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Well.

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I.

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Unknown

I never of your. Yeah, yeah.

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You know what? Know. Gave evening again.

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Speaker 2

Everything else. Welcome to our 1997 state convention here in California. I'd like to welcome all of you honorable judges.

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Speaker 3

And yes, we welcome.

00:01:04:03 - 00:01:38:18

Speaker 2

Before we open down the program, I'd like all of you to know that we have a table. So here with the picture of our founder in his memory, you'll notice that it said with dominance. I heard a story tonight that take time because I needed a few little touches. And it seems that for many years that I had a group of five dominant powers, and every Saturday they would play dominoes and they would play for hours and hours and hours.

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Speaker 3

And guess who always.

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Speaker 2

Won the games? The doctor, of course.

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Speaker 3

And we don't really.

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Speaker 2

Know if he was a good dominant player, because everybody caps out to the fact that they let him win. But I think he really won because I think he was the first dominant player. I know the doctor, if he was here, would be very happy to see what is happening today. But before we go in the message short message, I would like everybody to please stand up, hold hands and join us in our organization program of Saint Francis of Assisi.

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Speaker 2

If you pick up your programs, it's printed in the back. I would like you all to join me. Let's get the prayer. It's in the back. If you don't know. And this is the official prayer of the American Chairman of the United States.

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Speaker 2

Lord, make us an instrument of that peace. Where there is hatred that result about where there is injury. Pardon where there is doubt, faith where there is despair, hope where there is darkness, and where there is sadness in all divine master and friend, what I cannot so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to pardon.

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Speaker 2

For it is in giving and receive. It is a me that we are part, and it is in dying that we are born.

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Unknown

I a thank you.

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Speaker 2

Rally erroneous 1997. Here we are entering into I believe in and as we enter into that may like everybody that is present here today to make a commitment to go to our homes and really encourage the use of tomorrow to carry on the work that our founder, Doctor Garcia, so much strives so that we would all have a better life and better opportunity in all aspects of life.

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Speaker 2

I encourage all the parents, and I challenge all of you as parents to get behind your children and encourage them to get up better education than we ourselves have. It's going to take that and more for them to succeed as we continue on.

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Speaker 4

Into the future.

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Speaker 2

It isn't easy for just anybody to say, oh, it's too hard. Oh please join us and make that commitment to each other. And now, just a small comment about our national plan. I want you to know that she has been an excellent ambassadors. This organization throughout the country. She represented us in Washington, DC, and we've had the privilege of marching in the inauguration of President Clinton.

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Speaker 2

it was a good experience. She also represented the American Forum in Mexico City as a guest. But this was to she was very happy to do that. And I'm sure that if any of you have any events now or in the future, you can always come. but and I'll and I'm you one. My grandma used to say not at all in the US a little, and that's true, but a diamond is a diamond for palm.

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Speaker 2

The desert is like a diamond because she will always be a Queen of Queens for this great organization.

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Unknown

And now I would.

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Speaker 2

Like to turn this over to a banquet coordinator. Miss California 1995. And now your Queen co-ordinator who will present you with this program. See, I'm not a queen, so I'm not really show you put it in their hands because they know how to do. Because.

00:06:39:03 - 00:07:06:16

Speaker 2

When I see them, the needles. Senior. That's is I those in and, I like those. Typically most of us can also do that. We those is part of me grandmother is that when you have standards or get that, go check this. It's a no question. Please. Michelle. Okay. This is momentous. Okay. This is bad on Wednesday next minutes.

00:07:06:16 - 00:07:27:25

Speaker 2

Yeah. You know the of those things I think you mention thing I also the person that is I want to use voices is your feminine this committee Jose this is my Nancy. Mr. Gabriel Reyes is assistant to the president at the university board campus.

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Speaker 3

Climate.

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Speaker 3

Center is a techie technologist and professional.

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Speaker 2

Singer here in Tennessee.

