, Superintendent

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Presenter: Presenter: Dr. René Gutiérrez, Superintendent

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Item Submitted: Debra Loya, Director of Fine Arts

Presenter: Presenter: Dr. René Gutiérrez, Superintendent

- C) Recognition of McAllen High School Vertical Team/Fine Arts 31

Item Submitted: Debra Loya, Director of Fine Arts

Presenter: Presenter: Dr. René Gutiérrez, Superintendent

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Presenter: Presenter: Dr. René Gutiérrez, Superintendent

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Presenter: Presenter: Dr. René Gutiérrez, Superintendent

6. ADJOURNMENT

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.127, a member or employee of a governmental body is authorized to participate remotely in a meeting of the governmental body through a videoconference call, as long as a quorum of the governmental body is physically present at the location of the Board Meeting. Any video conference conducted pursuant to this section will comply with the technical requirements of this section.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.129, the Board of Trustees may use a telephone conference call, video conference call, or communications over the internet to conduct a public consultation with its attorney in an open meeting of the governmental body, or, a private consultation with its attorney in closed meeting of the governmental body.

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Action on May 13, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. Norma Ramirez, on behalf of Board of Trustees.

**BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of the Braille and Low Vision Challenge Participants

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):

Randy Vargas, Achieve Early College High School -Varsity division 1st place
Ashton Pena, Memorial High School- Varsity division -2nd place
Fernando B. Cruz, Memorial High School- 1st place Jr. Varsity division
Truxton Chavez, Memorial High School- 1st place Low Vision Division- level 2 telescopes
Gael Ricardez, Rowe High School- 1st place Sophomore Division
Danilo Rodriguez, Jackson Elementary – 2nd place fundamentals division
Kaitlyn Garza, Memorial High School- 4th place Fundamental division

Reason for Recognition:

The Braille Challenge is an academic competition for students who read braille, designed to strengthen and celebrate braille literacy skills. Participants demonstrate their abilities in areas such as reading comprehension, spelling, proofreading, and tactile graphics while building confidence and fostering a love of braille. This competition was hosted by Region One on March 11, 2026.

Please note any items that will be presented:


Photographer Requested: Yes

Attachment:

AV needs:

Name of Presenter: Maribelle Elizondo
Phone: (956) 632-3285
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Approved for Recognition:


RENE GUTIERREZ (May 12, 2026 10:28:17 CDT)

Superintendent of Schools

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**BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of the Special Olympics Track and Field Area Competition

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):

Alejandro Rivera Track & Softball Throw S.T.R.I.D.E.S
Daniellah Martinez Track & Softball Throw DeLeon M.S.
Marcie Quintanilla Track & Softball Throw Seguin Elem
Mauricio Gutierrez Track S.T.R.I.D.E.S
Belinda Mar Track McAllen H.S.
Diego Ibarra Track Cathey M.S.
Robert Tiger Sanchez Track DeLeon M.S.
Christopher Liguez Track Morris M.S.
Zoe Martinez Track Fields Elem
Alexander Zapien Track Milam Elem
Maria Sosa Roldan Track Seguin Elem
Sebastian Animas Torres Track Thigpen-Zavala Elem.
Iker Sanchez Mesa Softball Throw McAllen H.S.
Jayden Rodriguez Softball Throw Rowe H.S.
Stella Hernandez Softball Throw Brown M.S.
Donte Patzer Softball Throw Fossum M.S.
Briana Ramos Softball Throw Fossum M.S.
Aaron Zamora Softball Throw Morris M.S.
Lucas Rodriguez Softball Throw Perez Elem
Arielle Vega Softball Throw Brown M.S. (RDSPD)
Nicole Bajo Softball Throw Escandon Elem (RDSPD)

Reason for Recognition:

These students received 1st place medals in the Special Olympics Area Competition.

