

# LUSOBILL

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Reno, NV



# ***LUSO-AMERICAN YOUTH THEATRICAL PROGRAM***

***SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026***

**Master of Ceremonies**

Daniela Mendes YC1

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Daniela Mendes YC1

**Portuguese National Anthem**

Mia Fernandes YC8

**American National Anthem**

Kenzie Youngblood YC4

**Luso-American Anthem**

Addison Capote YC10

## **2026 Prizes:**

Best Individual in dance category

Best Individual in Musical Variety Category

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for large group category (more than 50 participants)

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for small group category (less than 50 Participants)

# ***2025-2026 YOUTH ADMINISTRATION***

President - Daniela Mendes - YC1

Vice-President - Mia Fernandes - YC8

Secretary - Michael Medeiros - YC11

Treasurer - Maya Colon - YC2

Master of Ceremonies - Morgan Gilbert - YC13

Marshal - Sofia Crawford - YC2

Inside Guard - Ava Coelho - YC13

Outside Guard - Tiago Chadinha - YC24

Trustee - Addison Capote - YC10

Trustee - Krislyn Martins - YC10

Trustee - Savannah Murray - YC4

Trustee - Christiana Costa - YC1

Immediate Past President - Xavier Gaspar - YC24

## Act 1

# ***YOUTH COUNCIL #10 TIPTON – TULARE***

Category: Musical Variety    Youth Director: Marissa Nunes

## **“A História do Nosso Grupo”**

### ***PARTICIPANTS:***

Addison Capote  
Dalton Capote  
Raelynn Capote  
Manuel Cardoso  
Sofia Cardoso  
Haleigh Correia

Genevieve Correia  
Maisie DoCanto  
Lexie Lewis  
Krislyn Martins  
Ashton Mendes  
Alyssa Nunes  
Hayden Nunes

Leah Nunes  
Krissidy Parnell  
Jameson Ribeiro  
Egan Santos  
Sophia Van Scyoc  
William Van Scyoc

### ***A MESSAGE FROM YC10:***

Youth Council #10 would like to extend a thank you to all of their community and donors who allowed them to make this year's performance possible. This also includes parents of performers, scriptwriters, and choreographers of the dance, who are some of our very own youth, and mentors who gave this year's youth inspiration to put on a good show! “Without any of you, none of this would be possible. Because of you, we can continue to express our love towards our culture and to inspire those looking for new beginnings.”

## Act 2

# ***YOUTH COUNCIL #13: ARTESIA***

Category: Dance

Youth Director: Angela Lourenco

## **“YC 13's Love Letter to Nazaré”**

### ***PARTICIPANTS:***

|                  |                       |                  |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Brixton Alves    | Jaxson Cota           | Jacob Lourenco   |
| Hendrix Alves    | Olivia Cota           | Emma Lucas       |
| Maddox Alves     | Caroline De Medeiros  | Evangeline Lucas |
| Mila Bettencourt | Charlotte De Medeiros | Ethan Melo       |
| Armando Cabral   | Lucy Fagundes         | Victoria Melo    |
| Ace Coelho       | Hunter Gilbert        | Luca Neves       |
| Andrew Coelho    | Morgan Gilbert        | Matteo Neves     |
| Ava Coelho       | Amelia Gomes          | Vivienne Rocha   |
| Eva Coelho       | Andrew Gomes          | Pilar Rocha      |
| Isaiah Collins   | Samwell Gonsalves     | Emma Romeiro     |
| Alysia Costa     | Stella Gonsalves      | Emilia Tenorio   |
| Brinley Cota     | Caleb Lourenco        | Noah Tenorio     |
|                  | Harlow Lourenco       |                  |

### ***A MESSAGE FROM YC13:***

YC 13 would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who made this year's journey so special and successful.

First and foremost, we would like to thank our Youth Director, Angela Lourenço, along with our incredible youth leaders and dance instructors, Helder Serrado, Nicole Garcia, Carlie Sousa, Susie Lourenço, and Kassidy Ourique. Thank you for your time, patience, passion, and unwavering

dedication. You encouraged us to grow not only as dancers but also as confident performers.

To our costume team Christina Tenorio and Claudia Avila for your creative imagination and ideations, we are so grateful for your time, energy, and flawless vision.

