RISE Event Recognizes African American Students

What: Broadcast of the RISE event recognizing African American students

When: Friday, June 9, 2023
5:30-6:30 p.m.

How to access: https://video.ibm.com/channel/fusd-board-meeting

The district will broadcast a special event recognizing more than 400 African American students from 13 schools through RISE -- Regardless I'm Smart & Educated. The prerecorded event will feature a host, vocal performance, keynote speaker and recognition of all students.

RISE honors African American students who have obtained a 3.0 GPA or higher, had outstanding attendance, made great gains, or have participated in an African American cultural event at their school. RISE began six years ago at Fort Miller Middle School when two educators, Shayla Hayes and Tobaise Brookins, sought to celebrate the accomplishments of the African American students on that campus. This year, RISE recognition will include students from Addicott, Ayer, Kirk, King, Thomas and Vinland elementary schools; Baird, Computech, Fort Miller, Gaston, Tenaya and Terronez middle schools; Fresno Adult School; and the Office of African American Academic Acceleration.

“I am proud of our RISE students and love that we have this tradition of honoring their hard work and accomplishments. RISE exemplifies our district’s mission to nurture the interests,
intellect and leadership of our students in an excellent, equitable education in a culturally proficient environment,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson.

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