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Speaker 2

For exposure magazine, also here in town.

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Speaker 2

Is my Spanish is an attorney at law in civil litigation and employment law.

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Speaker 2

In Atlanta, the Spanish forces working on a 75 year and those president include.

00:08:17:24 - 00:08:54:21

Speaker 2

Ladies and gentlemen, it is a great pleasure to now introduce to you this year's Queen candidates vying for American J. Foreign California State Queen. Even though all four queens are deserving of this title, only one will be selected to represent the forum throughout the upcoming year in this house, this man who sits at a committee identified as the Santa Senior Alejandro.

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Speaker 2

Factor. The chapter commander said today.

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Speaker 2

Tonight, Alexandra brings to us a special message and I quote. There are different events in one's life. It will always stand out thanks to the American Hero Forum. This is one of them. My hope for today's youth is for the path that the smith and the road make it rocky. Whatever the obstacles may be, do not let that stop you from reaching your dreams.

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Speaker 2

Instead, learn from your successes as well as the famous everybody. Alhambra. This is Valley. Oh, okay. You got me. You have an emotional injury. That's very bad. But even coming tonight. Right? Modesto chapter commander Roland Vega.

00:10:07:09 - 00:10:33:28

Speaker 2

Us tonight. But he then says that in life, you cross many people your goals for yourself and strive to be a somebody. Always keep a positive attitude and reach for the good. If you happen to fall, we're trying to reach the moon. You will always let another star remember that the sky is the limit. Understand that even when I have.

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Speaker 2

A media mascot, I'll just say this lesson. You need to carry them.

00:10:45:13 - 00:10:57:05

Speaker 2

To keep the company tonight. But the chapter manager need my guy here.

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Unknown

To ask if there were.

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Speaker 2

Any special kind of advice that you would like to give to every generation, she said it would be one to believe in yourself and your dreams and to reach for the stars. Speak up strongly for what you believe in and have faith for, and be proud of who you are. Five never forget where you came from. This special message comes to us every time I said this to.

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Speaker 2

The very fortunate we have our state, and we not only represent the forum, but also be an asset to our community as a person. If and is clear with my class and tried to reach you for inspiration, creativity and a positive image that has impressed all of us. My. If you get an opportunity to talk to me tonight, I'm sure you will be impressed to send.

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Speaker 2

You're absolutely right. I hope we'll see many people survive this. Well, I mean, it's this persistence within that. And sometimes investment. I, I that's that I think I.

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Unknown

Always.

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I.

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Unknown

You. Always.

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Speaker 2

Get to experiences and the leadership skills. And take the opportunity to participate in purposes such as passing the torch to California team leadership conference, working on local city council campaigns, and has been a lifetime member of the California Scholarship Federation for driving a mission, or also the reason for her successful winning of the 1996 American drive for Miss County, California State Farm.

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Speaker 2

This national title in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Two weeks ago, she successfully completed her freshman year at Cal Poly. Sammys is to. She's majoring in particle engineering and her three different.

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Speaker 3

Minors are.

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Speaker 2

Political science, computer science, and math.

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Speaker 2

During her reign, you have the opportunity to travel to Washington, DC for the Spanish Heritage Award, and there are no parade. She's also gone to Mexico City with his brother on the campus along, and the American Goes for Big Year Conference in Texas. He's been asked to be guest speaker at so many different functions, and has been a guest of honor for other important organizations such as like.

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Speaker 2

As busy as Vanessa is, he's still found time to take part in planning and helping in his first 800. Wherever she goes, whatever she does, Vanessa is bound to leave a part of our community in the forum are enriched by having an expanded role, like a role model like this for you to follow and emulate. Thank you Vanessa for your beautiful and positive message.

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Speaker 2

John, really very, very important to be honored.

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Unknown

So many.

00:15:25:26 - 00:15:32:09

Unknown

People.

