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# Border Eco Updates

## Congratulations Class of 2026!

To the wonderful Class of 2026,

All of us at Border Eco Magazine would like to extend our most heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of you as you celebrate this remarkable milestone in your lives. Your hard work, unwavering determination, and resilience have led you to this significant moment, and as you stand on the brink of your future, it is filled with endless possibilities awaiting you.

At Border Eco Magazine, we take great pride in honoring the achievements, dreams, and diverse stories of our graduating students throughout Santa Cruz County. Your journeys have not only inspired your families and peers but have also had a profound impact on our communities. Regardless of the paths you choose be it attending college, embarking on fulfilling careers, serving in the military, pursuing entrepreneurship, or seeking new adventures always remember that your unique voice, talents, and leadership capabilities can drive meaningful change in the world around you.

As you move forward, continue to believe in yourselves and the power of your dreams. Support one another, share your experiences, and work collaboratively to achieve your goals. Although your journey is only just beginning, know that the entire Santa Cruz County community stands proudly behind you, cheering you on as you embark on this exciting chapter of your lives. You have the courage, compassion, and purpose to shape the future, and we can't wait to see the incredible things you will accomplish.

**Congratulations, Class of 2026! Your community is behind you every step of the way, rooting for your success.**

Embrace the challenges and uncertainties that lie ahead with an optimistic outlook and unwavering perseverance. Remember that every step you take, no matter how small, contributes to your personal growth and development. Stay curious, actively seek opportunities to expand your knowledge and skills, and never underestimate the profound impact your actions can have. The world needs your energy, creativity, and vision to help build a brighter tomorrow for all.

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# Robofest Robotics Competition

ROBOFEST was held on April 30th at AJM Elementary School. The robotics competition is organized by the Santa Cruz County School Superintendent's Office, led by Santa Cruz County School Superintendent Maya M. Donnelly, and sponsored by South32. Zigma Consulting coordinates the event logistics and judging during the competition. The tournament featured 92 students from across 9 elementary schools.

This year, ROBOFEST had a special guest. Mr. Tony Vasquez from the Department of Public Safety held a brief demonstration of the robots used during bomb threats. The students were delighted to see actual robots in action and discovered real-life applications for the skills they had learned.

During the school year, participating schools operated afterschool robotics clubs. At the club, students learn how robots work, experiment with the mechanics of the assembly process, and develop basic coding skills using electronic cards. During the competition, teams of students build their robots and compete against other teams. Winners were announced, and trophies, medals, and certificates were awarded by Superintendent Donnelly and Ms. Brenda Chavez from Zigma Consulting.



# TECHNOLOCHICAS

I'm Latina, and I love technology!

The Santa Cruz County School Superintendent's Office recently celebrated another successful year of the Technolochicas Program with an exciting educational trip to the Arizona Science Center in Phoenix. A total of 113 students from Patagonia, Calabasas, Coatimundi, Desert Shadows, and Wade Carpenter middle schools attended alongside their club sponsors and chaperones for a day focused on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) exploration.

One of the highlights of the visit was the Dorrance Planetarium presentation featuring the Rubin Observatory in Peru, where students learned how a powerful 3,200-megapixel camera will help scientists discover supernovae, track asteroids, and deepen our understanding of the universe.

Students also participated in a hands-on activity at the CREATE Makerspace, learning basic circuitry as they created their own personalized light-up bracelets. The day concluded with students exploring four floors of interactive science exhibits that encouraged curiosity, creativity, and discovery.

The Technolochicas Program continues to give students opportunities to learn, create, and explore STEM in fun and meaningful ways. The after-school Technolochicas Program is proudly supported by the Santa Cruz County School Superintendent's Office and sponsored by the Hermosa South32 Project. Judging by the excitement and enthusiasm throughout the trip, the future is certainly bright for these young innovators.



# Graduations Across Santa Cruz County



## Never Too Late to Reinvent: How Alex Guzman Proved Learning Has No Expiration Date

Alex Guzman, known professionally as Alex Woozia, achieved success early in his career. He launched his first business right out of high school in 2006 and spent nearly two decades building companies in technology, education, marketing, and leadership development. By any measure, he had accomplished what many people only dream of. However, Alex felt that something was missing: a desire for continued academic and personal growth. So, he decided to go back to school.

