

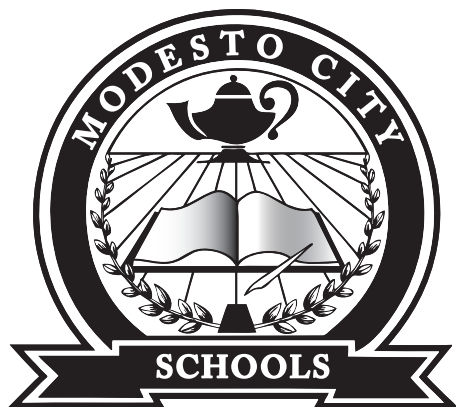
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THE “EDDIES”

Modesto City Schools’
Celebration of Character



April 26, 2016 • 7 p.m.
Thomas Downey High School
1000 Coffee Road, Modesto, CA 95355

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Welcome and Introductions

Pamela Able, Superintendent

“The Star Spangled Banner”

Downey Madrigals

K-6 Student Recognition

Mark Herbst, Senior Director,
Educational Services, Pre-K-6

Marla Mack, Senior Director,
Educational Services, Pre-K-6

Kimberly Newton, Senior Director,
Educational Services, Pre-K-6

“Amavolovolo”

Downey Madrigals

7-12 Student Recognition

Michael Coats, Senior Director,
Educational Services, 7-12

Thor Harrison, Senior Director,
Educational Services, 7-12

Superintendent’s Award

Pamela Able, Superintendent

The 2016 Honorees

Elihu Beard Elementary School

Gianna Galati - 6th Grade

Gianna is a consistent positive role model in the classroom, during free time, and while volunteering. She is kind, considerate, trustworthy and hard-working. Gianna has shown initiative in mentoring students in Beard's special day/severely handicapped program. The compassion and patience she shows with peers who need extra guidance is inspiring.

Sydney Shores - 6th Grade

Sydney supports fellow students, assists teachers, volunteers with younger students, serves on safety patrol and helps severely handicapped students. Her kind, honest and caring personality has the unique capability of recognizing a person in need and taking the initiative to help out without having to be asked.

Bret Harte Elementary School

Jasmin Carranza - 6th Grade

Jasmin is the student council treasurer and exhibits strong leadership skills, in class and school-wide. She coordinates and delivers the school announcements each morning. Jasmin is also a member of the orchestra and the school Peace Patrol. She always strives to do her best with a smile on her face. Jasmin is a positive role model for all students.

Sebastian Navarro - 6th Grade

Sebastian is an excellent student and school leader, serving on the student council and as a student representative on the school's PBIS committee. He responds to issues by problem solving and presenting solutions that will benefit all. Sebastian's effort, drive and enthusiasm will help him achieve his dream of becoming an engineer.

Burbank Elementary School

Elias Lopez Castaneda - 6th Grade

Elias is very courteous and consistently exemplifies good character traits. He is helpful as the logistical coordinator of Burbank's sports program. Elias prepares competition venues, ensuring all equipment is set up properly. Then, he collects all equipment and breaks down the venue after every match. He demonstrates outstanding initiative.

Kody Reeves - 5th Grade

Kody is counted on by many at Burbank to fulfill jobs for which he graciously volunteers. As the "Commander" of the Green Police, Kody keeps the campus clean with the recycling program, and he keeps the campus orderly by monitoring student conduct in the halls. Kody's dedication and hard work is a valuable asset to the Bulldogs.

El Vista Elementary School

Ashley Lopez Biggs - 6th Grade

Ashley demonstrates respect and makes sure all students are treated fairly. She speaks-up to adults when she feels a student is treated poorly. Despite being new to the country, Ashley's dedication to learning the language and succeeding in school has brought her far. She asks questions often and eagerly shares her knowledge with peers.

Angel Barron Robles - 6th Grade

Angel is helpful to all he meets and often volunteers after school to clean up the classroom. He speaks up when a student is wronged. Angel is honest and kind when talking with adults and peers. He is always willing to ask questions or get tutored when he needs academic help, as well as help others understand class exercises.

