



EL RANCHO
HIGH SCHOOL

DONS

OUR SCHOOL.
OUR COMMUNITY.
OUR FUTURE.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is with great pride and confidence that I invite you, the members of our community and all prospective El Rancho families, to explore the rich depth and breadth of what an El Rancho education actively offers our valued students. At El Rancho, there are numerous opportunities, whether in academics, athletics, or the arts, for every student to begin building the foundation of a promising future. Our efforts in academic achievement have earned us the recognition of the state through both the Golden Ribbon and Title 1 Academic Achievement awards.

El Rancho's commitment to building strong, thoroughly educated leaders extends to every facet of our school's curriculum from our championship winning athletics department to our award winning Academic Decathlon team. Our tradition of college and career readiness is most visible in our career-driven pathways, A-G completion rate, and thriving AVID program. There is a budding scholar, athlete, and artist in every student; El Rancho's mission is to help these students break through the surface of their potential and seize bright futures via rigorous coursework, athletic scouting opportunities for the collegiate level, and a well developed visual and performing arts curriculum. These efforts have yielded a robust college-going culture we continue to cultivate for the benefit of our students and the betterment of our community.

So, just where does this unwavering drive come from? What motivates us, the staff, to continue to take up the monumental responsibility of preparing young minds for the rigors of the modern world? The short answer would be our passion for education and the deep love we have for our students.



Jessica Kwek, Ed.D.
Principal El Rancho High School





Harnessing the prestige of a Don and the mind of a scholar

Improve literacy and writing skills through a shift to the Common Core Standards and complex texts

Emphasize graduating college and career ready, having met the A-G requirements, with the goal of entering and graduating from a 4-year university

Acquire 21st Century skills, including critical thinking and evidence-based analysis, technological, collaborative and communication skills

HONORS & AP COURSES

English

English 9 Honors
English 10 Honors
AP English Language &
Composition (11)
AP English Literature (12)

Math

Geometry/
Integrated II Honors
Algebra II Honors
Precalculus Honors
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics

Science

AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Computer Science
AP Physics

Social Science

AP Human Geography
AP World History
AP US History
AP US Government &
Politics
AP Psychology

World Languages

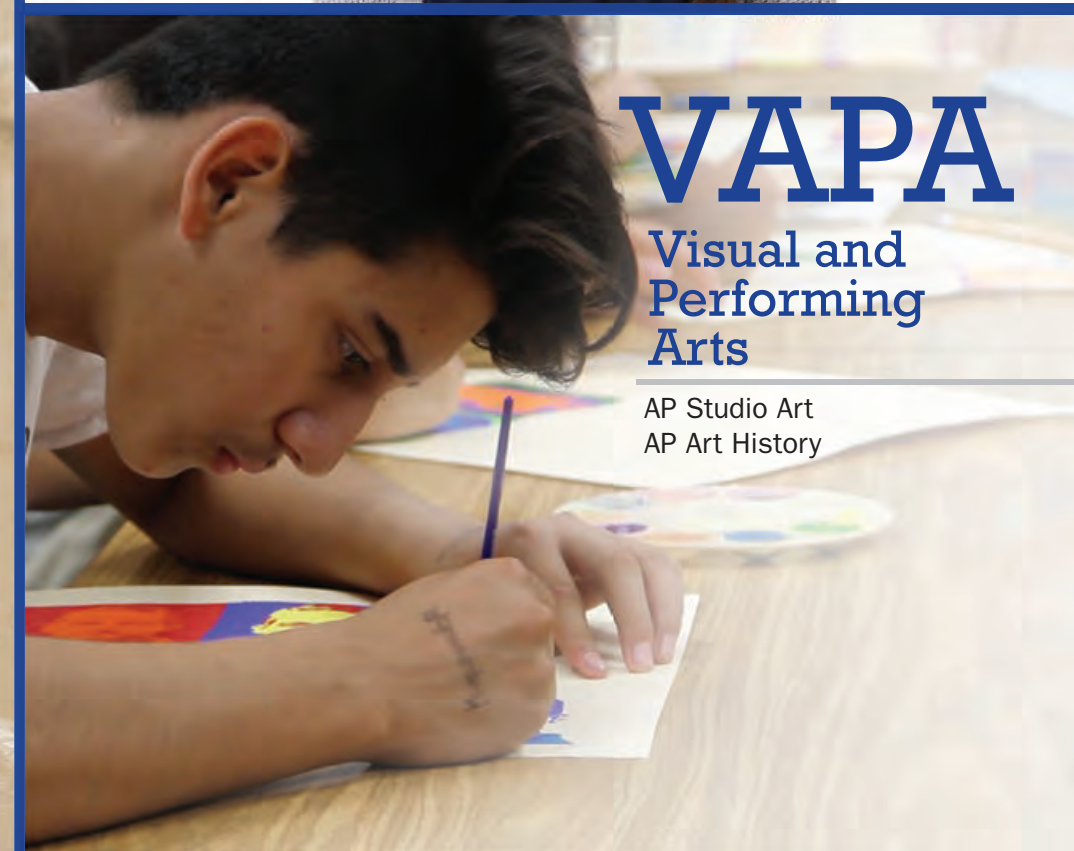
AP Spanish Language
AP Spanish Literature
AP French Language &
Culture



VAPA

Visual and
Performing
Arts

AP Studio Art
AP Art History





ACADEMIC SUPPORT

We are a college going culture that prepares students to enter and graduate from 4 year universities through a diverse selection of A.P courses and college preparatory programs such as Project Lead the Way and Upward Bound.