To our sound engineer Cole Martins, thank you for your creativity and time spent on our performance. We truly appreciate your attention to detail & patience with our team.

A big thank you to the Artesia DES Hall for hosting us every year and giving us the space that allows us to practice. We're so grateful to be part of a community that supports us and our youth group.

Finally, to our incredible parents & props team, thank you for your support, from rides to rehearsals and fundraisers, we couldn't have done this without your love and support.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for helping YC 13 shine.

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## Act 3

# ***YOUTH COUNCIL #2: SAN JOSE***

Category: Dance

Youth Director: Ana Teresa Maciel

## **“Viana's Heartbeat, San Jose's Rhythm”**

### ***PARTICIPANTS:***

Catarina Amarante  
Isabella Bettencourt  
Jett Bettencourt  
Stella Bettencourt

Viviana Bettencourt  
Miranda Brazil  
Riley-Joe Brazil  
Katelyn Colon

Maya Colon  
Lucas Crawford  
Sofia Crawford  
Catarina Da Cunha

|                 |                       |                   |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Dacio Da Rosa   | Aurelia Machado       | Ayden Pereira     |
| Luka Da Rosa    | Tatiana Machado       | Talia Pereira     |
| Logan DaSilva   | Alexandre Maciel      | Ava Ramos         |
| Lucas DaSilva   | Aliana Maciel         | Nolan Ramos       |
| Ella Ditton     | Andre Maciel          | Lucas Raposo      |
| Olivia Eade     | Gracie Marques Vieira | Willow Raposo     |
| Nadia Ervedoso  | Liliana Martinez      | Madison Rocha     |
| Catia Escobar   | Lucas Martinez        | Nathaniel Rocha   |
| Eva Escobar     | Tyler Martinez        | Sofia Rocha       |
| Bettanie Faria  | Malia Melo            | Taylor Rocha      |
| Cesar Ferreira  | Simão Melo            | Vera Rodarte      |
| Gianna Frandsen | Violet Melo           | Adriana Silveira  |
| Faith Freitas   | Claire Moules         | Jonathan Silveira |
| Callen Furtado  | Emma Moules           | Aubrey Soares     |
| Sofia Furtado   | Mason Moules          | Rylie Soares      |
| Ellie Garcia    | Quinten Neu           | Connie Sosa       |
| Griffin Garcia  | Lukas Nunes           | Olivia Sousa      |
| Myles Gil       | Marco Nunes           | Sophia Sousa      |
| Makayla Homen   | Faith Paz             | Hannah Squiers    |
| Michael Homen   | Jeffrey Paz           | Olivia Squiers    |
| Daniel Lopes    | Camryn Peixoto        | Andre Sterling    |
| Liliana Lopes   | Jackson Peixoto       | Benjamin Sterling |
| Natalia Lopes   | Sophie Peixoto        | Marcelo Sterling  |
|                 | Ashley Pereira        |                   |

## ***A MESSAGE FROM YC2:***

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this year's performance possible.

To our families, thank you for your endless support, countless hours, and willingness to jump in wherever needed. From behind-the-scenes preparations to cheering us on every step of the way, this performance would not be possible without you. We are incredibly grateful for all that you do.

To our youth leaders and committees, thank you for your dedication, leadership, and commitment to our group. Your guidance and encouragement help shape not only this performance but also the incredible young people in our council.

A special thank you to **\*\*Mark Garcia\*\*** for your incredible creativity and craftsmanship in designing our props. Thank you for taking our ideas and transforming them into something truly special. Your talent and attention to detail helped bring our vision to life and added another level of magic to this year's performance.

To our DJ, **\*\*Fabio\*\***, thank you for once again making the impossible possible. Every year you somehow raise the bar, creating music that perfectly brings our vision to life. Your talent and creativity make our performances truly unforgettable, and we are so fortunate to have you as part of our team.

And finally, to our choreographers—**\*\*Michelle, Danny, Debbie, and Anthony\*\***—thank you for sharing your incredible creativity, passion, and vision with us. Watching each dance come to life is an amazing experience, and your dedication, patience, and countless hours of hard work inspire us all. Thank you for believing in us and for continually pushing our group to be its very best.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to everyone who has been part of this journey. Your love, support, and commitment are what make Youth Council #2 of San Jose so special.