Enslens Elementary School

Andrew Cardenas - 6th Grade

Andrew has a sweet spirit and strives to do well in school, even when learning new concepts can be difficult. He is always polite and respectful to his peers, teachers, office staff and anyone with whom he comes into contact. Andrew exhibits commitment, dedication and compassion, and truly cares about the people around him.

Indira Kane - 6th Grade

Indira has shown remarkable growth emotionally and academically since starting the year new to public school. She is at the top of her class in English Language Arts, has the highest fluency scores in the grade, and was a top scorer on the latest math benchmark exam. Indira is an inspiration for her effort, determination and perseverance.

Catherine Everett Elementary School

Austyn Kerr - 6th Grade

Austyn has worked hard at becoming a student with high character. In addition to proudly serving on Traffic Patrol, Austyn demonstrates an amazing command of word choice and exhibits maturity when solving problems with other students. His behavior shows understanding of the character traits needed to be successful.

Tony Sepulveda - 6th Grade

Tony works far harder than most children his age. He volunteers for before and after school intervention programs and asks for additional learning exercises regularly. Tony helps others and is kind and compassionate in ways that exceed the expectation of his years. He is a leader in class through the example he sets. Tony is a ray of sunshine.

Fairview Elementary School

Alberto Cardenas - 5th Grade

Alberto's diligence and perseverance in Read 180 has resulted in phenomenal growth in reading. He is also progressing in his daily class activities. Alberto faced many setbacks in his journey toward success, but he never gave up. He triumphed with hard work and a newly developed belief in himself.

Cesar Diaz Mejia - 6th Grade

At the beginning of the year, Cesar struggled in class. He has made an amazing turn-around. He participates in discussions, requests clarification when needed and always puts forth his best effort. Cesar is kind and demonstrates respect for all. If he notices a peer in need, Cesar is the first to come to their aid.

Franklin Elementary School

Ivie Maberry - 4th Grade

Ivie is a bright, energetic young girl. She is responsible, and is actively involved in the music program and Lego Robotics. Ivie always works hard and makes good choices to be a successful student. She always comes to school happy and prepared to learn. Ivie is determined, focused, independent and kind.

Gabriela Vallejo - 4th Grade

Gaby is a hard-working and dedicated student. She showed initiative and perseverance through her participation in Lego Robotics. Every day, Gaby came to the office during recess to work on the project. She has shown improvement in both behavior and academics. Gaby is outgoing, friendly and kind.

John Fremont Elementary School & Fremont Open Plan

Jennifer Cortez - 6th Grade

Jennifer is an extremely self-motivated student. She is learning braille, tutoring struggling third grade students, and teaching Fremont's administrative assistant Spanish. Jennifer takes on extra homework projects and has asked her principal and teachers for feedback. She is kind and considerate of others.

Gracie Maldonado Roberts - 6th Grade

Gracie is willing to help her teachers and peers, who consistently look up to her. She is an amazing leader and a perfect role model for her second grade buddy, who feels valued through Gracie's honest and compassionate nature. Gracie is a great independent thinker, always is cooperative and positive, and continually has creative ideas.

William Garrison Elementary School

Akouavi Abok - 6th Grade

Akouavi demonstrates hard work and commitment to getting a good education. She participates in class and sets a good example for others to follow as to what a mature and dedicated student looks like. Akouavi often volunteers to help out in the classroom after school. Her beautiful smile and charming personality are contagious.

Brian Prasad - 6th Grade

Brian has shown an increasing inquisitiveness and eagerness to learn new things this year. He shows his interest by encouraging those around to learn through reading, including staff. Brian is polite and thorough in his work. His kind nature shows through his positive aura and patience in waiting for others to catch up, which is commendable.