00:15:32:11 - 00:15:48:23

Speaker 2

97 Americans. Yay for California state clean candidates. Let's give them all the.

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Speaker 2

Tonight we begin the speech competition with Miss Oceanside. They only time.

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Unknown

Right now has.

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Unknown

Not retired.

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Speaker 2

Where? She is pursuing an associate's degree in nursing in August, Veronica will be coming to the primary school system. And in a few more years, she plans on transferring to San Diego State University to obtain a bachelor's degree in nursing. Her highest aspiration is to one day become a medical doctor and help those who are in need. We're in a bit advanced for minoring in Spanish.

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Speaker 2

It's kind of likely that you'd be better served for future. Who to apply what she has learned right in advance, and continues to volunteer for the Red Cross in Oceanside and has become a counselor. Justification. She also volunteers her time and efforts to the college community and church. Besides

being a member of the American State Forum, she is also a member simply because learning about different people and their beliefs greatly interests her.

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Speaker 2

Brand believes that we can always dream as big as her heart's desire, and our dreams can come true. Now to deliver her speech, Miss Oceanside, Veronica.

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Speaker 3

Made her one as much as senora. And the senora I'm going to give. West is member of the American G.I. fund is the month said Vanessa admitted. Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Veronica Vasquez, and I'm very honored to be here on this panel with all of these beautiful young ladies. I had lots of fun with all of you, and I will.

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Speaker 2

Always remember this unique experience. Thank you.

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Speaker 3

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will when the road you're trudging seems all uphill. When the funds are low and the depths are high. And you want to smile. But you have to sign. When care is pressing you down a bit to rest a few months. But you must not quit. Growing up, I see my mother go through some hard.

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Speaker 2

Times.

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Speaker 3

Just to make it. She could have quit and given up so many times, but she didn't. God bless her. I sometimes wondered why the mother never quit or gave up. Now I know it's because she made it. Her goal. Her goal to be strong. Swanson and go on. I too have skills of my own too. First, it's important to me that I can make a difference and that I could be very helpful.

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Speaker 3

I feel I can do this best through a career in the medical field. I will begin by becoming a paramedic. I want to be able to have an opportunity to help save lives and give people back their loved ones. I also feel that I'm the kind of person that can take control of critical situations and get the necessary job done.

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Speaker 3

I also am the kind of person that wants to pursue many different things, and therefore I will pursue a career in nursing. I want to become a nurse practitioner and study to become a doctor helping the sick. This will enable me to work with our children, adults and our elders, all humanity, male or female, rich or poor and just to have anybody.

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Speaker 3

Communication is such an.

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Speaker 2

Important thing to me as a career.

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Speaker 3

I feel it is to have anybody come up to me and say one of them, do you think you can talk? Because I feel that you're the kind of person that I could talk to. To me, this is and would be a great and wonderful feeling, but most importantly, to become a role model for a younger generation because our future, our youth of today, are our future, and together we can make a difference.

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Speaker 3

What Carlos Homans, the boy so most helpful to you. Who? Well, when I said la diferencia, my friends, I would like to end with a quote from Mr. Henry van Dyck who says, use the talents you possess. So the words would be very slow if no birds sing except the best. I know that we are all winners here tonight.

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Speaker 3

There are no losers in this room or on this stage. Thank you a lot. She's the most classiest. Yes, the Cynthia apple is.

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Speaker 2

Our second contestant tonight, Disney is hosting the Anna Party for women.

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Speaker 2

In the Archbishop, many high school kids taking many college preparatory classes and believes her strongest subjects are Spanish, religion and math. Some of her other starter assets include the successful participation in various high school sports and extracurricular activities, and also community service. She was on the varsity competitive cheerleading squad, and because Diana displayed superior leadership skills, she received the Coach's Award and the gold medal.

