



JOIN US FOR THE 2009 STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS

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Please join us tomorrow, **Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009** for the 2009 State of the County Address.

Taking place from **6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Knapp Medical Center Conference Center (located one block west of the hospital at 1401 E. 8th St. in Weslaco)**, this event is for us to “come together to publicly evaluate where we’ve been as a community and where we are going,” according to Hidalgo County Judge J.D. Salinas III, the keynote speaker at the event.

“No Boundaries” is the theme of this event, and we will focus our efforts working together to improve the quality of life for all residents.

Dinner will be served, and the event also includes a live auction to benefit the Hidalgo County Scholarship Program. This program was unveiled at last year’s State the County Address, and since, Hidalgo County has awarded four scholarships for up to six hours of tuition and fees to four employees and their dependents.

This event is free and open to the public. However, seating is limited, so we ask that you arrive early and allow ample time for auction registration.

For those who cannot attend, this event will be webcasted live on www.krgv.com and broadcasted on digital channel 5.4.

For the Media: There will be pre-event media availability at 5:30 p.m. Media will have reserved seating. Advance copies of the speech will be made available to you on Tuesday morning. A detailed schedule of events is as follows:

5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pre-event Media Availability
6:00 p.m. **Doors Open to the Public:** dinner served, music by Edcouch-Elsa Jr.
High Mariachi Band

- 6:30 p.m. **Posting of the Colors/Pledge of Allegiance** (Felix Rodriguez, Pct. 1 Veterans Service Officer and the Donna H.S. Marine J.R.O.T.C.)
National Anthem, Michelle Perez of Weslaco H.S.
Prayer, Father Joe Villalon of San Martin de Porras Catholic Church
Welcoming Remarks, James A. Summersett, Knapp Medical Center President/CEO
- 6:50 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **State of the County Address by Judge J.D. Salinas III**
- 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. **Live Auction** to benefit the Hidalgo County Scholarship Program
- 8:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Musical Presentation** by the Valley View H.S. Mariachi Band

We look forward to having you at the 2009 State of the County Address.

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