Harriette Kirschen Elementary School

Citlali Bustos Miranda - 6th Grade

Citlali is involved in student government, music and chorus, and is a 3rd grade mentor buddy. In the classroom, she works one-to-one with peers struggling in math and reading. Citlali's positive attitude, helpful nature, and school involvement demonstrates that she is a role model with leadership abilities and amazing potential.

Kayla Renee Muller-Markham - 6th Grade

Kayla is hardworking, independent, caring, and creative. Her cheerful nature and willingness to accept feedback allows her to learn, grow, and excel academically. Kayla is quick to reach out to new students, often inviting them to join her during lunch and introducing them to her friends. Her sense of responsibility and respect shows great character.

Lakewood Elementary School

Adin Blevins - 5th Grade

Adin is always enthusiastic about school. He has a positive attitude and greets everyone with a big smile. Adin actively participates in safety patrol, drama and robotics. He has a positive perception of himself and accepts his deafness as a part of who he is. Adin always tries to do his best and accepts academic challenges with a great attitude.

Hugo Kachinski - 5th Grade

Hugo is a conscientious student who always tries his best. He has improved both his homework habits and his overall grades this year. Hugo has gained confidence to share his ideas in class, and he always represents excellent character no matter what comes his way. He is kind and compassionate to all those around him.

James Marshall Elementary School

Isaac Garza - 6th Grade

Isaac is polite, respectful, and hard-working. This year, he has maintained perfect attendance! He is well-liked by everyone and has a knack for building strong interpersonal relationships. As a Reclassified English Learner, Isaac maintains strong grades and is committed to his goal of graduating from high school.

Natalie Pizarro - 5th Grade

Natalie is an outstanding citizen, maintains good grades, and is a positive role model to younger students. She has a sincere desire to help others and always looks for opportunities to do so. Natalie demonstrates strong leadership and community service skills on the school's Safety Patrol. She is polite, respectful and a true Peace Builder.

Alberta Martone Elementary School

Alejandro Leon - 1st Grade

Alejandro is a respectful young man, and a polite, attentive learner. He always works hard and remains on task during whole group, small group, and independent work time. Alejandro is often partnered with students who need the most help because he is gentle and kind and has the patience to work with struggling students.

Isaiah Nickell - 5th Grade

Isaiah has made remarkable progress this year, both academically and personally. He has learned to set new goals, to be willing to adapt and to accept responsibility for his actions and choices. Isaiah has also made a great effort in making new friends at school. These positive changes are just the beginning of a bright future for Isaiah!

John Muir Elementary School

Hena Hafiz - 2nd Grade

Despite her sister's battle with cancer, Hena has displayed remarkable courage and perseverance. She has managed to have excellent attendance, show growth in all academic areas, and be an example of compassion to her friends and family. Hena is an inspiration to those around her during difficult times.

Nathan Wantland - 4th Grade

Anything new can be scary, but for Nathan, it was a particular challenge. However, he recognized that life is full of new things, and in order to do his best, he would have to accept change as a part of life. With this in mind, Nathan joined a more challenging math class and has been pushing himself out of his comfort zone in all school activities.

Robertson Road Elementary School

Cesar Martinez Valencia - 6th Grade

Cesar is one of those amazing students who truly is an all-around genuine and good person. He is always willing to lend a helping hand to his classmates, and always has a smile in class. Cesar has proven his diligence and great work ethic time and time again. Robertson Road students and staff consider themselves lucky to know Cesar.

Brianna Valeria Ceja Vasquez - 6th Grade

Brianna is such an amazing student and young lady. She has proven that she will not let any obstacle deter her from succeeding. Brianna is such a hard-working student and one of the top 6th grade students at Robertson Road. She is involved in both Chorus and Student Council, and is a role model to her peers.

Rose Avenue Elementary School

Brandon Harris - 6th Grade

Brandon is a highly conscientious student. He is focused on being the best student he can be. Brandon is a great tutor or friend for anyone who needs the help. His own development thus far has laid a great foundation for future success. Brandon is highly motivated to succeed and takes all opportunities to improve his own knowledge and skills.