Our curriculum builds and consistently encourages the intellectual and academic characteristics essential to success in higher education: critical thinking and evidence-based analysis, technological, collaborative and communication skills.

At the Ranch, the most important lesson students learn is to thrive and reach for ever higher levels of learning.

Academic Support is offered at El Rancho High School in many forms. College Tutors provide academic assistance, Monday-Friday. In addition, many teachers offer Saturday enrichment sessions throughout the year.

WHAT EXACTLY IS AVID?

TAKING COLLEGE PREP TO THE NEXT LEVEL

AVID is a regularly scheduled elective class based on WICOR Strategies and tools which include assistance and support in the areas of writing, inquiry, collaborative teaming, organization, and critical reading. The three main components of the program include academic instruction, tutorial support, and motivational activities.

AVID is a four-year program at ERHS that prepares students in the academic middle for admission to a four-year college or university. Students take an AVID elective course throughout high school that includes tutorial sessions led by college students and peer tutors who support their success in the academically rigorous curriculum.

Additionally, the AVID class provides access to information about colleges and universities through field trips, guest speakers, college tutors, scholarship opportunities and college admission workshops.

WHO ARE ERHS AVID STUDENTS?

ERHS AVID recruits students who are motivated to do well and who are serious about their academic future.



Students with Academic Potential



Average to High Test Scores



2.0 - 3.5 GPA



College Potential with Support



Strong Desire and Determination

... And Meets One or More of the Following Criteria



First to Attend College



Historically Underserved in 4-year Colleges



Low Income



Special Circumstances



VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Dance. Draw. Be dramatic. Unleash your inner artist

Not only does our school pride itself on a comprehensive visual and performing arts curriculum, but our Dons have also gone digital. Web Design, Digital Photography, and Animation: through these courses students develop their artistic talents for an increasingly digital age. In fact, within this curriculum, interested students have the option of pursuing the Digital Arts Pathway which is a set of digital animation courses designed to give students significant exposure to the world of digital arts.

Along with opportunities for instruction in digital arts, students also have access to more traditional arts courses such as drama, choir, and video production.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Fine Art	Beginning Drama
Calligraphy	Advanced Drama
AP Studio Art	Choir
Web Design	Marching Band
Digital Imaging	Video Production
Digital Animation	Concert Band
Advanced Digital	Pageant
Animation 2 & 3	and Drum
Digital Photography	Concert Choir