## Act 4

# ***YOUTH COUNCIL #8: MANTECA***

Category: Dance

Youth Director: Marlene Sousa

**“By their steps we arrived, in their color  
we shine”**

### ***PARTICIPANTS:***

Lucas Alves  
Braydyn Bettencourt  
Landyn Bettencourt  
Masyn Bettencourt  
Cora Bonds  
Frank Borba  
Jolie Borba  
Dylan Borges  
Isabella Borges  
Lena Borges  
Natalia Borges  
Tenley Cardoza  
Harlee Castro  
Madilyn Coelho  
Paisley Coelho  
Alexandreia Cusumano  
Briar Da Silva  
Sofia Da Silva  
Kaylee Fernandes  
Mia Fernandes

Harper French  
Nelson Gomes  
Rafael Gomes  
Sabrina Gomes  
Eliana Gonsalves  
Natalie Gonsalves  
Aurea Hernandez  
Priscilla James  
Calvin John  
Milo John  
Ace Krasko  
Brody Krasko  
Isabella Lucas  
Anthony Machado  
Matthew Machado  
Adam Martins  
Caroline Martins  
Clare Martins  
Elena Martins

Andre Melo  
Cassia Melo  
Jezebel Pires  
Gianna Silva  
Catarina Simas  
Juliana Simas  
Adelyn Sousa  
Everly Sousa  
Grayson Sousa  
Isaiah Sousa  
Jeremiah Sousa  
Katelyn Sousa  
Makayla Sousa  
Noah Sousa  
Penelope Sousa  
Tiago Sousa  
Caroline Vieira  
Jason Vieira  
Kylie Vieira  
Miranda Viera

## ***A MESSAGE FROM YC8:***

Youth Council #8 would like to extend its deepest gratitude to Adult Council 34B for their unwavering support throughout the years. Your dedication and guidance have played a vital role in helping our Youth Council grow and thrive. We also sincerely thank the Manteca-Ripon Pentecost Society for generously providing a space for meetings, rehearsals, and events. Your continued support helps us carry forward the Luso-American traditions with pride and purpose.

We gratefully acknowledge the individuals whose creativity and commitment made this year's presentation possible. Special thanks to Melanie Brasil, Laura Brasil, and Jeff Fernandes for their contributions in developing the music, props, and choreography. We also thank Daniela Lopes for her talent in making our costumes come to life.

Youth Council #8 is honored to be represented at this year's convention by Youth State Board Vice President Mia Fernandes along with delegates Caroline Vieira and Adelyn Sousa.

YC8 would like to bid a devoted farewell to Mia Fernandes & Makayla Sousa. It's been a joy watching your love for everything Luso grow throughout the years. Your dedication, hard work, and example as role models will always be remembered. We wish them many blessings in their future.

Lastly, we sincerely thank our YC8 families for their ongoing support, generosity, and involvement, which are the foundation of our success. We are proud to stand united with the Luso youth, families, and friends who make our community so strong.

Act 5

# ***YOUTH COUNCIL #11 MOUNTAIN VIEW - SANTA CLARA***

Category: Musical Variety    Youth Director: Lindsey Medeiros

## **“Tem Juízo na Cabeça?”**

### ***PARTICIPANTS:***

|                        |                   |                |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Alia Amarante          | Alejandra Da Guia | Manuel Vieira  |
| Cassius Amarante       | Michael Medeiros  | Estella Waite  |
| Simone Amarante        | Tory Nichols      | Gabriela Waite |
| Santino Alvarez Ligeti | Triya Nichols     | Isabela Waite  |
|                        | Aurora Noguera    |                |

### ***A MESSAGE FROM YC11:***

Youth Council #11, Mountain View/Santa Clara, has had an active and meaningful year. Our youth members, alongside their families, have proudly supported local Portuguese communities, participated in festas, and contributed to various charitable causes. Throughout the year, the council hosted several youth events and created lasting memories at holiday get-togethers and themed practices. We are also excited to welcome new youth members and look forward to the continued growth of our council.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thank you to the Aliança Jorgence Hall and S.E.S Portuguese Hall for providing a space

to practice and host dress rehearsal, as well as the Mountain View/Santa Clara 20B-44C-68B-41C Adult and Silicon Valley Region 14-1 20/30s Councils for their continued support and fundraising efforts. Thank you to our dedicated Youth Council families for their constant encouragement and involvement, and to parents Jason Amarante and John da Guia for creating the Convention T-shirt designs.