Destiny Padgett - 6th Grade

Destiny has a strong moral compass. She believes in treating everyone fairly and standing up for others, even if it is difficult. Destiny is honest, even if it means sacrificing something. She comes to school eager and motivated, and lives life with integrity and joy. Destiny is a positive example to her fellow students and to adults as well.

Shackelford Elementary School

Jazania Nunez Mendoza - 6th Grade

Jazania appears shy and quiet, but she is always listening and thinking. She is the first to get to work and focus on a task. When something is difficult for her, she perseveres and completes the task even when others do not. This year, Jazania has worked very hard to become a better reader and writer and has been successful in both.

Gabriela Sanchez Osorio - 6th Grade

Gabriela has matured and become a serious student. She takes initiative during Read 180 class by taking comprehension tests on books that she's read on her own time and has raised her reading level. Gabby is responsible and encourages others to work hard. She has a goal of going to college to become a doctor.

Sonoma Elementary School

Alecka Cenon - 6th Grade

Alecka, who didn't learn English until 7, is now a fluent speaker and an excellent writer. She earns Honor Roll every semester, turns in every assignment, tries her best, and always helps in her extra time. Alecka is very involved as a Future Teacher, member of Sonoma Chorus, and active in Taekwondo. She is honest, kind and cares about others.

Emma Musso - 6th Grade

Emma is a model student. She participates in many programs, and has been a member of the chorus since 3rd grade. This year, Emma became the first ever electric bass player for the Sonoma orchestra. She models respect and responsibility every single day. Emma's positive attitude and ambition will take her far.

Tuolumne Elementary School

Rylee Bryant Aguilar - 2nd Grade

Rylee is an amazing model student. She is very positive and is genuinely a good girl at heart. Rylee even has positive words for her friends and the group she sits with in class. She regularly praises students to get them to finish work, or urges them on to get the job done, right when they are about to give up.

Andrea Salgado - 5th Grade

Andrea works very hard in school, and her attitude is outstanding. She is responsible and never needs to be reminded to do anything. Andrea comes to class and quickly gets her materials out and follows along wherever we are. She is a soft, beautiful spirit. Andrea has progressed by showing responsibility and civility each day.

Wilson Elementary School

Nayeli Bojorquez Espinoza - 6th Grade

Nayeli is a remarkable young lady who is hard-working, selfless and strives to be the best that she can be. She has held an ASB office at Wilson for three years and is always the first to volunteer for community events. Nayeli is kind to others, adores her family, models civility and has great courage. She exudes extraordinary character.

Raymond Loredo - 3rd Grade

Last year, Raymond struggled academically and socially. This year, he is a great student and has become a classroom and playground leader. He has persevered and is kind and helpful to everyone. Raymond has learned to control impulsive behavior and his positive choices have reaped rewards both in and out of class.

Orville Wright Elementary School

Luis Rivera - 4th Grade

Luis is always willing to share his thoughts during class discussions, and even tries new ways of approaching the topic under discussion. He has made huge strides in showing civility and respect to his classmates and teacher. Luis tries very hard to be helpful to all and a positive influence in class.

Heaven Perez - 6th Grade

Heaven has blossomed into a vibrant and well-educated young lady. She has worked hard and maintained her focus on the tasks at hand. Heaven consistently makes good choices, being polite to adults and peers in and out of the classroom. She uses common sense to positively solve problems on her own.

Evelyn Hanshaw Middle School

Isael Perez Ayon - 8th Grade

Isael has demonstrated exemplary civility both on and off the court. He is an all-around respectful, responsible and courteous young man in all of his classes. Isael makes positive choices in who he associates with and how to treat his peers. He has a positive impact on others and is on the path to a successful future.

Azucena Tellez Miranda - 8th Grade

Azucena demonstrates responsibility through her straight A's in all Honors classes. She is part of the CodeX program where she learns how to code and build apps. Azucena's infectious smile and positive attitude is seen everywhere on campus, from the classroom to the volleyball and basketball courts. She shows leadership in all that she does.