“A lot of people think that once you start working professionally, school is behind you,” says Guzman, an entrepreneur, author, and community advocate from Santa Cruz County. “I found the opposite to be true. My real-world experience made me appreciate education even more because I could immediately apply what I was learning to leadership, business, communication, and community engagement.”

At Pima Community College, Guzman pursued a Liberal Arts degree, intentionally selecting courses in government, communication, ethics, public service, and leadership. He aimed for an education that connected directly to his long-term goals in political science, public administration, and economic development. The program’s flexibility allowed him to create an interdisciplinary path tailored to his vision, bridging his practical business knowledge with academic theory.

More than grades or a diploma, Guzman sought something deeper: proof that learning never truly stops, regardless of age or circumstance. “I wanted to set an example for others who may feel it’s ‘too late’ to go back to school,” he says. “It’s never too late to invest in yourself. Your background, your struggles, your age none of that defines your future.”

Returning to the classroom transformed Guzman in unexpected ways. He became a better listener, a sharper critical thinker, and a more empathetic leader. Courses in ethics and public service challenged him to view problems from multiple perspectives, while group dynamics and communication classes taught him how to collaborate across diverse skill sets, skills he now applies daily in boardrooms and community meetings alike.

“In business, it’s easy to focus solely on execution and results,” Guzman reflects. “But school challenged me to think more critically, to collaborate with different perspectives, and to communicate ideas more effectively. It reinforced the importance of empathy and adaptability in leadership. Every person comes from a different background, and understanding that helps you lead more effectively.”

Beyond the classroom, Guzman’s educational journey laid a stronger foundation for his long-term goals in leadership, economic development, and public service. He sharpened his analytical thinking, deepened his understanding of organizational systems, and rediscovered the joy of intellectual curiosity. Yet his most powerful lesson was simple: “Education is not just about earning a degree; it’s about developing yourself into someone who can create opportunities, solve problems, and positively impact others.”

Guzman’s story serves as a beacon for anyone who has ever wondered if they’ve missed their chance. Whether you’re twenty or sixty, whether you’re a parent working night shifts or a professional feeling stuck in your career, his message is clear: never stop investing in yourself.

“Success rarely happens overnight,” he says. “It comes from persistence, resilience, and continuing to show up even when things get difficult. Sometimes the biggest transformation begins the moment you decide to try again.”

Today, Alex Guzman stands as living proof that reinvention has no deadline. His journey reminds us all that the classroom door is never truly closed, and the best time to pursue your dreams is right now.

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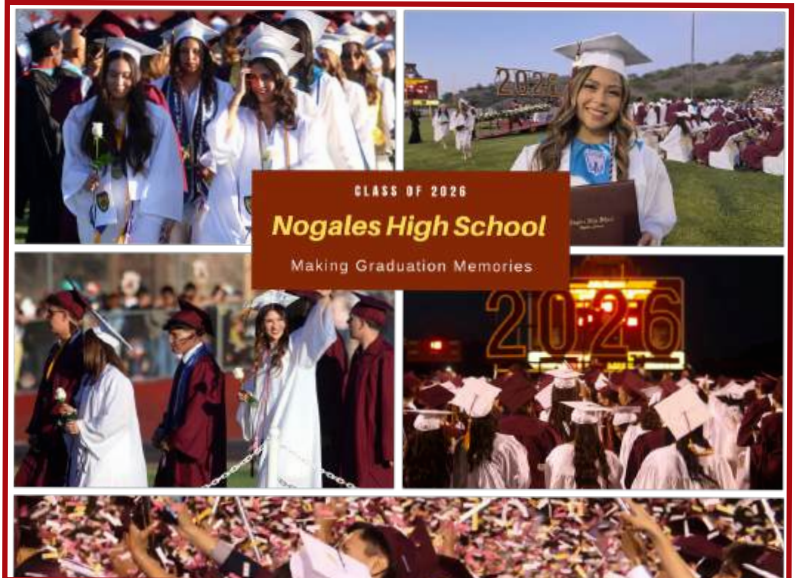


"Dreams Don't Expire: Honoring the Class of 2026"



To the remarkable Class of 2026, look at how far you've come. You navigated challenges that would have stopped generations before you, yet here you stand, not just surviving but thriving, with diplomas in hand and futures wide open. This publication is honored to shine a spotlight on your achievements, from the quiet late-night study sessions to the breakthrough moments of clarity, from the leadership roles you stepped into to the kindness you extended to one another when it mattered most. Your journey proves that timelines are illusions; whether you crossed this finish line at twenty or sixty, whether you changed majors four times or took the scenic route through night classes and second shifts, you did it. And in doing so, you've reminded every person reading this that dreams don't expire.