A special thank you to our Youth Director and Youth Leaders, Linda Vieira, Lindsey Medeiros, and Elisabeth Noguera for preparing the 2026 Mountain View/Santa Clara Youth Council performance. Their passion, creativity, and commitment continue to inspire and positively impact our youth.

Now, please enjoy our performance, Tem Juízo na Cabeça, a Portuguese twist on the hit TV Show, Are you Smarter than a 5th Grader?.

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## Act 6

# ***YOUTH COUNCIL #24: NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY***

Category: Dance

Youth Director: Michelle Silva

**"Uma Noite nas Sanjoaninas com Luzes,  
Fogo, Música e Tradições"**

## ***PARTICIPANTS:***

|                     |                     |                   |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Audrey Alves        | Vivian Elms         | Caisley Parreira  |
| Dominic Alves       | Nicco Enes          | Kennedy Parreira  |
| Eleza Alves         | Sophia Enes         | Emmersyn Peterson |
| Madeline Alves      | Swayze Enes         | Brynn Pires       |
| Caroline Azevedo    | Kensleigh Fernandes | Caden Pires       |
| Maria Azevedo       | Giuliana Goncalves  | Emily Pires       |
| Rose Azevedo        | Logan Goncalves     | Emma Pires        |
| Alex Bettencourt    | Lucas Goncalves     | Isabella Pires    |
| Brayden Bettencourt | Addison Leal        | Jaxson Pires      |
| Eden Bettencourt    | Alexander Lopes     | Maverick Pires    |
| Reed Bettencourt    | Grace Lourenco      | Michael Pires     |
| Ryder Bettencourt   | Laila Lourenco      | Westin Pires      |
| Hannah Biannchi     | Evelyn Lucas        | Jocelyn Qarqat    |
| Lincoln Bianchini   | Olivia Lucas        | Ava Silva         |
| Fallon Borges       | Wyatt Machado       | Isabela Silva     |
| Arielle Botelho     | Carlie Martinho     | Joaquim Silva     |
| Olivia Brasil       | Makenna Martins     | Juliana Silva     |
| Eden Brum           | Farrah Medeiros     | Liam Silva        |
| Noah Brum           | Fallon Megee        | Madelyn Silva     |
| Rita Cardoso        | Palmer Megee        | Mason Silva       |
| Marco Chadinha      | Joseph Mendonca     | Owen Silva        |
| Tiago Chadinha      | Madison Mendonca    | Summer Silva      |
| Emmi Cockriel       | Matelyn Mendonca    | Seth Silveira     |
| Sophia Cockriel     | Logan Miranda       | Kashton Soares    |
| Isabella de Melo    | Livia Morris        | Marlie Sousa      |
| Katelyn de Melo     | Manuel Morris       | Claire Vallance   |
| Drake Drumonde      | Issac Moules        | Xavier Vallance   |
| Marcus Drumonde     | Levi Moules         | Julia Vierra      |
| Owen Elms           | Victoria Moules     | Payton Vincent    |

## ***A MESSAGE FROM YC24:***

The council extends its sincere appreciation to the many individuals who have helped make this year successful. We are grateful to Michelle Morris-Silva, Ethan Fontes, Georganne Galdemez, Hollie Drumonde, Savannah Qarqat, Brian Martins, Mila Alves, and Brigitte Martins Cardoso for their leadership, guidance, and dedication in supporting our youth.

Special thanks are extended to the committees of MPPA Hall in Modesto and FESM Hall in Manteca for generously allowing us to use their facilities for practices and events throughout the year. We are especially thankful to Modesto MPPA for hosting our successful BBQ Chicken Dinner fundraiser during Dia de Portugal on June 10th, and to Liz Silveira for coordinating the event. We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to Connie Gomes for once again creating the beautiful costumes that help bring our performances to life.