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes

Attachment:

AV needs:

Name of Presenter: Maribelle Elizondo
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Approved for Recognition: 
RENE GUTIERREZ (May 12, 2026 10:28:40 CDT)

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**BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of 2nd Place Regional Champions for Batalla De Los Libros

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e. student at X High School):

Michelle Cavazons, Teacher at Perez Elementary
Freddie Loera, Student at Perez Elementary
Lucy Herrera Vargas, Student at Perez Elementary
Ximena Banda, Student at Perez Elementary
Ximena Trevino, Student at Perez Elementary

Reason for Recognition:

These students and their teacher are being recognized for their outstanding achievement in placing 2nd Place Regional Champions at the Batalla De Los Libros competition. Their hard work, dedication, and teamwork brought great pride and recognition to Perez Elementary.

This recognition highlights academic excellence and the value of literacy and competition in our schools. Congratulations to the team!

Photographer Requested: Yes

Attachment:

AV needs:

Name of Presenter: Ann Vega
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Approved for Recognition: 
RENE GUTIERREZ (May 12, 2026 10:29:50 CDT)

Superintendent of Schools

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**BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of the 2026 Chess National Qualifiers and Winners

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):
McAllen High School Students
Achieve Early College High School Students
Castaneda Elementary Students
Milam Elementary Students
Perez Elementary Students

Reason for Recognition:

We are proud to recognize a group of students who have demonstrated the skill and dedication required to compete at a national caliber. Through consistent performance and tactical discipline, these individuals earned the right to represent our district at the United States Chess Federation National Championships.

Competing at this level is a significant milestone; these students traveled to Chicago for the High School Nationals and Baltimore for the Elementary Nationals to test their skills against the most dedicated young players in the country. We are here to celebrate their hard work, their sportsmanship, and their success in reaching the national stage.

Please note any items that will be presented:

Teams and students will have any awards earned at Nationals

Photographer Requested: Yes

Attachment:

AV needs:

Name of Presenter: Rosie Fluegel
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Approved for Recognition: 
RENE GUTIERREZ (May 12, 2026 10:30:09 CDT)

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**BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
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Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of State Junior Citizen Bee Qualifiers

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):
DeLeon Middle School State Junior Citizen Bee Qualifiers:
Karin Prols - DeLeon Middle School
Seamus Anderson - DeLeon Middle School
Mrs. Tania Gonzalez - DeLeon MS Citizen Bee Sponsor

Reason for Recognition:
These students placed 1st and 2nd place at the Regional Junior Citizen Bee and which allowed them to advanced to the State Junior Citizen Bee Competition, where they represented the region well. We congratulate these students for their knowledge of historic events, people, court cases, the US Constitution, and civic values and skills. We would also like to thank their sponsor, Mrs. Tania Gonzalez.

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes

Attachment:

AV needs:

Name of Presenter: Clarissa Abbott
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Approved for Recognition: 
RENE GUTIERREZ (May 12, 2026 10:40:17 CDT)

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**BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of the Student Finalists for the McAllen ISD and Region One Torneo de Ortografía 2026 (Spanish Spelling Bee)

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):
Torneo de Ortografía 2026 (Spanish Spelling Bee) District finalists and Regional Winners

UTRGV Regional Torneo de Ortografía 2026 (Spanish Spelling Bee) Winners:

Primaria Category -César Elizondo Jr. (2nd Place), Hendricks Elementary

-Intermedia Category -Maximiliano Briseño-Velázquez (4th place), Sam Houston Elementary

-Secundaria Category -Paulina Basaguren Berlanga (3rd place), Cathey Middle School (will compete at the State level)

-Preparatoria - Carlos Maldonado (2nd place), Memorial High School

Reason for Recognition:

Today we are recognizing our district finalists for the Torneo de Ortografía 2026. They proudly represented our district on April 6th at the UTRGV Torneo de Ortografía 2026 and competed against other districts in our region.

Complete list of students will be submitted in the link provided.

Please note any items that will be presented:

Certificate; students will bring their medals and trophies with them to the ceremony.

Photographer Requested: Yes

Attachment:

AV needs:

Name of Presenter: Rocio Nava

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Approved for Recognition:  RENE GUERRERAZ (May 12, 2026 10:29:28 CDT)

Superintendent of Schools

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Title of Recognition: Recognition of James "Nikki" Rowe Vertical Team/Elementary Academic UIL

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):
James "Nikki" Rowe High School Vertical Elementary Academic UIL Students

Reason for Recognition:

- *Alvarez Elementary Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL Elementary Meet.
- *Castaneda Elementary Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL Elementary Meet.
- *Garza Elementary Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL Elementary Meet.
- *Hendricks Elementary Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL Elementary Meet.
- *McAuliffe Elementary Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL Elementary Meet.
- *Sanchez Elementary Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL Elementary Meet.
- *Seguin Elementary Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL Elementary Meet.