La Loma Junior High School

Leonardo Angulo - 8th Grade

Leonardo is respectful, conscientious and always completes his assignments. He is a great asset to his classmates as a regular contributor to projects. Leonardo recently earned a solo in the chorus concert, where he sang his part beautifully. Math teacher Mr. Michelena commented, "I would take a whole class of kids like Leonardo!"

Alexis King - 8th Grade

Alexis has a smile for everyone. She's in chorus, her GPA is above 3.5, and she is a WEB leader. The staff of summer WEB training said 7th grade orientation was more impactful due to Alexis. She regularly welcomes new students. Alexis' teachers only have positive things to say about her, as she is a great example of all of MCS' character traits.

Mark Twain Junior High School

Belen Juarez Martinez - 7th Grade

Belen is an exceptional student who continually thrives both in and outside of the classroom. She is involved in the Penumbra Club, improves her class environment by offering help, is an inspiration to her classmates, and has a gift of encouragement to peers. Belen is a model citizen for all students and stakeholders at Mark Twain.

Vanessa Muniz - 7th Grade

Vanessa works as hard as she possibly can each and every day. She starts and ends her school day by walking more than a mile each way. Vanessa has excellent attendance and is joyful towards others. She never has anything negative to say. Vanessa perseveres and never misses an assignment while striving to be the best student possible.

Roosevelt Junior High School

Hasan Banna - 8th Grade

Since moving to the U.S., Hasan has excelled in learning English. He is passionate about education, and works hard in all areas. Hasan's quick transition from the Language Institute into mainstream classes is an inspiration. He actively participates in Roosevelt's STEM program and events like Science Olympiad and the Stanislaus County Science Fair.

Abigail Van Diepen - 8th Grade

Abby is a kind, passionate, humble and hardworking student who positively affects those around her and has a passion for learning. She maintains a 4.0 GPA in addition to being an outstanding athlete. Abby is Roosevelt's Student Body President, a member of California Junior Scholarship Federation, and has several community service hours.

Fred C. Beyer High School

Bethany Harper - 12th Grade

Bethany is first in her class (non-weighted) and has demonstrated leadership as the president of Speech & Debate and Academic Decathlon. Bethany is also an AP Scholar with Honors, scholarship recipient, and tutor. Despite having a congenital disability, she believes her success shows what can be accomplished when one doesn't give up.

Elizabeth Roseman - 12th Grade

Elizabeth is a Stanislaus County Leadership Academy graduate, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards delegate, Girls State first runner-up, and active volunteer. She served as class president, played on the swimming and water polo teams, and participated in Science Olympiad, Link Crew, FFA, Pura Vida, and Chemistry and Calculus Clubs.

Grace M. Davis High School

Leonardo Hermosillo - 12th Grade

Leo moved to the U.S. in 2010 when he joined the Language Institute. In 2015, he reclassified as an English speaker. Leo works hard as part of the soccer, track, and football teams. He is an AVID student, enrolled in two AP classes, and waiting to hear back from four universities. Leo is diligent in his studies and a great role model.

Olivia Navarrette - 11th Grade

Olivia stands out as a resilient and tenacious student. She returned to school after experiencing an extreme tragedy last year. Despite her difficulties, she remains upbeat. Olivia participates in CSF and FFA while volunteering at the Gospel Mission. She consistently puts others' needs first. Her character and perseverance is beyond reproach.

Thomas Downey High School

Samuel Alessandra - 11th Grade

After a tough freshman year out of state, Samuel is passing every class. He enrolled in Summer School and Extended Summer School classes to recover his missing credits. Samuel's perseverance, effort and positive attitude have made him successful. Now, his options following graduation are wide open.

Jenifer Sanchez - 11th Grade

Jenifer is passionate about her education and she has persevered through some very difficult obstacles. She has matured and learned to use her drive and passion positively to achieve her goals. Her dedication, perseverance and maturity will help her achieve her goal of graduating from a four-year college and helping others in need.