Youth Council #24 is especially proud to have two members serving on the State Youth Board: Xavier Gaspar, Past State Youth President, and Tiago Chadinha, Outside Guard. Their leadership and dedication continue to inspire younger members throughout our council and organization.

This year, we also recognize five remarkable youth who are celebrating their final year with Youth Council #24: Isabella Pires, Isabella de Melo, Sophie Cockriel, Michael Pires, and Tiago Chadinha. Thank you for your years of commitment,

friendship, leadership, and service. Your contributions have left a lasting impact on our council, and you will be greatly missed.

We would like to recognize and honor our Youth Director, Michelle Morris-Silva, who is celebrating her 23rd convention leading Youth Council #24. Her unwavering dedication, countless hours of service, and commitment to mentoring generations of youth have helped shape our council into what it is today. Michelle's leadership, passion, and love for our Portuguese heritage continue to inspire all of us. We are beyond blessed to have her as our Youth Director, and we extend our deepest gratitude for everything she does.

On behalf of Youth Council #24 Northern San Joaquin Valley, thank you for your support and encouragement throughout the year. We hope you enjoy our 2026 convention performance and join us in celebrating the beauty, culture, and traditions that connect us all.

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Please enjoy a 15  
minute Intermission.

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## Act 7

# ***YOUTH COUNCIL #1: FREMONT-UNION CITY***

Category: Dance

Youth Director: Diane Pereira

## **“Momentos Que Brilham No Palco”**

### ***PARTICIPANTS:***

|                          |                   |                 |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Sofia Alves              | Leonel Frederick  | Isaiah Reyes    |
| Ava Amaral               | Alexia Garcia     | Joey Reyes      |
| Lindsey Amaral           | Andre Garcia      | Gianna Rocha    |
| Natalia Avila            | Crystalina Garcia | Jaspar Rocklein |
| Ryan Avila               | Crystiana Garcia  | Julian Rosa     |
| Ariana Calero            | Aliciana Martins  | Maya Rosa       |
| Cristiano Calero         | Joao Martins      | Brooklyn Santos |
| Christiana Costa         | Simao Martins     | Tiago Silveira  |
| Conner Costa             | Daniela Mendes    | Audrey Soares   |
| Lucas Couto              | Alyssa Nunes      | Claudia Soares  |
| Angelina Da Rosa         | Gianna Nunes      | Emma Soares     |
| McKenzie DaSilva Johnson | Elio Pereira      | Olivia Soares   |
| Kailoa Estrada           | Gabriela Pereira  | MacKenzie Sousa |
| Maleah Estrada           | Giavana Pereira   | Jason Teixeira  |
| Angelina Fagundes        | Giuliana Pereira  | Nelia Teixeira  |
| Tiago Fagundes           | Olivia Pereira    | Simon Teixeira  |
| Mariana Pereira          | Rodrigo Pereira   | Hailey Trovao   |
| Gabriel Frederick        |                   | Aurora Valle    |

### ***A MESSAGE FROM YC1:***

YC1 is excited to be back at the GSR performing this afternoon with six members aging out, some who started performing with the council as toddlers. Our best wishes to Ava Amaral,



Lindsey Amaral, Angelina Da Rosa, Daniela Mendes, Joseph Reyes, & Olivia Soares. We will miss you. Thank you for being part of our LUSO family and best wishes to each of you, go shine bright out there!

Congratulations to Olivia Pereira, and her family for working hard and raising money for youth scholarships as the YC1 royalty contestant.

The council is very proud of their 2026 state board officers, trustee, Christiana Costa, and State Youth President Daniela Mendes. Great job ladies! Special recognition to Daniela and her family for all hard work in preparation for the amazing fundraiser event where over \$23,000 was raised and donated to Washington hospital in Fremont.

The council would like to thank SDES de Alvarado for opening their doors year after year to the council as well as congratulate them on celebrating their Centennial Festa this past May. Thank you to Joseph Reyes Sr. for assisting with the music and huge Obrigado to all the parents, family and friends for always being there. Thank you to youth leaders Jennifer Costa, Mary Gaspar, Bryan Gaspar, Gabriela Mendes, and Rose Pereira, for all their efforts in preparing for not only this convention performance, but all the other events throughout the year. Huge thank you to our youth Director, Diane Pereira who dedicates so much time and energy. You are a rockstar and always make sure the kids shine on stage! The council is very grateful for everyone who always supports them in any way.