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes

AV needs:

Name of Presenter: Debra Loya
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RENE GUTIERREZ (May 12, 2026 10:03:25 CDT)
Approved for Recognition: _____
Superintendent

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Title of Recognition: Recognition of McAllen High School Vertical Team/Elementary Academic UIL

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):
McAllen High School Vertical Elementary Academic UIL Students

Reason for Recognition:

- *Fields Elementary Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL Elementary Meet.
- *Milam Elementary Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL Elementary Meet.
- *Perez Elementary Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL Elementary Meet.
- *Rayburn Elementary Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL Elementary Meet.
- *Thigpen-Zavala Elementary Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL Elementary Meet.
- *Wilson Elementary Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL Elementary Meet.

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes

AV needs:

Name of Presenter: Debra Loya
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Approved for Recognition: 
RENE GUTIERREZ (May 12, 2026 09:55:48 CDT)
Superintendent

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Title of Recognition: Recognition of McAllen Memorial High School Vertical Team/Elementary Academic UIL

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):
McAllen Memorial High School Elementary Academic UIL Students

Reason for Recognition:

- *Escandon Elementary Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL Elementary Meet.
- *Gonzalez Elementary Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL Elementary Meet.
- *Jackson Elementary Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL Elementary Meet.


Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes

AV needs:

Name of Presenter: Debra Loya
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Approved for Recognition:


RENE GUTIERREZ (May 12, 2026 09:56:14 CDT)

Superintendent

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Title of Recognition: Recognition of James "Nikki" Rowe Vertical Team/Middle School & High School Academic UIL

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School): James "Nikki" Rowe Middle & High School Academic UIL Students

Reason for Recognition:

*De Leon Middle School Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL 31 5A District Meet.

*Fossum Middle School Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL 31 5A District Meet.

*James "Nikki" Rowe High School UIL Students Place in the top 3 at the District UIL Meet.

*Achieve Early College High School UIL Students Place in the top 3 at the District UIL Meet.

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes


AV needs:

Name of Presenter: Debra Loya

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eMail: debra.thomas@mcallsisd.net

Approved for Recognition:


RENE GUTIERREZ (May 12, 2026 10:04:33 CDT)

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Title of Recognition: Recognition of McAllen High School Vertical Team/Middle School & High School Academic UIL

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):
McAllen High School Vertical Middle & High School Academic UIL Students

Reason for Recognition:

*Morris Middle School Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL 31 5A District Meet.

*Travis Middle School Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL 31 5A District Meet.

*McAllen High School UIL Students Place in the top 3 at the District UIL Meet.

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes


AV needs:

Name of Presenter: Debra Loya

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Approved for Recognition:


RENE GUTIERREZ (May 12, 2026 10:03:58 CDT)

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Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School): McAllen Memorial High School Vertical Middle & High School Academic UIL Students

Reason for Recognition:

*Brown Middle School Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL 31 5A District Meet.

*Cathey Middle School Students Place in the top 3 at the District A+ UIL 31 5A District Meet.

*McAllen Memorial High School UIL Students Place in the top 3 at the District UIL Meet.

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes


AV needs:

Name of Presenter: Debra Loya

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Approved for Recognition:


RENE GUTIERREZ (May 12, 2026 10:04:15 CDT)

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Title of Recognition: Recognition of State Qualifiers for the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association (TMSCA)

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):

