



CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS AND INITIATIVES

2023–2024

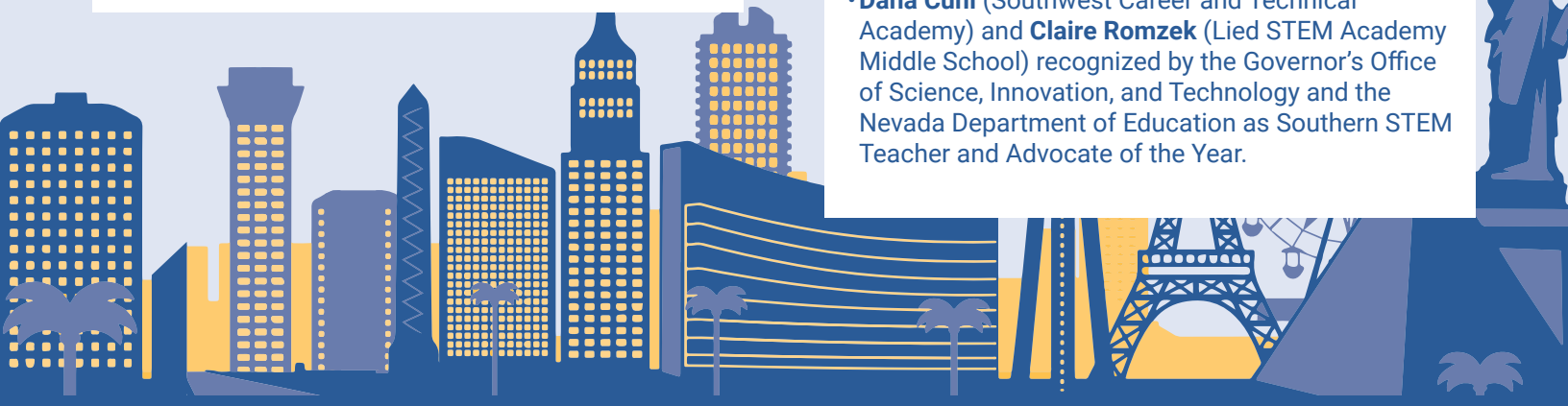
STUDENTS

- **Twelve high school seniors** will attend top universities through the QuestBridge National College Match.
- CCSD Class of 2024 secured a total of **\$292 million in merit/aid-based scholarships**.
- **Samuel Chen of Ed W. Clark High School** named a U.S. Presidential Scholar by a White House commission.
- **220 high school seniors** received the Superintendent's Medallion Award for academic excellence.
- **Durango High School's team** won the NASA TechRise Student Challenge for the second consecutive year.
- **Las Vegas High School's Mariachi Joya** performed at the White House and the U.S. Capitol.
- **Mariachi Los Gavilanes de Monaco Middle School** performed at Carnegie Hall.
- Teams from **Lawrence and Heidi Canarelli Middle School** and **Mike O'Callaghan i3 Learn Academy Middle School** competed in the VEX IQ Robotics world championships.
- **West Career and Technical Academy** team represented Nevada at the national We The People competition.
- **Six CCSD students** selected for the inaugural Sphere XO Student Design Challenge, displaying their artwork on the Sphere's LED exterior.
- **600 students, representing 60 schools**, participated in the Green Our Planet Farmers Market, the largest student-run farmers market in America.
- Over **12,000 students had zero absences** during the 2023–2024 school year.
- **10,578 students** enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten.
- **15,182 students** enrolled in dual enrollment classrooms.

SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS, TEACHERS, & ADMINISTRATORS



- **Laura Jeanne Penrod** (Southwest Career and Technical Academy) named Nevada Teacher of the Year by the Nevada Department of Education.
- **Amy Dockter-Rozar** (West Career and Technical Academy) honored as Principal of the Year by Magnet Schools of America.
- **Annual Starlight Awards**
 - Elementary Teacher of the Year: **Jasohana Quintero**
 - Secondary Teacher of the Year: **Isaac Pineda**
 - Support Professional of the Year: **Dwayne Young**
 - Licensed Specialist of the Year: **Sarah Garcia**
 - Assistant Principal of the Year: **Missy Shipp**
 - Principal of the Year: **Maurice Perkins**
 - Central Office Administrator of the Year: **Rob Hutchinson**
 - Elementary New Teacher of the Year: **Alexa Ching**
 - Secondary New Teacher of the Year: **Jenna Preszler**
 - New Licensed Specialist of the Year: **Amanda Burk**
- **Joseph Kielminski** (Foothill High School) received the prestigious Milken Educator Award.
- **James Smerek** (Legacy High School) awarded the James Madison Memorial Fellowship.
- **Ekuwah Moses** (D. L. "Dusty" Dickens Elementary School) honored with the LifeChanger of the Year Award by National Life Group.
- **Amy Wagner** (Boulder City High School) named Administrator of the Year by the Nevada Association of Student Councils.
- **Erica Nungaray** (Las Vegas High School) recognized as a finalist for National Education Association's Education Support Professional of the Year.
- **Dana Cuni** (Southwest Career and Technical Academy) and **Claire Romzek** (Lied STEM Academy Middle School) recognized by the Governor's Office of Science, Innovation, and Technology and the Nevada Department of Education as Southern STEM Teacher and Advocate of the Year.



SCHOOLS

- **Gordon McCaw STEAM Academy** and **Walter Bracken Elementary School** chosen as National ESEA Distinguished Schools.
- **Walter Bracken Elementary School** received the President's Magnet School of Merit Award of Excellence.
- **Roger D. Gehring Elementary School Academy of Science and Technology** received the Elementary Magnet School of Merit Award of Excellence.
- **26 schools** earned a place on the CCSD Superintendent's 2024 Honor Roll.
- **Eight schools** recognized as Governor's Designated STEM Schools; 27 CCSD schools have received this distinction to date.
- **Nine high schools** named to the Advanced Placement (AP) School Honor Roll by the College Board.
- **Six schools** awarded Purple Star designations for supporting military-connected students.
- **Lyal Burkholder Middle School** and **Carroll M. Johnston Middle School** converted to magnet schools with help from a U.S. Department of Education grant.
- **35 CCSD magnet programs** earned national recognition from Magnet Schools of America.
- **West Career and Technical Academy** team won State Bar of Nevada's High School Mock Trial Competition, advancing to the national championship.

DISTRICT ACCOLADES & INITIATIVES

- **CCSD increased all employees' pay.**
- **Historic pay increases** for licensed educators; starting pay now \$53,000, with top salaries over \$131,000.
- **Every Day Matters** initiative launched to tackle chronic absenteeism, lowering the rate from 36 to 29 percent.
- As part of CCSD's strategy to address chronic absenteeism, staff conducted over **38,000 home visits.**
- **\$777 million in federal pandemic-relief funding** supported recovery and student achievement gains.
- New **No-Cost Community Market** unveiled at CCSD Family Support Center in partnership with The Just One Project and Health Plan of Nevada.
- CCSD partnered with The Public Education Foundation and Spread the Word Nevada to launch **The Book Bus**, distributing 100,000 new books to students.
- **Recognize A Valued Employee (RAVE) Review Program** now included CCSD's Core Values and offers monthly incentives.
- CCSD secured a **\$10 million state grant** to improve literacy and readiness for children under six.
- **Let's Talk** initiative enhanced communication within CCSD, offering a platform for dialogue.
- Installation of **1,700 smart thermostats** in portable classrooms **saved \$50,000 monthly** in energy costs.
- **CCSD Family Support Center** honored for innovation with a Silver Award by the National School Boards Association.
- **CCSD** recognized by the National Association of Music Merchants as one of the **Best Communities for Music Education** for the 25th consecutive year.
- Nonprofit organizations and local municipalities have dedicated over **92,778 hours of volunteer work** to our schools, representing a value of over \$3.1 million