So as you turn your tassels and step into what comes next, remember this: your story is now a spark for someone else's fire. By pursuing your goals with courage and grit, you become the living proof that it is never, ever too late. That coworker who feels stuck? They'll see you. That parent who put their own dreams on hold? They'll hear your name. That teenager who thinks they've missed their chance? They'll read about you and whisper, if they can, maybe I can too. Go, then chase the improbable job, the bold idea, the second act nobody saw coming. And along the way, let your light be the permission someone else needs to begin. **Congratulations, Class of 2026: the world is ready for your encore.**





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# Sandra Moraga: How Education Became Her Path to Purpose, Leadership, and a Sustainable Future

For many people, the idea of returning to school later in life can be intimidating. Responsibilities increase, careers evolve, families depend on us, and time becomes one of life's greatest challenges. However, for Sandra Moraga, education became more than just a personal goal; it became a pathway to reinvention, leadership, and purpose. Today, Sandra serves as a Communities Specialist for the Hermosa Project with South32, where she focuses on building meaningful and transparent relationships with local stakeholders while ensuring that community voices are heard throughout the development process. Yet her journey toward leadership and higher education was not always straightforward.

"As an immigrant, I had little knowledge of the educational opportunities available after high school," Sandra shared. "I enrolled at the University of Arizona but was unable to finish my bachelor's degree at the time."

Like many individuals balancing life and work responsibilities, Sandra entered the workforce and gained valuable experience working for the City of Nogales and UniSource. However, she soon realized that without a degree, many professional opportunities were out of reach. Rather than letting these barriers define her future, Sandra made the courageous decision to return to school in her mid-20s a choice that would ultimately transform her life.

Driven by determination and purpose, she earned not one, but three bachelor's degrees in Marketing, Business Administration, and Psychology. Her commitment to education only continued to grow.

While working alongside former Santa Cruz County School Superintendent Alfredo Velasquez as an educational advocate for students and families, Sandra witnessed firsthand the power of education to change lives and create opportunities. "Education teaches you to apply concepts to real-life situations," she explained. "But it is also about personal growth and fulfillment."

With support from South32 and a growing passion for sustainability and community impact, Sandra pursued a Master of Sustainability Leadership from Arizona State University's Rob and Melani Walton College of Global Futures. This degree aligns closely with the Hermosa Project's sustainability values and long-term vision.

"I was inspired by Hermosa's commitment to sustainability," Sandra said. "My values focus on people, the planet, and economic sustainability. In my role, I can make a positive impact in the community, and I look forward to continuing to make a difference."

Sandra credits much of her success to perseverance, collaboration, and the support system around her. Balancing graduate school, work responsibilities, family commitments, and community engagement was not easy.

"Time management was one of the biggest challenges," she admitted. "But everyone around me supported me. My family worked around my schedule, and everyone at Hermosa encouraged me and helped me succeed."

Today, Sandra's work focuses on stakeholder engagement, social performance, and building trust within the community. She believes that community engagement fosters transparency, strengthens relationships, and ensures local voices are included in decision-making. Her educational journey has also shaped her leadership philosophy.

"My master's degree helped me think more holistically and lead with intention," Sandra said. "It strengthened my communication style and taught me how to consider diverse perspectives and long-term thinking, which are critical for community-focused work."

Despite her many accomplishments, Sandra's goals continue to evolve. Professionally, she hopes to pursue a Doctorate in Social Justice while continuing to support sustainable mining practices at Hermosa. Personally, she aims to further develop her artistic talents and become more involved in the Nogales artistic community.

