

Talking Points

Commissioner Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez

McCullum High School Scholarship Awards Ceremony

May 20, 2009

- Good evening and thank you for inviting me to join you in this event.
- The future is why we are all here this evening.
- The student body of McCollum represent the possibility of what can be achieved once goals are set and dreams are formed.
- Goals are set by members of musical groups who want to master their instrument of choice and to achieve the ability to fill our community with musical art.
- There are also goals set by our sports teams who aspire to excel in their gifted sport and win games, matches, and tournaments. Their achieved goal is the satisfaction of knowing, they are better athletes at the end of the season than they were on day one.
- The most important goals are those set by every student in attendance at this school.
- Those students, who decide they are going to work hard to learn all they can, show up to school the next day to continue their education, and those of you who have chosen to dream of going to college to improve your lives, your mind, and by extension, this community are already on your way to making your dreams come true.
- I think the most important goal to achieve and dream to have is to have an education.
- An education is the most important thing for a person, at any age to achieve.
- This is why I have received great satisfaction in participating in this scholarship program.
- Knowing my personal efforts are helping to change lives by providing those students in need with support tells me I am making the right choices.
- Please don't think the road ahead is coming to a near end. The pursuit of an education is never-ending, although is it the most satisfying.
- I'm sure all of you here have heard of an extremely famous creator who set a goal to change lives through art animation, Walt Disney. He once stated, "all our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them".
- I believe everyone here is going to achieve great success in their lives and impact this community in a positive way.

- Community improvement is what I work to achieve everyday and that is why I am here today and proud to be here.
- There may be bumps in the road, but know that those bumps are the building blocks to building a solid foundation in your future.
- Never give up fighting to achieve your goals and make your dreams come true.
- Never stop having courage to continue lifting yourself up if you may fall down.
- I work hard everyday for all of you here, for my family, and for myself.
- If I can reach my goals, so can you. Thank you.