Cathey Middle School: Sponsor - Naishla Cantu
Renad Sherif : 40th Place in Science
Madelyne Horrox: 26th Place in Science
Andrew Henry Smith: 48th Place in Science
De Leon Middle School: Sponsor - Karina Padron
Nathanael Alvarez: 40th Place in Math, 41st Place in Number Sense & 25th in Calculator
Hannah Alvarez: 47th Place in Calculator
Paul Alvarez : 39th in Calculator
Morris Middle School: Sponsor- Mia Baldwin-Tijerina
Liam Rogers: State Qualifier in Science
Micheal Nicol: 39th Place in Number Sense & 39th Place in Mathematics
Diego Gonzalez: 16th Place in Number Sense, 38th Place in Calculator & 43rd Place in Mathematics
Noah Garcia: State Qualifier in Number Sense
Daniel Hernandez: 11th Place in Mathematics
Si Lin: 45th Place in Calculator & 23rd Place in Mathematics
Griffin Gonzalez: 46th Place in Mathematics
Izaiah Gonzalez: 39th Place in Number Sense
Xavier Max Nieto Ruiz: 29th Place in Number Sense

Reason for Recognition: The Texas Math and Science Coaches Association (TMSCA) is dedicated to supporting and promoting academic competition in the fields of mathematics and science for students across Texas in regional and state level meets. TMSCA organizes four major competitive events in Science, Mathematics, Number Sense, and Calculators. With hard work and time, these 15 students qualified for state in San Antonio. At the state level, with over 19,000 students and 155 schools competing, all of our students that placed, placed in the top 50!

A special recognition to Morris Middle School for placing as a team, the following: 11th in Mathematics, 10th place in Number Sense, and 28th place in Calculator Applications.

Photographer Requested: Yes

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AV needs:

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Approved for Recognition: 
RENE GUTIERREZ (May 12, 2026 10:30:30 CDT)

Superintendent of Schools

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**BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of State Science & Engineering Fair Qualifiers

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):

Cathey Middle School: Madeline Patterson, James Peisen

Ms. Amy Gonzalez, Science Fair Coordinator

De Leon Middle School: Seamus Anderson, Faith Lara

Ms. Michelle McMillan, Science Fair Coordinator

Fossum Middle School: Lilia Moore, Sophia Rodriguez

Ms. Marlen Villarreal, Science Fair Coordinator

Morris Middle School: Nicolas Hernandez, Ahmet Ihsan Kavaz, Isabel Mohamed, Melania Schooley, Matthew Tan, Mia Williams

Mr. Fidel Munoz, Science Fair Coordinator

Lamar Academy: Elizabeth Guo, Erin Hou, Claire Kim, Jessica Rios, Srinithiya Sompalli, Sofia Sifuentes

Ms. Lauren Rubio, Science Fair Coordinator

Reason for Recognition:

These students placed either first or second in their respective categories at the Regional Science & Engineering Fair. They qualified to compete in the Texas Science and Engineering Fair March 28 at Texas A&M University in College Station. In addition, Erin Hou was named Grand Champion and Claire Kim was named 2nd Runner Up Grand Champion in the senior division at the Regional Fair and qualified to compete at the International Science & Engineering Fair in Phoenix, Arizona, May 9 - 15.

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes

Attachment:

AV needs: none

Name of Presenter: Katherine Friedlein-Garcia

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Approved for Recognition: 
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**BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of State Science Olympiad Qualifiers

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):

Fossum MS Science Olympiad Team
Ms. Hilda Borrego, Science Olympiad Coach
Mr. John Brown, Science Olympiad Assistant Coach

Travis MS Science Olympiad Team
Ms. Karen Dougherty, Science Olympiad Coach
Ms. Diana Zepeda, Science Olympiad Assistant Coach

De Leon MS Science Olympiad Team
Ms. Michelle McMillan, Science Olympiad Coach

Lamar Academy Science Olympiad Team
Mr. Jose Luis Gomez, Science Olympiad Coach

Reason for Recognition:

These teams competed in the Regional Science Olympiad on February 28 hosted by South Texas College. Fossum MS placed 2nd, Travis MS placed 3rd, and De Leon MS placed 5th in Division B, and Lamar Academy earned 1st place in Division C. These teams qualified to participate at the Texas Science Olympiad competition at Texas A&M University, College Station in April. For State, out of 30 schools, Travis MS earned the Science Olympiad Spirit Award for Division B. Additionally, out of 30 schools, Lamar Academy earned 8th place in State for Division C.