Elliott Alternative Education Center

Jessy Garcia - 12th Grade

Jessy is resilient, inclusive, sensitive and strong. She personifies respect, civility, initiative, perseverance, loyalty and courage. Jessy has made tremendous progress behaviorally and academically. She works hard every day to complete her work, and volunteers with the PHAST Club before, during and after school and on weekends.

Tammy Garcia - 11th Grade

Tammy is one of the most positive voices on campus. She works hard in class, earns good grades, and offers help to those in need. Tammy is a peace-maker and counselor amongst her friends, acting as the voice of calm and reason. She looks beyond her current troubles towards a brighter future, and is admired by peers and school staff.

James C. Enochs High School

Angelica Lee - 12th Grade

Angelica's hard work, determination and outstanding character development has made her an outstanding student. Despite struggling with academics earlier on, she has successfully raised her grades and developed a positive, respectful attitude. Angelica is a polite, courteous student who always gives her best, no matter the assignment.

Jillian Willis - 12th Grade

Despite an ongoing battle with cancer, Jillian has persevered to keep a positive attitude and has remained dedicated to her high academic standards. She is an excellent student, displaying this perseverance throughout her academic career. Jillian has been accepted to CSU Chico and plans to attend this fall or next spring.

Joseph A. Gregori High School

Saira Barajas - 12th Grade

Saira has served as an FFA officer for three years and is currently the Gregori FFA Chapter President. Despite being diagnosed with cancer this past September, Saira never missed a thing with her officer team. Video chats and inspirational text messages were a daily event until her return this January. Saira's drive is beyond comparison.

Andrew Rhodeman - 12th Grade

Andrew coordinated a Make-A-Wish Foundation fundraiser, Macy's "Believe Campaign," in which Gregori students wrote 41,840 letters. As a result of these efforts, Make-A-Wish received a check for \$83,680 in Gregori High School's name. It was the largest donation of its kind within this Make-A-Wish Foundation region.

Peter Johansen High School

Ernesto Gonzalez - 12th Grade

Ernesto is an exemplary student with a steadfast commitment to serve and improve Johansen. Whether assisting with a drama production, recruiting members for the Ag Academy, or planning a rally, he gives his best and leads by example. Ernesto's peers and teachers admire the respect, integrity, compassion and responsibility he shows every day.

Ashley Pierce - 12th Grade

Ashley's belief in hard work, determination and initiative is evident in all that she does. Many staff members seek her assistance with various projects, and she is always willing to lend a helping hand. Ashley is kind to all students, and as ASB president, she honors diversity and seeks to be a voice for all students.

Modesto High School

Nicole Parhizgari - 12th Grade

Nicole is a full IB Diploma candidate. She is MoHi's newspaper editor and has been involved with Project Hope, PHAST and Panthers for a Cure Club. Nicole helped establish TAG, a support group for grieving students. She has demonstrated grace and perseverance during her own loss, and acts as a ray of hope for other students.

James Robison - 12th Grade

James is a positive and upbeat student who, despite obstacles, has never wavered in his optimism and outgoing personality. He is seen around campus with a smile on his face and as he greets and interacts with anyone in his path. James is a student we all look up to for strength and perseverance.



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Superintendent's Award

Presented to:

Noah Martin

8th Grade

Roosevelt Junior High School

Noah is an outstanding young man. He is a great student and a pleasure to have in class, which is why math teacher Teresa Foote was concerned when she realized that Noah was shrinking right before her eyes. When Ms. Foote asked Noah if he was ok, he replied that he made the decision to become healthy, which resulted in him losing over 100 pounds. Noah explained that when he was 7 years old, he was diagnosed with cancer. During a two-year battle with not just one, but two types of cancer, Noah could eat very little. After his treatment, he began overeating which resulted in a lot of weight gain. Last year, Noah made the choice to do something about his weight. Through diet and exercise, he has lost over 100 pounds. Noah's battle with cancer and subsequent weight loss proves he is a fighter who perseveres through life's obstacles.

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