## Act 8

# ***YOUTH COUNCIL #4: SACRAMENTO***

Category: Dance

Youth Director: Andrea Vieira

## **“As Nossas Histórias Cantadas”**

### ***PARTICIPANTS:***

|                        |                         |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Belamarie Simoes Alves | Ellyanna Enes           | Emeline Pio       |
| Evan Areia             | Adelina Ferreira-Loredo | Hailey Roati      |
| Ava Avila              | Ezra Ferreira-Loredo    | Isabella Seely    |
| Lorenzo Avila          | Gianna Fischer          | Madison Smith     |
| Bryson Ballesteros     | Marissa Hoaglen         | Sophia Smith      |
| Carston Ballesteros    | Hayden Lembke           | Austin Tanai      |
| Caroline Bateman       | Marko Lourenco          | Simon Tanai       |
| Henry Bateman          | Daphnie Machado         | Iyanna Valim      |
| Alexius Castelo        | Delanie Machado         | Jett Valim        |
| Valentino Corsetti     | Nixson Magina           | Julia Valim       |
| Caleb Costa            | Haylee Martin           | Leandro Valim     |
| Nathan Costa           | Savannah Murray         | Tiago Valim       |
| Ameliyana DaSilva      | Kaisen Oliveira         | Vivienne Valim    |
| Lilyana DaSilva        | Kinsley Oliveira        | Easton Ward       |
| Isaiah Edwards         | Charlee Pimentel        | Madeline Ward     |
| Laffy Edwards          | Kyla Pimentel           | Janelle White     |
| RJ Edwards             | Laynee Pimentel         | Blake Youngblood  |
| Brayden Enes           | Eliseu Pinto            | Kenzie Youngblood |
|                        | Lucas Pinto             |                   |

### ***A MESSAGE FROM YC4:***

As YC #4 takes the stage, we are proud to recognize and celebrate the incredible individuals and organizations who have supported us throughout this year. We also recognize the dedication of our 2025 Convention Queen Iyanna Valim for

representing LUSO and our Youth Council with pride this past year, as well as Savannah Murray for her participation on the State Youth Board. We would also like to recognize our Royalty Court contestant, Isabella Seely, whose commitment and hard work over the past six months have helped raise funds for youth scholarships. These young women truly embody the spirit of fraternalism.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the boards and committees of S.P.H.S.S. of Sacramento, P.F.S.A./S.E.S. of Elk Grove, and Our Lady of Fatima of Thornton for your continued generosity and support. Your willingness to open your halls for our practices, meetings, and events plays a vital role in everything we do. We are deeply grateful to our Youth Director, Andrea Vieira and our biggest supporters and leaders, Kelly Corsetti, Lesley Valim, and Michelle Youngblood, for always going above and beyond. Thank you for your passion and commitment to enriching the lives of our youth through culture and community. We are deeply grateful to everyone who helped create our beautiful costumes and bring this performance to the stage.

To our choreographers Evelyn Habedank and Analicia Adao, and our dance instructors, Grace Pimentel, Julia Marcotte, Gianna Vasconcelos and Sarah Costa—thank you for your creativity, leadership, and the countless hours you've devoted to bringing this performance to life. Your mentorship has made a lasting impact on every member of our group.

To all of our families—your constant encouragement and support are the foundation of our success. We are endlessly thankful for everything you do.

Finally, we proudly recognize our graduating seniors, Evan Areia, Iyanna Valim, and Blake Youngblood. As you begin your next chapter, we wish you continued success and happiness.