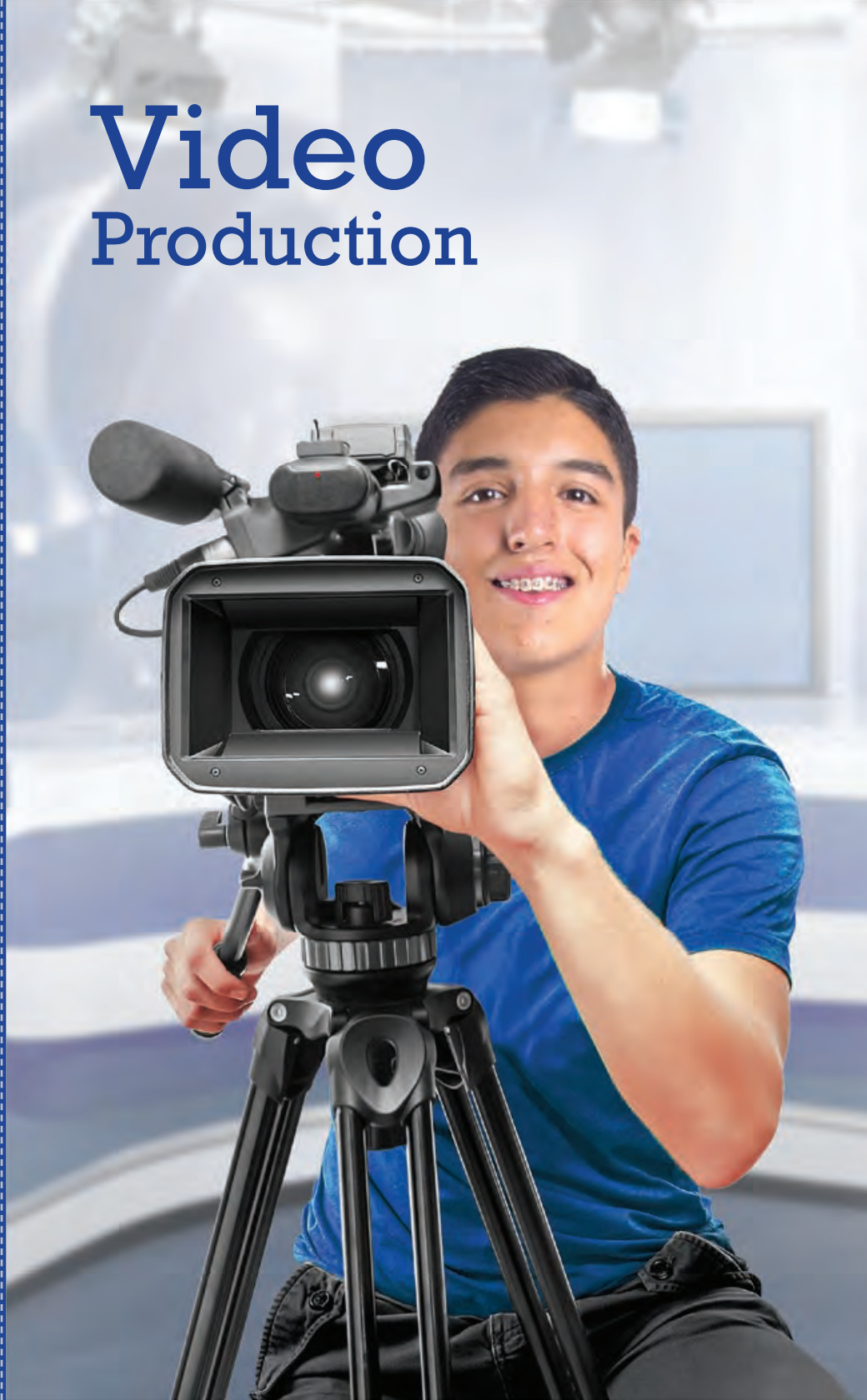
DIGITAL ARTS PATHWAY

Digital Imaging
Digital Animation
Advanced Digital Animation
Advanced Digital Animation 2
Advanced Digital Animation 3

Music



Video Production



Drama



Digital Animation



Web Design



PATHWAYS

Our pathway programs have been designed with college and career readiness in mind. Our curriculum and college going culture immerse students in an academically and intellectually rigorous environment meant to familiarize them with the demands of higher education. The program covers the areas of Law, Medicine, Engineering, Science, Hospitality, and Digital Arts.

Dons have the advantage of discovering early in their high school experience what fields they would like to further pursue before making the commitment to attend college.

Internships, guest speakers, Career Day, and field trips are available for all students in any pathway.

FROM TOP UNIVERSITIES TO PROMISING CAREERS, THE RANCH LEADS TO MANY PLACES

- Law Pathway - Intro to Law, Admin of Justice, Teen Court, ER Law Society
- Hospitality Pathway - Food & Nutrition, Hospitality Course
- Medical Pathway - Emergency Medical Responder, CPR Certification, Certified Nursing Assistant, Sports Medicine I and II
- Digital Arts Pathway
- Information Technology (newest)
- eventually we will have Virtual Enterprise
- PLTW Engineering Pathway - four years of coursework, preparing students for careers in Engineering
- PLTW Biomedical Pathway - New pathway, four years of coursework in the Biomedical field
- Automotive Technology

PRIDE OF THE RANCH 2001-2015

Empowering a tradition of collegiate matriculation

FOUR YEAR UNIVERSITIES

Arizona Christian University
Arizona State University
Azusa Pacific University
Bethany College
Biola University
Boise State University
Brigham Young University
Brown University
Cal Tech

California State Universities:
Bakersfield
Channel Islands
Chico
Dominguez Hills
East Bay
Fullerton
Humboldt
Los Angeles
Monterey Bay
Northridge
Pomona
Sacramento
San Bernardino
San Diego
San Francisco

San Jose
San Luis Obispo
San Marcos
Sonoma
Cedar Crest College
Champlain College
Columbia
Concordia University
Cornell University
DePaul University
Dixie State University
George Washington University
Grand Canyon University
Hawaii Pacific University
Hope International University
Knox College
La Sierra University
Loyola Marymount
Linfield College
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
MIT
Mount St. Mary's College
Nevada State College
New Mexico Highlands University
New York University
New York Film Academy

Northern Arizona University
Notre Dame De Namur University
Ohio State University
Pacific University
Penn State University
Pomona College
Portland State University
Princeton University
Rockhurst University
Sierra Nevada College
Soka University
St. John's University
University of Arizona
University of California:
Berkeley
Davis
Irvine
Los Angeles
Merced
Riverside
San Diego
Santa Barbara
Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Hawaii-Manoa
University of Illinois Chicago
University of La Verne

University of Michigan
University of Nevada- Las Vegas
University of Nevada- Reno
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern California
University of Virginia
University of Washington
Vanguard University
Washington State University
Whittier College
Wichita State University
Woodbury University
Yale University
York College

