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2026 SCHOLARSHIP GALA

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026

Sheraton Universal Hotel
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HONORING
EDUARDO ACUNA
CEO
REGAL GLOBAL ENTERTAINMENT

DATE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026

LOCATION
SHERATON UNIVERSAL HOTEL
333 UNIVERSAL HOLLYWOOD DRIVE
UNIVERSAL CITY, CA 91608

PROGRAM
5:45PM REGISTRATION BEGINS
6:00PM COCKTAIL RECEPTION
6:45PM PROGRAM

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HONORING

EDUARDO ACUNA

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Eduardo Acuna is Chief Executive Officer of Regal Global Entertainment, one of the world's leading theatrical exhibition companies, operating Regal Cinemas in the United States alongside leading international brands including Cineworld, Picturehouse, Cinema City, and Planet across Europe and Israel.

Since becoming CEO in 2023, Eduardo has led the company through a transformative chapter in its history, helping position Regal Global Entertainment for long-term success while continuing to invest in the moviegoing experience for millions of guests around the world. Prior to joining Regal, he spent nearly two decades with Cinépolis, serving in a variety of senior leadership roles, including President of Cinépolis Brazil, where he was named International Exhibitor of the Year by ShowEast in 2014.

Eduardo has more than two decades of experience in cinema exhibition, strategy, and finance, and currently serves on the boards of Cinema United and the Global Cinema Federation. Earlier in his career, he held positions with McKinsey & Company, Goldman Sachs, the Central Bank of Mexico, and Mexico's Ministry of Social Development.

Throughout his career, Eduardo has remained deeply committed to public service and philanthropy. He currently serves as President of the Regal Foundation and has previously served on the boards of the Coca-Cola Foundation in Brazil and NATO of California and Nevada, where he was first introduced to the mission of the Variety Boys & Girls Club.

Earlier in his career, Eduardo spent several months in South India supporting the Sustainable Access in Rural India Project, an initiative dedicated to expanding opportunity in underserved communities. At Mexico's Ministry of Social Development, he worked on the design and evaluation of programs aimed at reducing poverty and improving outcomes for vulnerable families.

Eduardo earned a degree in Economics from ITAM in Mexico and later received both an MBA from Harvard Business School and a Master's in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School as a Fulbright Scholar. He is honored to support the work of the Variety Boys & Girls Club and its commitment to empowering young people and strengthening communities.

ABOUT THE CLUB

Mission: The Variety Boys & Girls Club is on a mission to ensure that every youth in Boyle Heights has access to transformative academic, leadership development, and health & wellness programs that pave the way for post-secondary education and rewarding careers. For over 77 years, the Club has been a refuge for children in Boyle Heights providing resources to address real life challenges relating to poverty, under-resourced neighborhoods, low educational attainment, gang violence, substance abuse and poor health outcomes. The Club provides a vital pipeline of support, imparting skills and offering the resources needed to break the cycle of poverty by instilling a college-going mindset from the moment members step through the doors.

Scholarship Program: In service of this mission, in 1972, the Club founded a Scholarship Program which provides financial support to our youth members attending college. Over the years, 852 Club Members have been awarded scholarships totaling a financial impact for college-going youth of over \$3.5 million. These scholarships are just one essential program in our Club that is funded by this Annual Gala. In 2026, the Club's Scholarship Program is recognizing 20 youth member recipients, whose achievements will be celebrated as part of this exciting evening.

Your support of this event is vital for us to ensure that we can continue to live our mission and expand the impact our Club has on the youth of Boyle Heights.

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