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MCSD to Celebrate Student Achievement at Reclassification Awards Night

Merced City School District will host its annual Reclassification Awards Night on Wednesday, May 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the Merced Theater to honor multilingual students who have met the criteria to be reclassified as English proficient.

The event celebrates students' hard work, academic achievement, and growth in English language development. Families, staff, and community members will come together to recognize this important milestone in each student's educational journey.

Reclassification represents far more than language proficiency. It reflects years of dedication, perseverance, resilience, and the unwavering support of families, teachers, and school staff. Students being recognized have demonstrated remarkable growth while continuing to embrace the cultural and linguistic strengths they bring to their schools and community.

The evening will feature special performances celebrating the diverse cultures represented throughout the District, creating a meaningful and joyful atmosphere for students and their families. The evening will also feature keynote speaker Rick Her, Coordinator of Pupil Services for Merced City School District. As a member of the Hmong community, Mr. Her and his family immigrated to the United States during a time of great hardship and uncertainty, overcoming immense challenges as they built a new life. His story of perseverance, resilience, and hope serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of education and the limitless possibilities that come from believing in yourself.

Merced City School District is proud to celebrate these students not only as proficient English speakers, but as bilingual and bicultural leaders of tomorrow. Their achievements highlight the value of multilingualism and the power of education to open doors for future success.

The District also extends its gratitude to families for their continued encouragement and partnership throughout the journey. The ability to speak more than one language is not only a skill, it is a strength that enriches schools, communities, and future opportunities for students.

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"Our students have the academic skills and personal characteristics to continue their learning journey, pursuing their passions and talents."