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

American Career College
Butte Community College
CA school of Culinary Arts-LeCordon Bleu
Cuesta College
Cypress Community College
David's Academy of Beauty
Downey Adult School of Career and Education Center

East Los Angeles College
Fashion Institute of Design
Fullerton City College
Los Angeles City College
LA Trade Tech
Long Beach City College
Mount San Antonio College
National Polytechnic College
New York Film Academy
North West College
Orange Coast College
Pasadena City College
Rio Hondo College
Riverside Community College
Santa Monica City College
Universal Technical Institute
West Los Angeles College
Westwood Technical School
MISC Trade School

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Academy of Arts University
American Career College
The Art Institute
Cerritos College
La School of Culinary Arts- Le Cordon Bleu
College of the Sequoias

Cypress Community College
DeVry Institute
East Los Angeles College
Everest College
Fullerton City College
La Trade Tech
Long Beach City College
Marinellos School of Cosmetology
Moreno Valley College
Mount San Antonio College
Mount Sierra College
Norco College
Orange Coast College
Pasadena City College
Pierce College
Rio Hondo College
Riverside Community College
Ruby Makeup Academy
Santa Ana Community College
Santa Monica City College
Universal Technical Institute
Victor Valley College
WYOTECH
MISC Trade School





ATHLETICS

Academic olympians in the classroom and juggernauts on the field

Our athletic department, with the support of National Collegiate Athletic Association guidelines, grooms scholar athletes to compete to the highest peak of their athletic potential while meeting our standards of academic achievement. From baseball to water polo, our Dons do it all and have been racking up league championships since 1953. With several decades worth of championships under our belt in every major sport, our school is confident in its tradition of paving the road to greatness, through hard work and character building, for all of our scholar athletes.

