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## STUDENT LEADERS START REPRESENTING



When the late Rialto Unified School District educator, Mrs. **Georgia Floyd Morris** (namesake of RUSD's *Morris Elementary School*) introduced District Student Advisory Committee (DSAC) in 1989, it was because she envisioned students leading in the District.

She said (then), "Our students are the main reason we are here, we want them to have a meaningful voice and share the wonderful things they are doing at their schools, at a higher level."

Twenty-four years later, the next badge of student leaders gathered in the West Wing of the

**Dr. John R. Kazalunas Education Center**, located at 182 East Walnut Avenue in Rialto.

DSAC students are comprised of two student leaders from each of the five RUSD middle schools and three student leaders from each of the four high schools. They are selected by their site ASB directors and principals.

One designated student from each middle and high school will attend RUSD Board of Education meetings to inform the sitting Board and Superintendent about events/news occurring on their campus. DSAC's student advisor is **Micah St. Andrew**, senior at **Eisenhower High School** and an RUSD Student Board Member.

"It's great that we still have DSAC here, and it shows us that the Board supports and values us as students," smiled St. Andrew.

The DSAC students meet the second Wednesday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. to noon during their ASB and school

lunch time, building on leadership and camaraderie.

DSAC students also learn the day to day operations of the District and take one sponsored education field trip.

This year's DSAC students are: **Frisbie Middle**; **Juliette Rivera** and **Jordan Dixon**, **Jehue Middle**; **Sophia Argenal**, **Jessica Villalpondo**, **Kolb Middle**; **Anaya Redd** and **Richard Acosta**, **Kucera Middle**; **Aavaisra Ali** and **Jorge Nunez** and from **Rialto Middle**; **Veranea Quintero** and **Andrea Suchy**. DSAC high school students are: **Carter High**: **Airamee Grunder**, **Haley Ramsdell** and **Kenya Staley**, **Eisenhower High**; **Jacquelyn Gutierrez**, **Micah St. Andrew** and **Giovanni Ayala**, **Milor High**; **Jocelyn Gonzalez**, **Imani Hill** and **Juan Alvarado** and **Rialto High**; **Yolanda Muga**, **Daisy Nieto** and **Angie Samano**. For more information please call, 820-7700, ext 2123.

## MEASURE Y COMES THROUGH FOR STUDENTS



Rialto High School Football Stadium's new turf displayed.

Thousands of parents/guardians, students, family members and staff gathered at **Rialto High School Knights Stadium** on a pleasant breezy evening to hold a grand

introduction of their new Knights Stadium turf.

"It's an exciting time for all of us," said Rialto High School Principal, **Arnie Ayala**, who caught the

first "catch" in the home game of Knights Football game (hosting crosstown rival, Eisenhower High School). The football was flown in by San Bernardino County Sheriff helicopter in a majestic fashion.

"We wanted to open our season with something real big," said RHS Athletic Director, **Kevin Gilbreth**, "and when the crowd cheered, we achieved it."

Although the Eagles defeated the Knights, the night belonged to students, parents, staff and volunteers of RHS.

RUSD Board President, **Joe Ayala** led the Ribbon Cutting ceremony before the game.

"The tailgating, the camaraderie, and the joy that I see tonight is all due to team work," smiled Ayala, "When staff and parents are happy, our students are happy, engaged and learning and that is what we're striving for."

"After 18 months of planning and

design, 5 months of construction, the new track and field at RHS finally revealed its beauty," said **Iris Chu**, RUSD Facilities/Planning Director. "Rialto Knights has been patiently waiting for this moment. The project is 100 percent paid for by the Measure "Y" Fund, the school facilities improvement bond fund that the Rialto voters approved in November 2010."

The total cost of the new track and field is over \$2.5 million, according to Associate Superintendent of Business, **Mohammad Islam**.

This project is also the collaborative product of the District's Maintenance & Operation, Facilities Planning, architect WLC, and the contractor Neff Construction.

Supported by the RUSD Board of Education, Measure Y will finance Carter High School's track and field, the RUSD Culinary Art Academy and the Design and Engineering Academy by the end of 2013.

# RUSD SCHOOLS PAY RESPECT ON 9/11



ABOVE: Students and staff gather around the RUSD's Kolb Middle School flag pole on the morning of Patriot's Day.



ON RIGHT: JROTC Army Reservist /KMS Counselor **Michael Medina** addresses the entire Kolb Middle school student body via broadcast, while his young cadets listen and observe the military veteran.

**Patriot's Day** is a day of remembrance.

Schools throughout the **Rialto Unified School District** paid their respects in remembrance of the history altering terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001.

Flags throughout the District were flown half-staff and moments of silence were observed.

The usual jovial tone of **Kolb Middle School's** morning announcements was replaced by somber reflection.

Army Reservist and Kolb Middle School Counselor, **Michael Medina** lifted the intercom and proceeded to address the KMS campus. He spoke on the significance of that fateful

day and the freedoms which we tend to take for granted. A short video was shown and soon after ASB Coordinator and Teacher, **Shelly Gates** took the opportunity to answer questions from curious students.

All 29 schools in the RUSD participated in some way of commemorating the events that shocked the nation.

"I recalled a long time ago that people would say, 'I remember exactly where I was when such and such event would happen,'" said an RUSD grandparent, **Jules Volkerts**, "I'm pretty sure that 9/11 is one of those sad moments, so it's nice to know and read that our schools are teaching the significance of history."

## PARENT SUMMIT SET FOR OCT. 12



Thousands of parents, students and the education community will be a part of the **Rialto Unified School District's 5th Annual Parent Summit** and we want you to attend this RUSD educational opportunity geared towards helping students.

The Parent Summit will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Carter High School**, located at 2630 N. Linden Avenue in Rialto.

Various workshops will be in session and taught by education professionals. All 29 RUSD schools and countless District departments will be showcasing booths, answering questions and providing informational material to the parental community. There will also be an extensive College Fair. The Summit is free for the RUSD families

The Parent Center was founded four years ago by active parents and the District, led by the late **Curtis T. Winton**. It was designed to strengthen relations with the parent and the schools.

For additional information on the Parent Summit, please call **Rhonda McIver-Jackson** or **Monica Del Rio** at the Parent Institute, (909) 879-6000, ext. 2201.

## Next RUSD School Board Meetings

The next two regular RUSD Board of Education meetings will be held on **Wednesday, September 25, 7:00 p.m., at Dr. Kazalunas Education Center**, located at 182 East Walnut Avenue in Rialto and on **Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013, at Frisbie Middle School**, located at 1442 North Eucalyptus, in Rialto. All Board meetings are public, and televised on Rialto's Channel, KRTO. For more information please call, (909) 820-7700, ext. 2123.



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