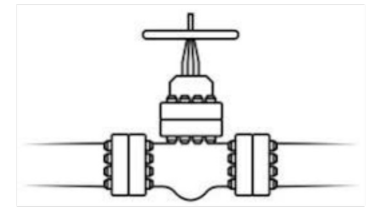


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DONAVIN MENDEZ OF RATON, NEW MEXICO NAMED 2019 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos today announced the selection of Donavin Mendez of Raton, New Mexico, who attends Raton High School in Raton, as a 2019 U.S. Presidential Scholar.

Mendez is one of 161 outstanding American high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, artistic excellence, technical expertise, leadership, citizenship, service, and contribution to school and community. The U.S. Presidential Scholars will be honored for their accomplishments in Washington D.C., from June 23-25.

"I want to congratulate this year's class of Presidential Scholars on their achievement both inside of the classroom and out," said U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. "Their hard work and commitment to excellence, no matter what challenge they are tackling, will serve them well throughout their lifelong learning journeys. I have no doubt that many of tomorrow's leaders are among this year's class of Scholars."

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects honored scholars annually based on their academic success, artistic and technical excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as evidence of community service, leadership, and demonstrated commitment to high ideals. Of the 3.6 million students expected to graduate from high school this year, more than 5,200 candidates qualified for the 2019 awards determined by outstanding performance on the College Board SAT and ACT exams, and through nominations made by Chief State School Officers, other partner recognition organizations or the

National YoungArts Foundation's nationwide YoungArts™ program.

The 2019 U.S. Presidential Scholars are comprised of one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and from U.S. families living abroad, as well as 15 chosen at-large, 20 U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts, and 20 U.S. Presidential Scholars in Career and Technical Education.



Created in 1964, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program has honored over 7,500 of the nation's top-performing students with the prestigious award given to honorees during the annual ceremony in D.C. The program was expanded in 1979 to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, literary and performing arts. In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields.

Since 1983, each U.S. Presidential Scholar has been offered the opportunity to name his or her most influential teacher. Each distinguished teacher is honored with a personal letter from the Secretary of Education. The teacher chosen for recognition by Mendez was Jo Ahlm of Raton High School in Raton, NM.

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Raton High School Round UP

Written by: Autumn Martinez



RHS SCHOOL YEAR ENDING

Raton Public Schools last day for students is May 22, 2019. Teachers last day is May 24, 2019. Graduation for the class of 2019 is May 17, 2019 in the RHS gym. RHS is looking for new band/choir and art teachers. Students are excited for the summer and what year has to bring.

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

Congratulations to Donavin Mendez for receiving the Presidential Scholar Award. This award is given to students who demonstrate amazing academic achievement throughout their years at school. Donavin will be traveling to Washington D.C. this summer to receive his award.

RHS / NHS

National Honor Society welcomed new members this year. To celebrate NHS threw a painting party for all their members.

OUTSTANDING SENIORS

Congratulations to Donavin Mendez and Alejandra Murica for receiving the "Outstanding Senior Award 2019".

RHS FCCLA

RHS FCCLA is getting ready to have a blast and compete at the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California this summer. Best of luck to all star event competitors. Good luck to Jennifer Acosta, she is running for a National Officer Position. Thanks, Jennifer, for being a role model to all members and having a good year as State President.

SPORTS

RHS Track and Field made it to state with many running heats and throwing events. RHS softball and baseball teams made it into the first round of state but unfortunately did not make it to the state tournament. Tiger golf and tennis had a good season this year. FNB New Mexico sent our softball, baseball and track team off with gift baskets and wished them the best of luck before the competition. RHS sports teams always compete with sportsmanship and always try their hardest.

Thank you for keeping us updated, Autumn!

UPCOMING SUMMER OF COLOR EVENTS

Climax Canyon 5k Fun Run/Walk: Saturday, June 1st (National Trail Day), 10am, Climax Canyon Park. Celebrate National Trails Day at your new designated National Recreation Trail (Climax Canyon Nature Trail)

The Down and Dirty (DAD) Mountain Bike Race/Challenge: Saturday, August 10th, Sugarite Canyon State Park. Come have fun and get dirty.

The Master of the Mountains (MOM) Adventure Relay: Saturday, September 7th, 8am Sugarite Canyon State Park. By yourself or as a team come pay your respects to MOM J.

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