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**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Stars Scholarship Fund Announces 2026 Rio Grande Valley Extravaganza**  
**Featuring Comedian Anjelah Johnson-Reyes**

McAllen, Texas (March 9, 2026) - Stars Scholarship Fund is thrilled to announce the **2026 Rio Grande Valley Extravaganza**, set for Thursday, April 16, 2026, in Mission, Texas. This beloved annual event unites community leaders, donors, and advocates in support of higher education and life-changing scholarship opportunities for students across South and West Texas.

This year's theme, "Stand Up for Stars," invites guests to enjoy a fun, relaxed, and laughter-filled evening, all while making a direct impact on students pursuing their academic dreams. Guests will enjoy great company, meaningful impact, and the signature Extravaganza experience our supporters know and love.

**An Evening of Laughter for a Cause**

This year's featured entertainer is **Anjelah Johnson-Reyes**, one of the most successful stand-up comedians working today. With six comedy specials streaming across multiple platforms and a career that has taken her to sold-out theaters around the world, Anjelah brings both humor and heart to every stage she graces. Of Mexican and Native American descent and born and raised in San Jose, California, she is a familiar and beloved face to audiences nationwide. Her most recent comedy special, Say I Won't, has surpassed 9.4 million views on YouTube, and she is currently wrapping the final leg of her "The Family Reunion" stand-up comedy tour, which has spanned more than 100 shows in major theaters across the United States. We are honored to welcome her to the Rio Grande Valley for what promises to be an unforgettable evening.

"We are so excited to welcome Anjelah Johnson-Reyes to this year's event," said Morgan LaMantia, Chairman of Stars Scholarship Fund. "Anjelah connects with audiences in a way that is genuine, warm, and incredibly funny. We want our guests to relax, laugh, and feel the joy of giving back. "

**The RGV Extravaganza Experience**

The Rio Grande Valley Extravaganza is an exclusive, invite-only event for sponsors, featuring:

- Live auction with exclusive experiences and items generously donated by community partners.
- Cocktail reception, hors d'oeuvres, and dinner in a lively yet relaxed setting.
- A special stand-up performance by Anjelah Johnson-Reyes.
- 100% of all proceeds going directly toward funding student scholarships.

**Making Higher Education Accessible**

Since its founding in 2002, Stars Scholarship Fund has awarded more than \$42 million in scholarships, supporting over 20,000 students in achieving their college degrees. In the 2025-2026 academic year alone, generous sponsors helped fund 546 student scholarships totaling \$1.7 million.

"Every dollar raised at this event goes directly into scholarships that help students achieve their academic dreams," said LaMantia. "Our mission is simple: make college more accessible for students who need it most. The support of our community makes that possible."

**Sponsorship Opportunities**

The RGV Extravaganza offers six sponsorship levels, with benefits such as premium seating, exclusive meet-and-greet access with Anjelah Johnson-Reyes, and special event recognition. Media and trade sponsorships are also available for radio, television, billboards, and print media partners.

For sponsorship details and more information on Stars Scholarship Fund, please visit [www.StarsScholarship.org](http://www.StarsScholarship.org) or call (956) 627-1718.