Baseball
Basketball
Cross Country
Football
Golf

Soccer
Softball
Swimming
Tennis
Track

Volleyball
Waterpolo
Wrestling

DONS ATHLETICS



DONS WALL OF CHAMPIONS

FOOTBALL

53,59,61,62,63,64,65,66,67,68,69,70,71,77,82,85,90,91,95,97,14

BOYS TRACK

64,68,86,87,88,90,91,95,00,01,02,04,05,06,07,09,10,11

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

65,84,86,88,99,01,02,03,04,05,06,08,11,13

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

00,02,05,06,07,09

BOYS TENNIS

55,94,95,97,02,03,09,12

BOYS' WATER POLO

76,78,85,02

BOYS BASKETBALL

62

WRESTLING

72,80,85,88,90,93,98,02

BOYS SOCCER

98,99,00,02,03,05,07,08,09,10,11,12,13,14

BOYS SWIMMING

02

BASEBALL

60,64,67,75,83,89,90,05,07,11

GOLF

85,88

GIRLS WATER POLO

03,04,11

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

83,84,94,95,99,02,04,05,06,10,14

GIRLS BASKETBALL

92,13,14,15

GIRLS TRACK

85,87,90,95,03,04,05,06,07,10,13

GIRLS SWIMMING

03

SOFTBALL

00,06

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

97,98,04,05,06

FOOTBALL

National Champs
1966

FOOTBALL

CIF Champions
1960,1966,1968

BOYS SOCCER

CIF Champions
2003,2011,2013



GATORADE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Cristian Roldan

2013 - Soccer, University of Washington, MLS Seattle Sounders

COLLEGIATE ATHLETES 2014

Ryan Araujo - Football, New Mexico Highlands University

Alex Roldan - Soccer, Seattle University

Aiyana Leal-Robles - Softball, George Washington University

Gefry Sarco - Track and Field, CSU Northridge

Anissa Sanchez - Softball, Western Michigan University

Javier Carrillo - Football, New Mexico Highlands University

Jesus Verduzco - Football, New Mexico Highlands University

COLLEGIATE ATHLETES 2015

Crystal Rodriguez - Track and Field, Biola

Jackie De Loza - Softball, CSU San Bernadino

Francisco Miranda - Soccer, York College

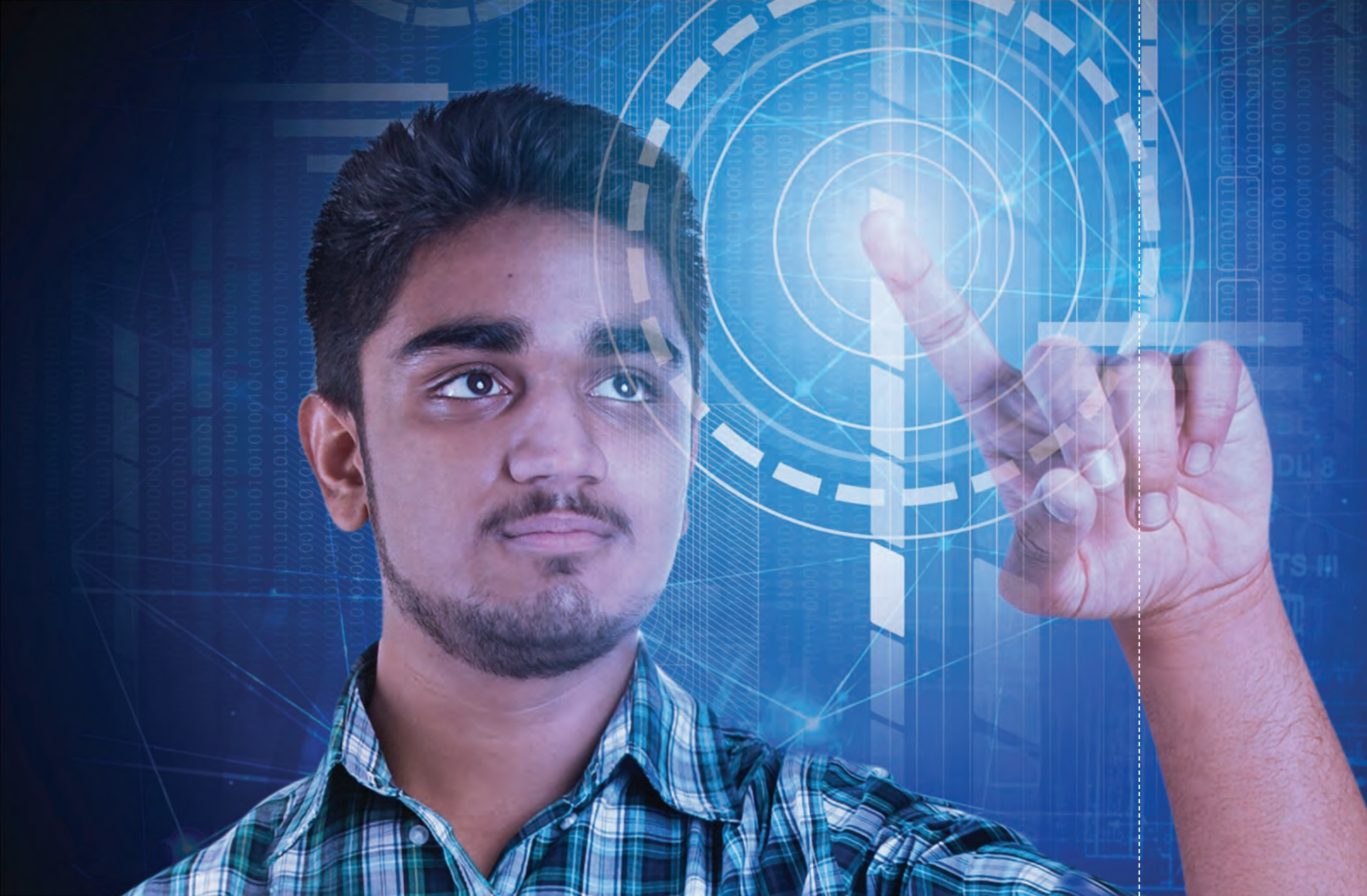
Adrian Palacios - Football, Whittier College

Andrew Perea - Football, Concordia University

Melissa Gutierrez - Track & Field and Cross Country, Cal Tech

Richard Cuellar - Football, New Mexico Highlands University

Destiny Cervantes - Softball, Odessa College



THE DIGITAL RANCH

At El Rancho, exposing our students to the ever changing world of technology is one of our priorities. To that end, we have supplemented our six existing computer labs with Chromebooks for each of our departments. One of the pillars of our college going culture is our commitment to ensuring that our students are kept up to date with the latest tech trends. We are proud of being a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) school that introduces students to the wonders of science and tech through various programs and clubs such as Robotics and MESA (Math, Engineering, Science, Achievement).

TECHNOLOGY

Mesa & Robotics

This club's goal is to introduce and prepare students for the STEM field by allowing students to learn, through hands-on activities; robotic design, programming, coding and the fabrication of simple to complex mechanical devices.



Computer Labs

From web design to digital photography, our state of the art Mac and PC labs provide our students the necessary tools for the utmost productivity and mastery of course work.



