

Canyon Hills Junior High AVID teacher Jackie Heacock (left) with her student Vincent Arreguin, and Magnolia Junior High AVID teacher Kerry Lewis (far right) with her student Kiana Aguilar.

Two CVUSD eighth-graders recognized as 'Standouts' in college prep program

Two Chino Valley Unified School District eighth-graders have been honored for their outstanding work in a program that prepares students for college.

Kiana Aguilar of Magnolia Junior High in Chino and Vincent Arreguin of Canyon Hills Junior High in Chino Hills were among 67 students honored at the RIMS AVID 8th-Grade Student Standout Ceremony on April 6 at an event center in Etiwanda. RIMS is an acronym for Riverside, Inyo, Mono, and San Bernardino counties. AVID is an acronym for the college preparation program, Advancement Via Individual Determination.

AVID students learn organizational and study skills, work on critical thinking and asking probing questions, get academic help from peers and college tutors, and participate in enrichment and motivational activities that make college seem attainable. AVID students are traditionally the first in their family to attend college.

Attending the ceremony with their students were AVID teachers Kerry Lewis from Magnolia Junior High and Jackie Heacock from Canyon Hills Junior High.