



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF COACHELLA VALLEY

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Dear Boys & Girls Clubs Supporters,

Where did summer go? This issue photo-highlights some of the hot weather Club activities the kids experienced, like deep sea fishing, swimming at the Palm Desert Aquatic Center, watching a big screen movie in an actual theater, as well as a success story resulting from our scholarship program which has existed for nearly 50 years.



Club members enjoyed the movie “*Playing with Fire*” at the Regal Rancho Mirage.

We are grateful for our kids to have the opportunity to experience what going to the movies IN PERSON feels like!

“...the movie was so good I even cried.”

Maya H.

Our Mecca Club members enrolled in the ‘Smart Girls Program’ were recently treated to an encouraging talk by guest speaker and alum, **Karla Rodriguez**. “The dedicated staff recognized my determination and encouraged me to apply for their scholarship program,” said Karla.

“Looking back, I can honestly say, without this scholarship, I would not have been able to embark on my life-changing, academic journey. Sharing my journey, inspiring others, and offering guidance is a fulfilling experience. As I continue my path, I remain committed to empowering my community, advocating for those who face adversity, and providing support wherever it is needed.

Through Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley, I received the

valuable gift of education and opportunity. Today, I stand as a testament to the power of resilience, community support, and the transformative

impact of investing in young minds.”



Karla Rodriguez graduated from California State University (Chico) with a major in Political Science and a minor in Ethics, Justice, and Policy.



Here’s some of our 2023-2024 scholarship recipients.

So, this is just a glance of what summer has been about at the Clubs and more of that will continue this fall as our dedicated staff provide test-proven, after-school educational programs thanks to your support. **Look at the full roster of students YOU helped earn educational scholarships for the 2023-24 academic year.**

Rafael Alejo	Cal Poly State University	Mechanical Engineering
Blanca Almada	Grand Canyon University	English
Rayna Amador	Grand Canyon University	Nursing
Briceyda Cabrera	CSU San Bernardino	Business Admin
Yaire Cabrera	UMass Global	Psychology
Heriana Chavez	CSU Fullerton	Psychology
Daniel Cid	CSU San Marcos	Sociology
Elizabeth Cota	Hope International University	Kinesiology
Alexis Delgado-Murillo	College of the Desert	Mechanical Engineering
Rolando Gomez	CSU San Bernardino	Nursing
America Hernandez Guillen	San Diego State University	Mechanical Engineering
Maria Lopez	College of the Desert	Health Sciences
Azriel Mancilla	College of the Desert	Education
Miguel Millan	CSU San Bernardino	Music
Adrian Montes	Southern New Hampshire Univer.	Business Admin
Sarbelio Montoya	College of the Desert	Health Informatics
Kymani Nix	West Coast Ultrasound Institute	Business Admin
Mike Powell	College of the Desert	Business Admin
Crystal Romero	CSU Fullerton	Psychology
Itari Romero	CSU San Bernardino	Psychology
Adriana Torres	Stanford	Political Science
Francisco Torres	College of the Desert	Criminology
Bernice Vaca-Espinoza	UC Riverside	Pre-Med
Tony Williams	University of Redlands	Business Admin
Maurisha Wright	Texas Southern University	Psychology
Ethan Yockey	Howard University	Environmental Science

A word from our Board Chair, Lee Osborne & our President/CEO Quinton Egson

For 58 years, agricultural growers, packers and shippers, local business owners and industry leaders have gathered to play in the **Southwestern Growers Invitational Golf Tournament**. Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley benefits from the tournament and car raffle, which are open to anyone! Raffle purchasers and a guest



are invited to attend the car drawing buffet dinner on **Friday, September 22nd** at Bermuda Dunes Country Club. The lucky winner can choose to zoom around in a 2024 Corvette* OR take a \$45,000 cash-out option. Only 400 tickets will be sold!
Tickets are \$400 and can be purchased by calling Susan Ogrodnick, 760/836-

1160, Ext. 101. You do not need to be present to win! Pin flag sponsorships are available too for \$1,000 and qualify you to become a member of our “donor appreciation” President’s Circle. We hope to see you for this very fun and wildly anticipated car drawing event!

**Winner can choose a new Cadillac, Buick, GMC, or Chevrolet vehicle of like value.*

And don’t forget to sing along with Barry! If you attend a **Barry Manilow Christmas** concert at the McCallum Theatre, a percentage of the proceeds comes directly to us from five live performances (December 12, 13, 15, 16 or 17). Go to www.AGOL6.com and select Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley from the drop-down menu at the time of ticket purchase.

