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2026 begins our 26th year of Exceeding Expectations and we're happy to say our group has grown from 12 kids and no parents in 2001 to over 50 active kids and many engaged parents today. We also have a number of college graduates who continue to volunteer and mentor our younger kids.

As you all know, our goal is to get each of our kids a good education using sports as the vehicle. As our kids grow into young adults, their accomplishments are making us very proud.

The current status on the academic side:

- Four 2026 high school graduates are in the process of planning their next educational step.
- Four students are currently in college with one graduating this June.
- One recent graduate of Universal Technology Institute is now employed by The Ford Company, specializing in electric vehicles.
- Two athlete-scholars, Chibuiké "Chi" Onyechonam (University of Redlands) and Yoselin Canseco (Cal State University San Bernardino), were recruited for university track teams.



Some recent highlights on the athletic side:

- Richard and Ahris were honored at the end-of-the-season gala celebrating athletic performance in the 2025 KOZ Events series in San Diego

2018, at the USA Track & Field Junior Olympics Championships



2026, at the gala



You can see the interview that the boys gave about EE [here](#).

- Lots of EE podium performances at the Palm Desert Half Marathon and 5K



Nathan (right) and Derek, 1st & 2nd



Karla, 1st



- Training for upcoming CalTri triathlon event at Lake Perris in April







- One Dad, one volunteer and one girlfriend finished the LA Marathon

Leonel, Gracie, and Veronica. Leonel posted an amazing **3:15** in his first marathon.



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Both the academic and athletic success we're seeing is possible only because of generous support from so many of you who are invested in the EE kids.

We are very grateful to Race Directors who welcome our kids with open arms and cheer their success right along with us. And every time one of our kids accomplishes a major academic goal which changes his or her life, we recognize that it simply would not have happened without you and your financial assistance.

On behalf of every Exceeding Expectations member and their families who have been touched by your generosity, we thank you for your engagement with EE and for recognizing that these kids and their families have great potential to be successful when provided with a helping hand.

-Cherie