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes

Attachment:

AV needs: none

Name of Presenter: Katherine Friedlein-Garcia
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**BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition Middle School Junior Division State NHD (National History Day) History Fair Qualifiers

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):

Fossum Middle School Students:

Austin Cobos

Amber Torres Alanis

Alayah Chavero

Juliana Esquerra

Magdiel Rosa

Mr. Baldemar Quintero - NHD History Fair Sponsor

Reason for Recognition:

These Middle School students advanced to the State NHD (National History Day) History Fair Competition with their historical research project by placing at the Regional NHD (National History Day) History Fair that took place at UTRGV (University of Texas Rio Grande Valley). The State Competition was held in Austin this April. These students conducted in-depth historical research and presented their projects at the state level. We congratulate them for their accomplishments and for representing Region One and our school district well.

We would also like to thank their teacher sponsor Mr. Baldemar Quintero.

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes

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**BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of High School Senior Division State NHD (National History Day) History Fair Qualifiers

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):
Achieve Early College High School Students:
Sophia Estrada
Francesca Baes
Eczel Velasquez
Mr. Daniel Saenz - NHD History Fair Sponsor

Reason for Recognition:
These High School students advanced to the State NHD (National History Day) History Fair Competition with their historical research projects by placing at the Regional NHD (National History Day) History Fair that took place at UTRGV (University of Texas Rio Grande Valley). The State Competition was held in Austin this April. These students conducted in-depth historical research and presented their projects at the state level. We congratulate them for their accomplishments and for representing Region One and our school district well.

We would also like to thank their teacher sponsor Mr. Daniel Saenz.

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes

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AV needs:

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Approved for Recognition: 
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**BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of Students Selected as Luminary Scholarship Recipients

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):

McAllen High School: Alyssa Leija

McAllen Memorial High School: Allyson Gutierrez

Reason for Recognition:

The UTRGV Luminary Scholarship program offers the brightest incoming college freshmen from all disciplines a once in a lifetime opportunity that eliminates any financial burden of education related expenses associated with a bachelor's degree. Over 600 students apply annually, only 24 students are selected.

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes

Attachment:

AV needs:

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**BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of Students Selected as QuestBridge Scholarship Recipients

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):

McAllen HS: Dulce Esquivel

Memorial HS: Leslie Cortez

Memorial HS/UMCA: Howard Lee

Reason for Recognition:

Questbridge matches high achieving students with a four year full scholarship to 1 of the 55 college partners. It provides recipients access to a thriving community of transformative educational, career, and life opportunities. This academic school year, 2,550 students nationwide were matched to a QuestBridge college for a full scholarship. There were over 25,000 applicants.

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes

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Name of Presenter: Jose Soto
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**BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of Student Selected as Thrive Scholars Recipient

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):

International Baccalaureate- Grace Kim

Reason for Recognition:

The Thrive scholarship provides high achieving students from economically disadvantaged communities the opportunities they need to thrive at top colleges throughout the United States. The Thrive Scholars program provides recipients the opportunity to network with different companies and organizations nationwide. The Thrive Scholars program originally started in South Central Los Angeles California in 2001 and has grown to a nationwide organization.

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes

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**BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of Students Selected to Attend Boys and Girls State Summer 2026

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):

McAllen High School: Juan Chavez, Antonio Gonzalez, Jacob McGurk, Isabella Avila, Charlotte Garza, Daniela Garza

Memorial High School: Tevlin Disque, Davin Iglesias, Liam McGurk, Pamela Maldonado, Aryanna Ozuna

Rowe High School: Aaron Alejandro, Luke Dennett, Tyler Escobar

IB Lamar: Jose Gonzalez, Carlos Mohamed, Ayda Balchi, Renata de la Fuente Villarreal, Jasmin Perales

Rowe/UMCA: Rigoberto Serda

Reason for Recognition:

This summer, twenty students from McAllen ISD have been selected to participate in Boys and Girls State, an educational program focused on government instruction. This initiative offers students a unique opportunity to engage in local, county, and state governance functions. Facilitated by the American Legion Post 37 participants will gain insight into the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities of active citizenship. A hands-on approach is adopted, with students elected to fill roles within city, county, and state administrations, fostering practical experience and knowledge.