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Speaker 2

In November 20th. Uniquely now, Diana, who's also been involved with the rescue team, which is very unique to that of being a young lady, during her senior year, she was elected president of the Latin American Student Union and has donated over 430 hours of service to the community. In the fall, Diana will be attending South Bay State University, where she will be majoring in psychology.

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Speaker 2

After obtaining her degree, she hopes to further education and obtain her degree in psychology from Stanford University. She plans to base her career around working with youth in her community. Diana feels that with determination, desire, support from those who care and the different experiences she will lead in life, all successes that she wants in her life will come true.

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Speaker 2

Diana. Now it's time to music.

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Speaker 2

Bienvenidos. You went in search of questions.

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Speaker 3

I thought this was funny. Yeah, I mean, those invitations. It's so nice that, like I said, I mean, you know, there's piano on even a little E as well, you know, like I said. So then it's become it's good news for this person. Yes it is. Thank you.

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Speaker 2

That's nostalgia. So he bought this one thing that not something else you like to throw in. We just throw it up in the restaurant today.

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Speaker 3

I can do for you as one of four. Beautiful. Interesting. Shiny. We're not here because.

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Speaker 2

We were randomly selected, but because we have gone beyond this to achieve many accomplishments in our life. This evening, I'm very honored to talk to you about success. When I tell you I want to talk about success, I'm not talking about having a big house or a fancy car, but rather I'm talking about being grateful that there is some money.

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Speaker 2

But there's a left. The key to success.

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Speaker 3

Is being true to yourself. You must establish your beliefs and your.

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Speaker 2

Principles and live by them. You shouldn't try to fool others into believing you're someone you're not. Instead, let them see the value and appreciate you for your precious gifts and talents. You true to yourself and don't compromise yourself for anyone.

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Unknown

You see well. Music boxes have special melodies inside. Sometimes it's not easy and you must listen with your heart. But what my speech.

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Speaker 2

But once you have.

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Unknown

Done, you believe in yourself and learn to love yourself. Then others to begin to see what you do.

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Speaker 2

Others will begin to love and appreciate you for who you are, and in return you will love them with no reservations. This will bring you happiness and peace. This happiness will bring you the greatest success of all. But once you gain success, you will also.

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Unknown

Gain a power and this power to you anywhere. Because you believe in yourself and your dreams, there will be no limitations to.

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Speaker 2

Hold you back and the world will be at your fingertips.

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Speaker 3

Now, as I stated earlier.

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Speaker 2

I stand here before you as one of four beautifully distinguished women. We all have our exterior beauty, but the most radiant view in each of us is our interior. We're true to ourselves, and many people love us for who we really are. We have all truly found success.

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Unknown

I would like to thank you for your time and attention. You just you were as much as.

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Speaker 2

Our third contestant is less know that's though I even when I.

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Speaker 2

Was in high school where she remained on the honor roll all four years. Very, very was actively involved in the international club battle club and then the Spanish Youth Leadership Council, which in return was devoted to participating in the band. We should learn how to play six different instruments and have the opportunity to travel with her group. We have throughout the United States, visiting cities such as New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

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Speaker 2

Sullivan was also the first Latina to be crowned homecoming queen and high school, and this being an accomplishment, she is very proud of her continued involvement in school, government, academics, and different campus clubs then, which receive an Outstanding Youth Leadership Award. Sullivan now attends, but there's still junior college and in the future would like to attend UC Berkeley and obtain it.

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Speaker 2

Career. I mean a degree in criminology and Justice, space and vision is to become a successful Spanish woman in the field of private investigation. And that's, you know, the work that Federal Bureau of Investigation, she feels that many obstacles may arise in her life, but she knows if she will be able to overcome them with the same passion, hope and desire that has enabled her to come as far as she can.

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Speaker 2

Ladies and gentlemen, this Modesto Valley man.

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Unknown

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

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Speaker 3

I'm not just. Education. It's the key to success. With the key of education, you can open many doors. Doors that you will face to life and path to success. But the key of education. You won't have to push kids just to get through those doors.