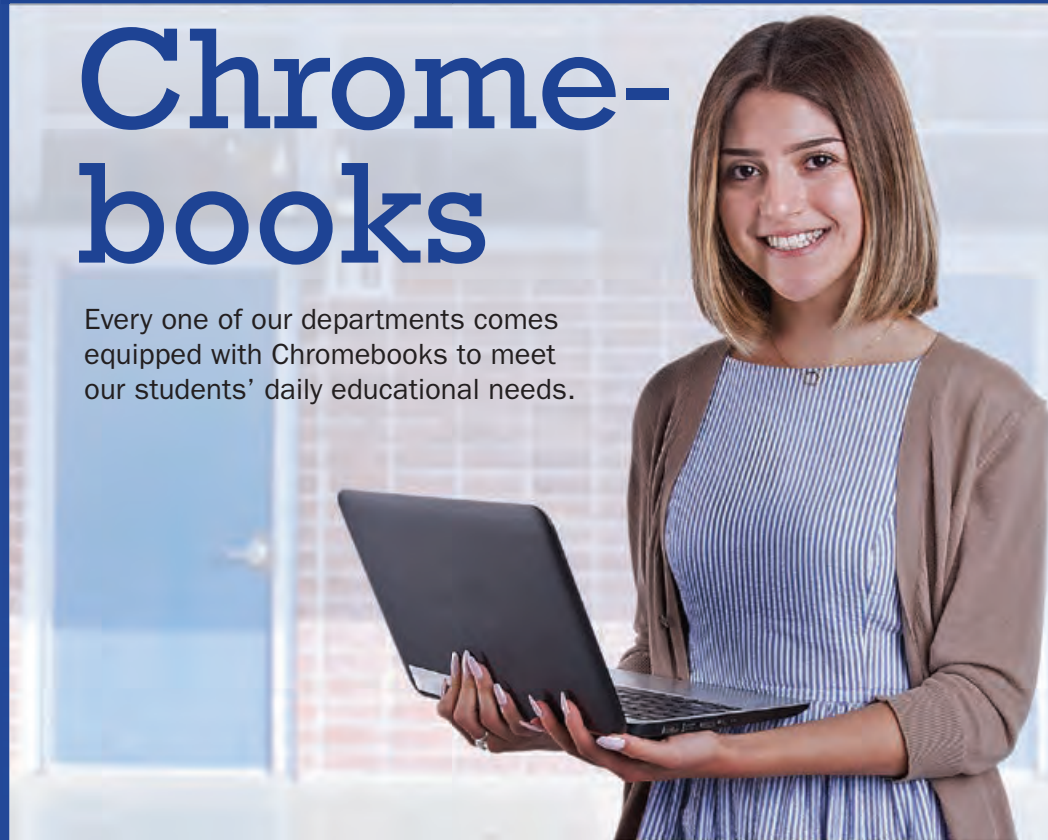
3D Printing

What happens when you combine the excitement of digital animation classes with state of the art 3D printing? Magic, that elusive element between all great arts and sciences. El Rancho takes it to the next level with an integrated tech/classroom approach that brings our students' creations to life.



Chrome-books

Every one of our departments comes equipped with Chromebooks to meet our students' daily educational needs.



Automotive Technology



EL RANCHO PARTNERSHIPS

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

After school programs at El Rancho paid for by a grant through the City of Pico Rivera

El Rancho is proud to have the Pico Rivera Boys & Girls Club present at our school to offer our students the finest after school leadership and academic success programs. Great futures start at the Pico Rivera Boys & Girls Club, and through this partnership and our mutual commitment to the betterment of our students, we ensure our students have the right environment work toward their dreams.

ETHNIC STUDIES

In order to prepare our students for the 21st century, the El Rancho Unified School District was the first district in California to make a course in Ethnic Studies a graduation requirement. We have collaborated with Cal State Long Beach, Cal State University San Bernardino, Cal State University Northridge, Chapman University and UC Riverside.