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes

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BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of McAllen Memorial High School Vertical Team/Career Technical Education State Qualifiers and Winners

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):
McAllen Memorial High School Career Technical Education Students

Reason for Recognition:

- *Memorial High School Business Professional of America (BPA), State Qualifiers, State Winners
- *Memorial High School Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), State Qualifiers, State Winners
- *Memorial High School Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), State Qualifiers, State Winners
- *Memorial High School For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST FTC Robotics), State Qualifiers, State Winners
- *Memorial High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) , State Qualifiers, and State Winners
- *Memorial High School Health Occupations Students of American (HOSA), State Qualifiers, State Winners
- *Memorial High School Skills USA , State Qualifiers, and State Winners
- *Memorial High School Student Television Network National Contest Winners

- * Cathey MS For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST FLL Robotics), Regional Qualifiers.
- *Sam Houston Elementary For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST FLL Robotics), State Qualifiers.

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes

Attachment:

AV needs:

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Approved for Recognition: 
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BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of James "Nikki" Rowe High School Vertical Team/Career Technical Education State Qualifiers and Winners

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):
James "Nikki" Rowe High School Career Technical Education Students

Reason for Recognition:

- *Nikki Rowe High School Business Professional of America (BPA), State Qualifiers, State Winners
- *Nikki Rowe High School Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), State Qualifiers, State Winners
- *Nikki Rowe High School Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), State Qualifiers, State Winners
- *Nikki Rowe High School For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST FTC Robotics), State Qualifiers, State Winners
- *Nikki Rowe High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) , State Qualifiers, and State Winners
- *Nikki Rowe High School Health Occupations Students of American (HOSA), State Qualifiers, State Winners
- *Nikki Rowe High School Skills USA , State Qualifiers, and State Winners
- *Nikki Rowe High School Student Television Network National Contest Winners

- *De Leon MS For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST FLL Robotics), Regional Qualifiers.
- *Castaneda Elementary For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST FLL Robotics), State Qualifiers.

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes

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**BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of McAllen High School Vertical Team/Career Technical Education State Qualifiers and Winners

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):
McAllen High School Career Technical Education Students

Reason for Recognition:

- *McAllen High School Business Professionals of America (BPA), State Qualifiers, State Winners, & National Qualifiers
- *McAllen High School Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) State Qualifiers
- *McAllen High School Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), State Qualifiers
- *McAllen High School Future Farmers of America (FFA), Reserve Champion, Grand Champion, State Qualifiers and State Winners
- *McAllen High School For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST Robotics), State Qualifiers
- *McAllen High School Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), State Qualifiers, State Winners, and National Qualifiers
- *McAllen High School Skills USA, State Qualifiers and State Winners
- *McAllen High School Student Television Network National Contest - Florida
- *Rayburn Elementary For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology Lego League (FIRST FLL Robotics) regional and state qualifiers
- *Milam Elementary For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology Lego League (FIRST FLL Robotics) Regional Qualifier
- *Fields Elementary For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology Lego League (FIRST FLL Robotics) Regional Qualifier

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes

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BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of James "Nikki" Rowe Vertical Team/Fine Arts

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):
James "Nikki" Rowe High School Fine Arts Students

Reason for Recognition:

- *James "Nikki" Rowe High School Tiaras Receive Awards at the Crowd Pleasers Dance Competition
- *James "Nikki" Rowe High School Visual Arts Students Medal at Regional and State Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE)
- *James "Nikki" Rowe High School Theatre One Act Play Students Advance to Zone
- *James "Nikki" Rowe High School Theatre Students Receive PALMS Nominations
- *James "Nikki" Rowe High School Band Students Earn Gold Medals at UIL Solo & Ensemble
- *James "Nikki" Rowe High School Band Students Qualify for State at UIL Solo & Ensemble
- *James "Nikki" Rowe High School Band Students Earn TMEA All-Region Symphonic Band
- *James "Nikki" Rowe High School Band Students Earn TMEA All-Region Concert Band
- *James "Nikki" Rowe High School Band Students Earn TMEA All-Region Honors Band
- *James "Nikki" Rowe High School Band Colorguard Students Earn State Champions at the Texas Educational Colorguard Association Indoor Colorguard Scholastic Novice
- *James "Nikki" Rowe High School Razz-Ma-Tazz Choir Students Receive Championship at the International Barbershop Harmony Society Junior Chorus AA Plateau
- *James "Nikki" Rowe High School Choir Students Earn Gold Medals at UIL Solo & Ensemble
- *James "Nikki" Rowe High School Choir students Students Qualify for State at UIL Solo & Ensemble
- *James "Nikki" Rowe High School Choirs earn Sweepstakes at the UIL Sub Non-Varsity Treble Choir Evaluation
- *James "Nikki" Rowe High School Choirs earn Sweepstakes at the UIL Non-Varsity Treble Choir Evaluation
- *James "Nikki" Rowe High School Choirs earn Sweepstakes at the UIL Varsity Tenor/Bass Choir Evaluation
- *James "Nikki" Rowe High School Full Orchestras earn Sweepstakes at the UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation
- *James "Nikki" Rowe High School String Orchestras earn Sweepstakes at the UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation
- *Achieve Early College High School Visual Arts Student Medals at Regional and State Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE)
- *Achieve Early College High School Visual Arts Student Places 1st in the 2026 Congressional Art Competition for Dist.15
- *Achieve Early College High School Visual Arts Student Wins McAllen Library Bookmark contest & Finalist for Region 1 Holiday Card Contest
- *Achieve Early College High School Visual Arts Student Finalist of the 2026 McAllen Public Utility Water Art Contest
- *Lamar Academy Visual Arts Student Medals at Regional and State Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE)

Photographer Requested: Yes

AV needs:

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Approved for Recognition: RENE GUERRERIZ (May 11, 2026 09:14:23 CDT)
Superintendent

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**BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of McAllen Memorial Vertical Team/Fine Arts

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):
McAllen Memorial High School Fine Arts Students

Reason for Recognition:

- *McAllen Memorial High School Visual Arts Students Place at City of McAllen "Grateful for Water" Art Contest
- *McAllen Memorial High School Visual Arts Student Places 1st at "Los Muetos Tambien Bailan" Art Contest
- *McAllen Memorial School Theatre One Act Play Students Advance to Area
- *McAllen Memorial School Theatre Students Receive PALMS Nominations
- *McAllen Memorial High School Band Students Earn Gold Medals at UIL Solo & Ensemble
- *McAllen Memorial High School Band Students Qualify for State at UIL Solo & Ensemble
- *McAllen Memorial High School Band Students Earn Sweepstakes at the UIL Varsity Band Evaluation
- *McAllen Memorial High School Band Students Earn Sweepstakes at the UIL Non-Varsity Band Evaluation
- *McAllen Memorial High School Choir Students Earn Gold Medals at UIL Solo & Ensemble
- *McAllen Memorial High School Choir students Students Qualify for State at UIL Solo & Ensemble
- *McAllen Memorial High School Choir Students Earn Sweepstakes at the UIL Non-Varsity Tenor/Bass Choir Evaluation
- *McAllen Memorial High School Choirs Earn Sweepstakes at the UIL Non-Varsity Treble Choir Evaluation
- *McAllen Memorial High School Choir Students Earn a Spot in the Texas Music Educators Association All-State Choir
- *McAllen Memorial High School Orchestras Students Earn Gold Medals at UIL Solo & Ensemble
- *McAllen Memorial High School Orchestras Students Qualify for State at UIL Solo & Ensemble
- *McAllen Memorial High School Full Orchestras Earn Sweepstakes at the UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation
- *McAllen Memorial High School String Orchestras Earn Sweepstakes at the UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation

Please note any items that will be presented: Destination Imagination 4th place ribbons

Photographer Requested: Yes

AV needs:

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**BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of McAllen High School Vertical Team/Fine Arts

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):
McAllen High School Fine Arts Students

Reason for Recognition:

- *McAllen High School Steppers Receive National Champions at the New York Crowd Pleasers
- *McAllen High School Visual Arts Students Medal at Regional and State Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE)
- *McAllen High School Theatre One Act Play Students Advance to Bi-District
- *McAllen High School Theatre Students Receive PALMS Nominations
- *McAllen High School Band Students Earn Gold Medals at UIL Solo & Ensemble
- *McAllen High School Band Students Qualify for State at UIL Solo & Ensemble
- *McAllen High School Band Students Earn Sweepstakes at the UIL Varsity Wind Ensemble Evaluation
- *McAllen High School Band Students Earn Sweepstakes at the UIL Sub Non-Varsity Concert Band Evaluation
- *McAllen High School Choir Students Earn Gold Medals at UIL Solo & Ensemble
- *McAllen High School Choir students Students Qualify for State at UIL Solo & Ensemble
- *McAllen High School Choir Students Earn Sweepstakes at the UIL Sub Non-Varsity Treble Choir Evaluation
- *McAllen High School Choirs Earn Sweepstakes at the UIL Non-Varsity Treble Choir Evaluation
- *McAllen High School Choirs Earn Sweepstakes at the UIL Varsity Mixed Choir Evaluation
- *McAllen High School Full Orchestras Earn Sweepstakes at the UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation
- *McAllen High School String Orchestras Earn Sweepstakes at the UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation
- *McAllen High School Mariachi Oro Students Earn Awards at the South Texas Mariachi Festival

Please note any items that will be presented: Destination Imagination 4th place ribbons

Photographer Requested: Yes

AV needs:

Name of Presenter: Debra Loya
Phone: 956-618-6085
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Approved for Recognition: 
RENE GUTIERREZ (May 11, 2026 08:19:36 CDT)
Superintendent

PROCEDURE FOR BOARD RECOGNITION

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**BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of McAllen High School Athletic Teams

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):

Tennis
Powerlifting
Girls Soccer
Girls Track
Boys Track
Golf
Softball

Reason for Recognition:

Tennis -- Girls Singles District Runner-Up and Regional Quarterfinalist
Powerlifting -- Regional and State Qualifiers
Girls Soccer -- Bi-District Champions, Area Champions, Regional Semi-Finalist
Girls Track -- District Champions, Area Champions, Regional Champions, State Qualifiers
Boys Track -- District Champions, Area Qualifiers, Regional Qualifiers, State Qualifiers
Golf -- Regional and State Qualifiers
Softball -- Bi-District Champions, Area Champions, Regional Semi-finalist

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes

Attachment:

AV needs:

Name of Presenter: Brian McClenny
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Approved for Recognition: 
RENE GUTIERREZ (May 13, 2026 14:22:53 CDT)

Superintendent of Schools

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**BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of McAllen Memorial High School Athletic Teams

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):

Tennis
Cheer
Powerlifting
Girls Soccer
Golf
Boys Track
Girls Track

Reason for Recognition:

Tennis -- Regional Qualifiers
Cheer -- UIL Spirit State Championship Participants
Powerlifting -- Girls Team District Champions, Regional Champions, & State Champions. Boys Team 3rd at State.
Regional and State qualifiers
Girls Soccer -- District Champions, Area Champions, Regional Semi-Finalist
Golf -- Boys Team District Champions, Regional Champions, 4th at State
Boys Track -- Area Champions, Area qualifiers, Regional qualifiers
Girls Track -- Area qualifiers, Regional qualifiers, State qualifiers

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes

Attachment:

AV needs:

Name of Presenter: Brian McClenny
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RENE GUTIERREZ (May 13, 2026 14:33:57 CDT)

Superintendent of Schools

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**BOARD RECOGNITION FORM
McALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting Date (Recommended): May 19, 2026

Title of Recognition: Recognition of James "Nikki" Rowe High School Athletic Teams

Person(s) Being Recognized (include names & description i.e student at X High School):

Tennis
Powerlifting
Girls Soccer
Boys Soccer
Boys Track
Girls Track
Baseball

Reason for Recognition:

Tennis -- Regional qualifier
Powerlifting -- Regional qualifiers
Girls Soccer -- Bi-District Champion, Area Champion, Regional Semi-Finalist
Boys Soccer -- Bi-District Champion, Area Finalist
Boys Track -- Area Qualifiers
Girls Track -- Area Qualifiers, Regional Qualifiers
Baseball -- Bi-District Champions, Area Finalist

Please note any items that will be presented:

Photographer Requested: Yes

Attachment:

AV needs:

Name of Presenter: Brian McClenny
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Approved for Recognition: 
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Superintendent of Schools

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