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Silva Health to celebrate unprecedented third Blue Ribbon

EL PASO, TEXAS — The students and staff at Maxine L. Silva Health Magnet High School will gather next week to celebrate their designation as a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School for an unprecedented third time.

The Blue Ribbon is the highest honor the federal government gives public, charter and private schools based on their efforts to close achievement gaps among their students. Silva has received the award in 2003, 2011 and 2017 — the only El Paso school to have the honor three times.

The celebration will begin at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 9, at the school's H.R. Moyer Gymnasium, 4700 Alameda.

The El Paso Independent School District is the only local district to have received multiple Blue Ribbons this year. Dr. Green Elementary School was awarded its first Blue Ribbon last week.

In total, 12 EPISD schools have received Blue Ribbon awards since the program was created in 1982.

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