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Speaker 2

Like my parents did. My parents have to do all them. It was very difficult for them to get to where they are today.

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Speaker 3

My parents didn't have the most life and they never finished it in high school and even think about college. Why? Because they were too big, too busy helping their parents support their.

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Speaker 2

Younger brothers and sisters. So I think the middle school and be educated.

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Speaker 3

You know what? That's the change in my generation. My generation isn't just going to have anything for.

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Speaker 2

My generation to have the master key. This key won't just open any doors and we work for. Everyone that gets in the way to our future. Yes, there going to be many doors and we're going to have to face

them. We're going to need to get to put others. They're going to take their time because education doesn't.

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Speaker 3

Definitely digitization takes time and still. So you have that desire.

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Speaker 2

To learn and that desire will open those doors. It has taken me.

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Speaker 3

More than a year to realize. So what I thought was really.

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Speaker 2

An obstacle.

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Speaker 3

Was really an advantage. I know that I'm.

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Speaker 2

Not the only one there. It was found out that advantages opportunity, obstacle that first.

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Speaker 3

It is when we live.

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Speaker 2

On the surface that we.

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Speaker 3

Find a time is.

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Speaker 2

A lump of coal, a piece of beauty.

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Speaker 3

Inside a massive place, in a real community, among a group of peers, overcoming obstacles, obstacles really all about those doors. I think all of the girls education is mine and our obstacle. Well, we open that door, step on through.

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Speaker 2

We exhaling really. But up ahead are more doors and we're always going to have to face the key that I think through high school will help me open those many doors that I would face in college. It would take some time for me to finish college because.

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Speaker 3

I'm going to make a good lodging, but I have.

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Speaker 2

To work for our country doesn't. It's in the MBA.

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Speaker 3

In my generation, I would become a young, successful Hispanic woman.

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Speaker 2

Representing my Hispanic people.

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Speaker 3

And together we will soon be with our master team to help our younger generation become more.

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Speaker 2

Successful.

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Speaker 3

Yes, yes. But I want to give them.

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Speaker 2

Our final contestant is this East Valley, Tennessee, and they have enough left.

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Speaker 2

You graduated from independent high school with a grade point average of 3.43. She enrolled in courses that challenged her, such as art, English, physics, chemistry, and Advanced Placement calculus. She enjoys playing soccer, which is a sport she started at the age of four, has been playing for 13 years. She's still trying to develop their skills in this sport, and last summer her team was invited to represent the United States to play in Brazil.

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Speaker 2

An all girls tournament. Alexander has had many offers as well. In school, he was press president, says he is in body. Secretary says he is involved growing commissioner and staff member of the school's national award winning year. But Alexander will be attending San Jose State University, where she will be majoring in humanities and minoring in business marketing. Upon graduating from Southeast State San Diego State, she plans to continuing going to graduate school at Stanford University.

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Speaker 2

Thank you. Tonight, this is Valley Central. Say I may have left from.

00:32:06:26 - 00:32:34:18

Speaker 3

When I notice, Your Majesty, this the honorable judges, respected members of the American Chamber and distinguished guests. Do you know you really are. Life is a struggle for everyone. But you must not forget that struggle and where we come from. So we do not lose our culture and therefore our identity to the journey of life. One either learn from experience or ignore it.

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Speaker 3

I choose to learn from everyone and everything I can to God knows the years have had their share of suffering. We always come together in unity to fight hard for the reason we suffer from the stiffness of our culture and rottenness of our land. How? From the late 1940s through the 1950s, no one was naturally special. The school and how it would be if we were cotton, how children did not want to go to school for fear of being made by them, and how this was accepted by the family.

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Speaker 3

This is what was valued for the education we are still struggling today with the stereotypes that haunt us. Normally when society first Latinos, you hear words such as gangsters being makers, all that aspect, well, they are wrong and I am living proof that I do not want to be just another statistic. I want to use the excuse that I have to be a positive role model for the Chicano community.

