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MEDIA RELEASE

Third Annual Latinx High School Celebración Honors Fresno Unified Graduates

What: Latinx High School Celebración

When: Sunday, June 8, 2025, 10:00 a.m. to noon

Where: Save Mart Center, 2650 E. Shaw Ave., Fresno 93710

The third annual Latinx High School Celebración will take place on Sunday, June 8, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Save Mart Center in Fresno. This vibrant and inspiring event honors high school graduates from across Fresno Unified School District, celebrating their academic achievements, cultural pride and resilience.

Organized by youth in collaboration with the Education & Leadership Foundation, Youth Leadership Institute, Fresno Unified School District, and community partners, the Latinx High School Celebración uplifts students and families through a ceremony that blends tradition, joy, and recognition.

“This celebración exemplifies our mission to uplift our youth and help them embrace their identity while achieving academic excellence,” said Mayra Santana, Education & Leadership Foundation associate executive director and co-chair of the Latinx Celebración.

“I’m excited for the representation of youth voice and advocacy. Our young people have shown up weekly to support this work, coming after school, after sports practice and even after AP testing,” said Emily Rivas, Fresno County director of programs, co-chair of the Latinx Celebración. “Their efforts invigorate our work and our community. They are legacy leaders in the making!”

The event will feature student speakers, live cultural performances, recognition of the State Seal of Biliteracy and State Seal of Civic Engagement and the awarding of celebratory stoles to graduates. Families, educators and community members are invited to attend and take part in this special moment of recognition and unity. This year, there are 711 students receiving Seals of Biliteracy and 312 students receiving Seals of Civic Engagement.

“This celebración is a powerful reflection of the strength, pride and perseverance of our Latinx students and families,” said Superintendent Misty Her. “It is an honor to recognize their achievements and cultural heritage as they take the next step toward bright and promising futures.”

About Education & Leadership Foundation

A community based non-profit organization that provides education, civic engagement, and immigration services. The organization provides professional development seminars, leadership development, professional development internships, scholarships, and volunteer opportunities through collaboration with other organizations.

About Youth Leadership Institute (yli)

yli builds communities where young people and their adult allies come together to create positive social change. The organization achieves this in two key ways: providing training, tools and

resources for effective youth advocacy, and by leveraging the experience and savvy of adult allies. yli's work is based on the conviction that, if we empower youth to use their voices well, the entire community will prosper as a result.