**For Sandra, one message remains especially important for those considering returning to school later in life:**

**"Understand your 'WHY,'" she said. "There will be difficult moments, but your purpose is what gets you through. Build a support system, believe in yourself, and stay committed to your goals. It is never too late to reinvent yourself."**

Her story serves as a powerful reminder that education has no age limit. With resilience, purpose, and support, it is always possible to grow, evolve, and create new opportunities not just for yourself, but for your entire community.



# Rio Rico Insights

## Celebrating the Golden Hawk Awards



Congratulations to all of the students recognized at this year's Golden Hawk Awards! This special event celebrated the hard work, dedication, and achievements of our graduating Class of 2026, including students who earned local and merit-based scholarships, departmental honors, and special awards.

We are incredibly proud of every student who was recognized and the commitment they have shown throughout their high school journey.

Special Award Recipients:

- Principal's Award: Sophia Guzman
- Assistant Principal's Award: Pike Thunder Munger
- CTE Director's Award: Melani Pastor Lopez
- Athletic Excellence Award: Jessence Octavio-Callejo

Department Award Recipients:

- Fine Arts: Georgina Uriarte Plata
- English: Daniel Woodburn
- Alternative Pathways: Julian Guillermo
- Science: Luis Gallardo
- Social Studies: Hayleigh Simmons Navarro
- Math: Zulette Lizarraga
- Physical Education: Sophia Guzman
- Helpful Hawk: Myline Elias
- Foreign Language: Roberto Maldonado
- CTE: Zaidah Rodriguez
- Counseling: Yanel Fuentes



A heartfelt thank you to our scholarship sponsors, community partners, families, and organizations whose generosity and support help make these opportunities possible. Congratulations again to all of our Golden Hawk Award recipients!

## Celebrating the Class of 2026!

The Rio Rico High School Class of 2026 celebrated a memorable graduation ceremony on May 21, 2026, as 353 students crossed the stage and officially became graduates. The evening featured inspiring remarks from Superintendent Verdugo, Governing Board President Lourdes Vasquez, and Principal Dagoberto López, who encouraged graduates to embrace the opportunities ahead while reflecting on the hard work that brought them to this milestone. Special recognition was given to Valedictorian Joal Wilkinson and Salutatorian Daniel Woodburn for their outstanding academic achievements. Congratulations to all 353 graduates as they begin the next chapter of their journeys!



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# NOGALES POLICE

## Beyond the Badge-Commitment to Nogales

The Nogales Police Department is shining brightly, showcasing that law enforcement is about much more than patrols; it's a celebration of community, service, and connection! Recently, officers have been involved in numerous events, highlighting their commitment to public safety and community engagement.

A highlight was their participation in the Nogales Marathon & Health Fair, where officers received certificates and medals for ensuring safety throughout the event. This involvement demonstrated their commitment to wellness and teamwork.

The department also celebrated the graduation of Officer I. Camerlin and K-9 Loki from K-9 Academy, marking the beginning of a strong partnership dedicated to service. Additionally, during Sexual Violence Awareness Month, officers wore jeans for "Denim Day" to show solidarity with survivors, emphasizing the importance of community advocacy.

A significant moment was the memorial for fallen officers. The department honored those who made the ultimate sacrifice. This included an emotional tribute to Officer Jesus "Chuy" Cordova, reminding everyone of his lasting legacy.

The department engaged with youth during Career Day at the Nogales Boys & Girls Club, where K-9 Officer A. Castillo and K-9 Jack shared insights about law enforcement. New recruits Officer P. Felix and J. Ainza have also joined the force, ready to serve the community.

**Through support for victims, participation in community events, and mentorship of future leaders, the Nogales Police Department exemplifies how service extends beyond wearing a badge, continually strengthening the community they proudly serve.**



Victoria Bustamante,  
Rio Rico High School



Lyannah Renee Andrade,  
Nogales High School



"My name is Roxana Lopez, and I am a native of Nogales. I believe in Public Schools since my parents arrived from Mexico. I went to A.J. Mitchell, Wade Carpenter, and Nogales High School, graduating early. This led me to scholarships and Chaminade University of Honolulu, as well as Semester at Sea, where we visited 113 countries on a Ship. My Public Education was incredible and opened so many doors for my future. That is why I fight for Public Schools!" - Roxana Lopez

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### The Protect Education Act Will