GENERATION 1ST DEGREE

Funded by Gil and Jacki Cisneros Foundation

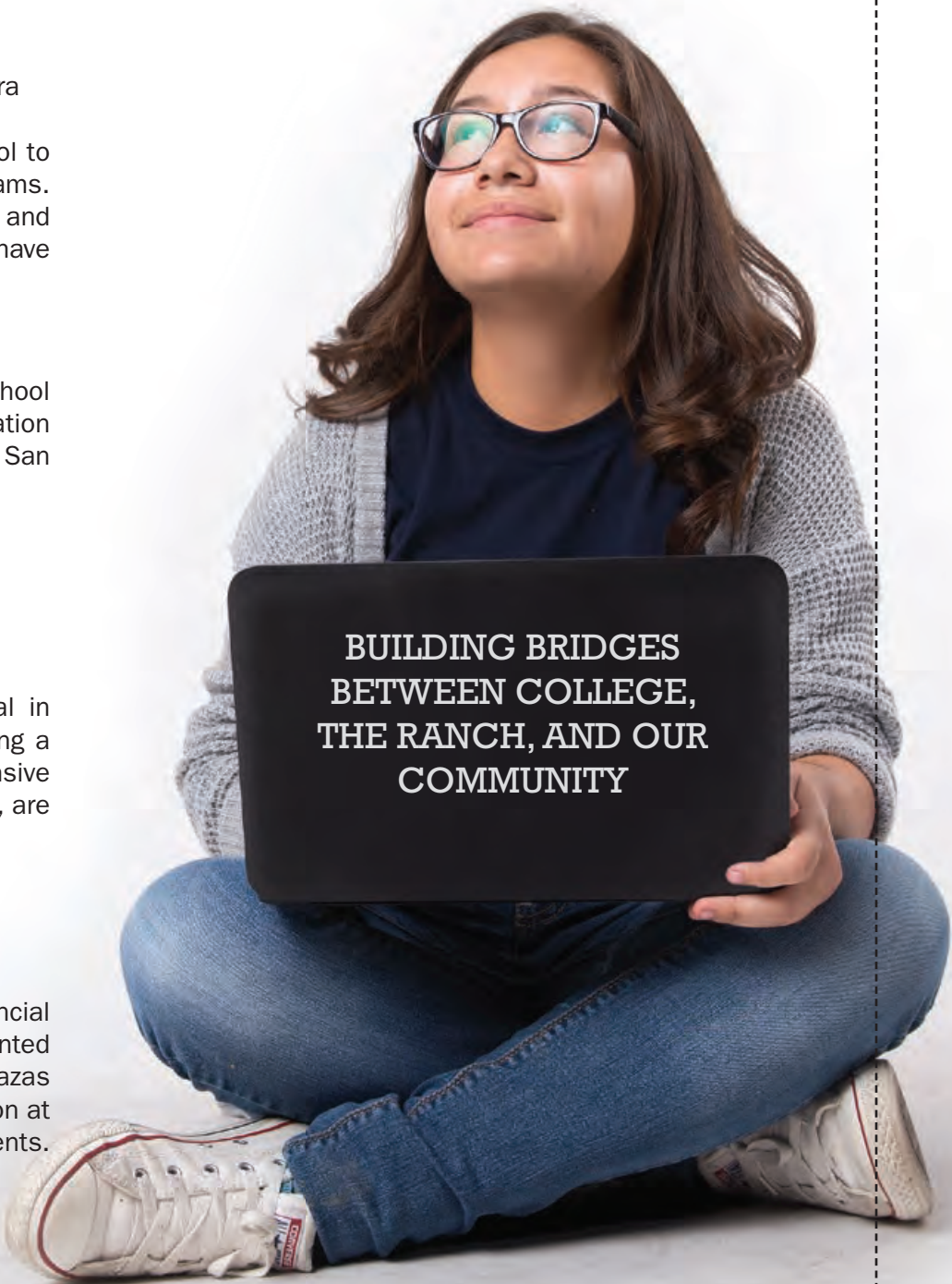
Goal of ensuring one degree holding member in every household in Pico Rivera

Every home in Pico Rivera deserves access to higher education; with that goal in mind, El Rancho has partnered with Generation 1st Degree to work toward making a college degree attainable for each household. Generation 1st Degree's comprehensive college preparatory programs, from mentorships to college affordability workshops, are completely in line with our school's ethos of college readiness.

HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

G1D funds scholarships, also the Frank Terrazas scholarship

Our school is committed to the success of every student regardless of their financial circumstances; to that end, El Rancho offer students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds access to higher education through the Gates Millennium and Frank Terrazas scholarships as well as the Hispanic Scholarship Fund. It is a key part of our mission at El Rancho to ensure that merit and money are never mutually exclusive for our students.



COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS

For our students, college is not some far off, intangible dream; it is a living, breathing reality that pulses beneath the surface of every classroom and extracurricular program. Over the years and through our various partnerships with local colleges and UC Irvine, we have worked to not only prepare our students for college but to bring college to our students through UC Irvine's EAOP program, Rio Hondo College's Early College Academy, Tri Cities ROP, and Project Lead the Way at Cal Poly Pomona and Cerritos College.

Each of these college preparatory programs gives our ambitious Dons an academically and intellectually immersive experience that goes far beyond a mere taste of the possibilities and expectations of a higher education.

UC IRVINE

- EAOP (Early Academic Outreach Program)
- Extensive College planning and prep
- Academic Advising and Enrichment
- Parent Engagement

CAL POLY POMONA

- Project Lead the Way (PLTW)
- Promotes diversity among college students studying science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields

CERRITOS COLLEGE

- Project Lead the Way and dual enrollment credit

CSULB

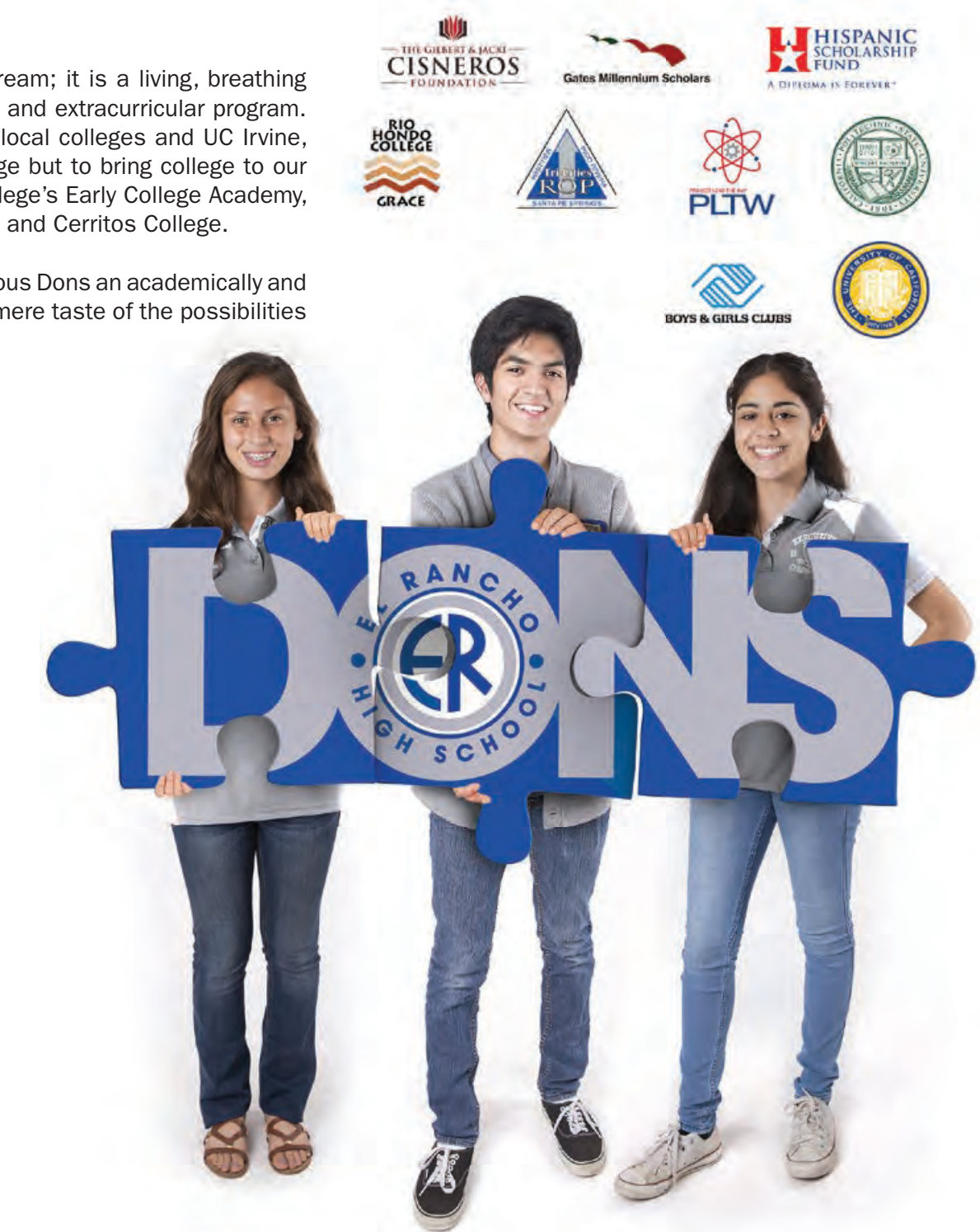
- Courses on ER campus for college credit

RIO HONDO COLLEGE

- Early College Academy
- Courses on ER campus for college credit

TRI CITIES ROP

- Courses offered at ERHS in various pathways
- Career and Technical Education





CLUBS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At The Ranch, Dons do it all

ASB ACTIVITIES

Blue Crew
Blue Pride Day
Club Fair
Community Nights
Dodgeball Tournament
Don Games
Farewell Rally
Homecoming Assembly
Homecoming Carnival

Homecoming Halftime Show
King of the Ranch
Mother Daughter Tea
Multicultural Carnival
Night Pep Rally
Pep Rally on Wheels
Pepsters
Powder Puff
Prom

Sadie Hawkins Dance
Sadie Hawkins Pep Rally
Senior Parent Nights
Senior vs. Staff Week
Staff Appreciation Football Game
Welcome Back Rally
Winter Formal
Winterbelle

ACADEMIC DECATHLON

Academic Decathlon, a ten-event scholastic competition designed to include students from all achievement levels, is keeping a tradition of excellence alive and well at El Rancho High School. Consistent performance at the county level has led to half a dozen invitations to the state competition over the years. Recently, our team placed first in Division III, earned a silver medal in Super Quiz, and collected over twenty individual medals. This success is a result of the “decath-a-family” partnership among current upperclassmen, various subject-specific coaches, and former decathletes who return to reinvest in the program. Through investment in academic leadership, our team consistently proves dulce et decorum est Don, it is sweet and fitting to be a Don!

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TEEN COURT

The El Rancho Teen Court is the model Teen Court for the state of California, currently ranked highest in the state. Over the past five years, the El Rancho Teen Court has had over 3000 student participants, and has heard over 72 cases, of which two were dismissed. The success of teen court is reliant on the hard work and dedication of El Rancho students and faculty.

CULINARY ARTS

The Culinary Arts Club is a life changing, continuous learning opportunity with over 400 active members including alumni of the past 6 years. The club reaches out to various organizations and gives everyone involved real life lessons on humanity and character. The Culinary Arts Club feeds the homeless for thanksgiving and all throughout the year.

CAC also cooks for children's hospitals, cooking competitions, celebrity events, anti-bullying projects, and City of Hope for cancer research.



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