## Act 9

# ***YOUTH COUNCIL #18: GUSTINE - LOS BANOS***

Category: Dance

Youth Director: Nancy Segura

## **“From Roots to Bloom”**

### ***PARTICIPANTS:***

Madison Aguiar-Azevedo

Adam Azevedo Oliviera

Luke Brazil

Aubrey Chase

Jackson Chase

Persephony Couto

Addisyn Downey

Maycie Downey

Cassiel Jacobo

Lana Lou Jacobo

Jacob Nascimento

Aivry Parreira

Kavin Parreira

Ashlyn Powers

Gianna Reis

Karley Segura

Landyn Segura

Nathan Segura

Kaliah Soares

Carson Teixeira

Isabel Teixeira

Logan Teixeira

Milla Teixeira

### ***A MESSAGE FROM YC18:***

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped make this year possible. First and foremost, our deepest thanks and appreciation go to our Youth Director, Nancy Segura, for all the time, care, and energy you've dedicated to guiding us. Your leadership has made an incredible difference, and we're so grateful for everything you do. Thank you for your patience, passion, and unwavering commitment to YC18.

We would also like to express our gratitude to our Dance Choreographer, Walter Borba and his Assistants: Catarina Correia, Gabriela Brazil, Karley, Segura, Persephone Stepro and River Stepro. Your dedication, creativity, and vision have

had a profound impact on each of us, both as individuals and as a collective group. Beyond the steps and the stage, we appreciate the way you've fostered an environment of growth, support, and trust. Your belief in our potential, along with your patience and encouragement, has helped us believe in ourselves.

A special thank you to Stevinson Pentecost Hall and Los Banos DES Hall for opening their doors to us, allowing us to practice throughout the year.

We are also deeply grateful to our Los Banos Adult Council 21b for their continuous help, support, and guidance throughout the year.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our entire community for the support that has brought us here today.

Tonight, we proudly honor our three graduating seniors as they take the stage with us one final time. Persephony Couto, Kevin Parreira, and Karley Segura, thank you for your years of dedication, friendship, and commitment to Youth Council 18. Your passion, leadership, and love for our Portuguese traditions have left a lasting impact on our group. Though your journey with YC18 as dancers comes to an end, you will always be part of our Luso family. We wish you all the best as you begin your next chapter. Congratulations, Class of 2026!

Youth Council #18 hopes you enjoy our performance and wishes the best of luck to all of our Luso Youth Council families!

Act 10

## ***YOUTH COUNCIL #25: TRACY***

Category: Dance

Youth Director: Bernadette Rocha

### **“Carnaval Pelo Mundo”**

#### ***PARTICIPANTS:***

Juliette Cloud  
Evelett Gonzalez  
Olivia Jarrett

Ema Parreiras  
Luis Rocha  
Anabelle Silva

Theodore Silva  
Adriano Tavares  
Alexandre Tavares

#### ***A MESSAGE FROM YC25:***

We are incredibly grateful to our generous sponsors for their continued support. To the directors of the IPFES Hall, thank you for opening your doors and giving us a place to rehearse and grow. And to our talented seamstress, Catalina—your creativity and dedication bring our vision to life year after year.

To our amazing parents, thank you for your endless patience, love, and support. Everything we do is possible because of you.

This year, we also want to send our heartfelt best wishes to Olivia Jarrett. Olivia has danced with us for 10 years, and her passion shines every time she steps on stage. Her kind spirit has left a lasting impact on our group, and she will be deeply missed as she moves on to her next chapter.

## Act 11

# ***YOUTH COUNCIL #30: NEWARK***

Category: Dance

Youth Director: Vivalda Silveira

## **“Writing our own Story”**

### ***PARTICIPANTS:***

Rylan Bucher  
Emma Campos

Maya Campos  
Savannah Fredotovich  
Skylar Fredotovich

Melody Lusher  
Juliette Wendschlag

### ***A MESSAGE FROM YC30:***

Youth Council #30 is so proud of our very own, Melody Lusher, for being part of the Royalty Court for this year's convention. Your courage and commitment is an example for our younger members. Congratulations on a job well done!

We would like to thank the Newark Pavilion and our parents for opening their doors in order for us to hold our practices.

We would like to thank our seamstress for creating our skirt.

Youth Council #30 is very appreciative of the support from our parents, our families and friends, the Adult Council 19B and our community.

To our Youth Director, thank you for being committed to our group. A wavering THANK YOU to our Youth Leaders, who spend countless hours preparing and teaching us at practices. Their collaboration is the foundation of our group.

These Leaders in our lives show us our story is ours and we are writing our own story, our way!