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## **City of Riverside Announces 25 “Most Remarkable Teens” for 2024**

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The Riverside Youth Council, a youth program coordinated in partnership between the City of Riverside Mayor’s Office and the Riverside Police Department, is pleased to announce this year’s 25 “Most Remarkable Teens.”

The program recognizes Riverside youth in grades 8-12 for their excellence in academics, athletics, arts and culture, community involvement, leadership, courage to overcome, acts of valor, or any other remarkable accomplishments. The applications are carefully reviewed, deliberated, and then selected by the Youth Council.

These 25 teens will be recognized and honored in a special ceremony at the City Council meeting at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, May 7. The event will be held at the Council Chambers at Riverside City Hall, located at 3900 Main Street in downtown Riverside. The public and media are invited to attend.

Now under the mentorship of the Riverside Police Department and Office of the Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson, the Riverside Youth Council was established in 2004 by the Mayor and City Council as a means of expression and leadership development for the city’s youth. The program aims to encourage Riverside’s best and brightest to have a voice in public policy and other decision-making that directly impact the lives of young people.

### **25 “MOST REMARKABLE TEENS” FOR 2024:**

Christina Chimal, Brooke Hernandez, Kayla McCarty – RAMONA HIGH SCHOOL

Marcy Arcos Benigno, Elizabeth Bojorquez Barrios, Rose (Raine) Hemminger, Thu Nguyen, Sophia Rocha, Vineet Sharma, Terry Tebbetts – LA SIERRA HIGH SCHOOL

Natasha Singh – NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Aiden Anguiano – RIVERSIDE VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL

Makayla Hudson, Elynora Taylor, Samantha Velasquez – ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Joseph Subriar – RIVERSIDE POLY HIGH SCHOOL

Marco Suarez – HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

Odera Arena – MARTIN LUTHER KING HIGH SCHOOL

Marilyn Gonzalez, Ahriya Gutierrez – NORTE VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

Brendon Jiang – RIVERSIDE STEM ACADEMY

Isabella Ortega – YSMAEL VILLEGAS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Louisa Pruitt – SUMMIT VIEW INDEPENDENT HOME-BASED PROGRAM

Urijah Raju – ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA PARISH SCHOOL

Rachel Taulanga – ALVORD HIGH SCHOOL