- Add new safety measures to protect kids, like required background checks for school employees
- Reduce waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer funds by banning the use of ESA voucher funds for non-educational items like diamond rings, vacations, lingerie, and other luxury items
- Ensure transparency for our taxpayer dollars
- With an exception for families of students with disabilities, limits eligibility to families with an annual income of \$150,000 or less to ensure vouchers support families who really need them
- Return millions back to public school classrooms by ending the stockpiling of taxpayer funds in private savings accounts
- Raise the bar for academic quality & student success

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- Añadir nuevas medidas de seguridad para proteger a los niños, como exigir la verificación de antecedentes para los empleados escolares
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- Garantizar la transparencia en el uso de los impuestos de nuestros contribuyentes
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# GRADUATION LET'S TALK HEALTH

## *From Youth Advocates to Future Healthcare Leaders: Mariposa Graduates Shine Bright*

As graduation season brings celebration to Santa Cruz County, Mariposa Community Health Center is honoring a group of remarkable young leaders dedicated to service and community health in Arizona.

The Mariposa Youth Coalition, Youth Council, and Teen Health Facilitator program recently graduated, with many students now preparing to start their college journeys at universities across the state and beyond. These programs provided them with hands-on experience in leadership, health education, peer advocacy, and community outreach.


Notable graduates include Gabriela Gonzalez from Nogales High School, who will attend Grand Canyon University to study Nursing; Zella Ibarra, also from NHS, heading to the University of Arizona for Physiology and Medical Sciences; and Mia Leon, another NHS graduate, pursuing Nursing at Northern Arizona University. Cesar Eriksen, also from NHS, will join the Army National Guard while majoring in Criminal Justice at Grand Canyon University. Renata Aguirre from Rio Rico High School will study Neuroscience at Arizona State University, and Ami Morales from NHS will pursue Psychology at the University of Arizona.

For years, Mariposa Community Health Center has empowered youth through leadership development and public health education. Participants in these programs engage in health awareness campaigns and advocacy efforts, gaining valuable skills and insight into their future careers.

Every summer, the center hosts the Summer Youth Institute, which provides workshops, training, and career exposure in healthcare and community services.

As these graduates embark on their college journeys, they carry the experiences and community values gained through Mariposa Community Health Center. Their achievements reflect the impact of youth leadership initiatives across Santa Cruz County. Mariposa proudly congratulates the Class of 2026 and looks forward to their continued success in making a difference.





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# Sheriff's Round-Up



Over the past month, members of the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office have proudly participated in several training sessions and community events.

- \*DARE graduations for all 5th graders throughout our community. This important program teaches young people about the hazards of substance abuse.
- \*Special Olympics Torch Run at Rio Rico High School
- \*Career fair throughout Santa Cruz County
- \*Rio Rico Community Days
- \*Nogales High School Car Show
- \*Sheriff Hathaway made a presentation to a visiting group from the Kino Border Initiative
- \*Undersheriff Castillo made a presentation to foreign dignitaries for the State Dept Special Visitor Program
- \*Drone training



During the month of May, we celebrate our different divisions and/or programs:

- \*National Correctional Officer Week from May 3-9, 2026. Our Detention Division is also proudly hosting our second in-house Detention Academy class.
- \*National Peace Officer Week from May 10-16, 2026, including hosting the Santa Cruz County Peace Officer Memorial celebration on May 15, remembering and honoring our fallen heroes.

The Sheriff's Office recently promoted Patrol Corporal Jose Mendoza and Detective Benjamin Norzagaray Jr. Congratulations to both! We are very grateful and thankful for all our Sheriff's Office volunteers and employees, and all they do for our community every day.

Join Our Team

If you're interested in a rewarding career in law enforcement, we are currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- Deputy Sheriff
- Detention Officer
- Dispatcher
- Search & Rescue Volunteer
- Law Enforcement Assist Team Volunteer



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**On behalf of myself and the entire administration, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all members of our communities who help maintain public safety every day.**

Sincerely,

Sheriff David Hathaway

Graduating family members from the Sheriff's Office:

- Detective Sergeant Omar Rodriguez-Ailed Rodriguez (Daughter) Nogales High School
- Detective Arlette Cabrera-Alexxa Cabrera (sister) Rio Rico High School
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