



SUMMER 2022

# RANCHO CIELO



*Pictured: RC graduates and dignitaries  
Photo by Juan Avila Photography*

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**Rancho Cielo is about hope and opportunity.** I am privileged to lead this incredible organization with dedicated staff and resilient students supported by a generous community. A non-profit dedicated to providing high-quality education, workforce development, and wrap-around services that assist in the maturation of each young person so they can enter a career of choice and earn a living wage. Some students enter careers straight after high school with sufficient mastery of skills, while others continue with post-secondary training to include college or technical training programs before entering the workforce and earning a living wage with upward mobility and potential.

Research shows that education and training directly relate to the income earning potential of an individual. The difference between having a high school diploma and not having one is significant. Students with a high school diploma and enter a career field, college, or technical training program, have a greater chance of becoming financially independent and supporting a family if they choose. The freedom to make choices related to career paths becomes greater with the more education and training a person maintains.

The John Muir Charter School, our educational partner, individualizes education and makes pursuing a high school diploma a reality. Our programs integrate core academic instruction into vocational training, which requires additional layers of planning, collaboration, and delivery methods to the already difficult task of educating young people in a meaningful and relevant way.

Rancho Cielo wouldn't be possible without the vision of Founder John Phillips, Rancho Cielo Board of Directors, industry, and agency partners who recognize the need to invest in vocational training. There is an enormous labor shortage in the trades, but training also entails a different learning style: kinesthetic, hands-on, experiential, critical thinking, and real-life problem-solving. Our incredible vocational education instructors and case-managers support transitions for each student into the program, matriculation through the program, and post-secondary.

We are very proud of the Class of 2022, our 22 graduates who earned high school diplomas and certifications. They will now move forward with strength in the world, knowing they can achieve anything they put their minds to and work hard at!

Chris Devers, CEO



# GRADUATION HIGHLIGHTS

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## Congratulations Class of 2022!

Enrique “Ricky” Ruiz, Auto/Diesel Repair Student, was one of 22 students from the 2022 graduating class who were awarded High School Diplomas from Rancho Cielo Youth Campus in partnership with John Muir Charter School. The Commencement ceremony was held in Rancho Cielo’s Sally Hughes Church Amphitheater. Rancho Cielo’s Vocational Training Programs are high-skill career technical programs for Monterey County students such as Ricky, who seek a Vocational Training Certificate as they earn their high school education.

During the ceremony, Ricky spoke to the graduating class and said, “2022 Graduates, I challenge you to build your goals throughout life that lead to happiness and prosperity. You are prepared as much as anyone can be!” Ricky also shared his plans for the future, “The Rancho Cielo Auto/Diesel Mechanics program has molded me into a successful young professional and I will continue my education by going to Universal Technical Institute (UTI) in September to become a Diesel Tech.”

The evening was full of emotions and significant moments. Chris Devers, Rancho Cielo’s CEO, gave an inspiring message to the 2022 Graduates, encouraging them to continue moving forward with the strength to achieve their goals. We were fortunate to have Salinas Mayor Kimbley Craig as the event’s keynote speaker, and Rancho Cielo’s Founder John Phillips delivered a wonderful speech highlighting Rancho Cielo’s history. A heartwarming moment by Judge Hulsey, who sang the National Anthem. The night ended beautifully with the conferral of the High School Diplomas to the class of 2022 by RJ Guess, CEO of John Muir Charter School.

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