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## **City of Riverside Honors 25 “Most Remarkable Teens” for 2021**

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

This program recognizes Riverside’s youth in grades 8-12 for 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 upon, and then selected by the Youth Council.

These 25 teens were honored in a special ceremony at the City Council meeting today (5/11).

The Riverside Youth Council was established in 2004 by the 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 impacts the lives of young people.

### **25 “MOST REMARKABLE TEENS” FOR 2021:**

Jazmin Diaz - ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Shayda Abdurman - HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

Solomen Ortiz - JOHN W. NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Allison Fischang - LA SIERRA HIGH SCHOOL

Steve Deras - LA SIERRA HIGH SCHOOL

Amerie Negrette - LINCOLN CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOL

Allison Bushong, Eric Bi, Juleen Erives - MARTIN LUTHER KING HIGH SCHOOL

Vivian Shepherd Mayen - NORTE VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

Cerrena Rosas - NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Kiana Mendoza - RAINCROSS HIGH SCHOOL

Arisbeth Herrera, Edwin Dominguez, Eileen Solorzano, Elizabeth Martinez – Gonzalez, Emma Alexander, Francisca Castaneda Gonzalez, Jonathan Arredondo, Moncerrat Garcia - RAMONA HIGH SCHOOL

Ariana Molkara, Cam Mundy, Emmalea Ma - RIVERSIDE POLY HIGH SCHOOL

Joseph Ruel Merickel - RIVERSIDE STEM ACADEMY

Raleigh Punil - SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

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