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Speaker 3

But of course, mixed with all those gifts, there's always the oh, you shouldn't have a pair of socks, thanks. And the pair of socks I have dealt with is my frustration in not being fluent in Spanish. I find enjoyment with my involvement both inside and outside of school. This allows me an exchange to get better. Parents had passed down who would have helped me to grow and in this growing process, I've had one experience that has changed my life.

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Speaker 3

Imagine a room full of 65 total strangers. As your eyes wander around. You see brown skin, yellow skin, big blue eyes, slanted eyes, afros, bleached blond hair, Hindu and atheist. You are at a diversity camp. I attended all the summer camp, any town. The purpose of this camp was based on learning about different cultures, races, religion, sexual preference, gender and disability.

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Speaker 3

We did various activities, but none compared to what I learned later on during the week. Each ethnic group had to put together a presentation to teach the camp about their culture. I don't know, at least the Stanford graduate impressed me because she was smart, funny, and she knew who she was and where she came from. Chicano Latino history was her specialty.

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Speaker 3

Few of the residents had a clue about it. She was, however, not content with the ongoing competition and how to get it in the first place. So the beginning of our people, another group member, the list, who

had long dark brown hair, deep brown eyes and a little bit of a troublemaker. Yet he taught the group everything from the 1700s to the 1900s.

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Speaker 3

I have felt ashamed myself since I did not know half of what he knew and to talk off at one point I had thought I was better than him. I had never been so wrong in my life. From that moment, I promised myself as much as I could about my history. When I came home from Camp Sam, my living room talent was what I learned.

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Speaker 3

I broke down the tears to see me cry. She began to cry after I understood the struggle my parents went through to give me the life that I have now. I don't live. My mom never taught in Spanish, trying to protect me from the parents she grew up with because of her accent. I used to play with it.

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Speaker 3

She took part of my culture away, but now I understand. My mom sat there holding me in her arms and both of us crying, feeling like we're the only two in the world, the only two who truly understood each other. From this experience, I have grown and I will continue to grow. And the promise that I made about learning my history is still alive.

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Speaker 3

So I ask you not to judge me. If I was on the outside as if what you did was. And not to think that you know more than me because you speak Spanish for the truth, then we can all live each other through our accomplishments and aspirations. I have qualified to represent myself and my culture. And one day, when I do become successful with the religious faith, I think I will not forget my people and where I come from.

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Speaker 3

And this simple pair of socks I wear, I turn into a precious gift that is helping me to grow. This will allow me to give back to the community and show them that the key to understanding yourself and your culture and resolve this will show Chicano Latinos can rise before us. Let's prove that. Go to one after this video.

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Speaker 3

Is that the boy does not just in.

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Unknown

You see, you are.

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Speaker 2

Going to 97 California State Week candidate. These young ladies are the pride of our community and the race to our future. English Oceanside Veronica Vasquez.

00:38:18:10 - 00:38:23:09

Unknown

We. Have community.

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Speaker 2

And now, at this time, I would like to please ask the judges if they would please go outside so they are able to discuss who the next us. And this California will be. The American Chamber of.

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Speaker 2

Prepares state party. And right now, this is data that you.

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Speaker 2

Hear something special congratulatory from.

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Speaker 4

Other voting about this. So we can go forward and then select the. This was about 12:00. She said. If you want to say something. You don't say no.

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Speaker 3

This.

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Speaker 4

Is five. Look very good. Say no. No, not my students and say no. So it brings me a great deal of tradition to honor one of my most memorable students. I remember for all the rights, while holding out her hand for not only for our loving mothers with their black lives, a guardian angel. Here she is tonight, no longer a girl and a beautiful woman, at the very beginning of a long life of an issue which she has worked so hard to and now you get a lot of awareness.

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Speaker 4

and if you look at me, Carmen, you started off as. Say.