



Far Western District 2026 Spring Convention

March 19-22, 2026 • Stockton, California
Hosted by the Stockton Chapter



Schedule of Events

All times marked are Pacific Daylight Time.

Doors open 30 minutes prior to each event. Your convention badge is required for entry into all events.

THURSDAY 03/19

FWD Board of Directors6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Residence Inn, Meeting Room
Harmony Platoon6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Residence Inn, Breakfast Area
President’s Reception8:45 pm..... Residence Inn, Breakfast Area

FRIDAY 03/20

Past Presidents Breakfast.....8:00 am - 9:00 am Fairfield Inn, Breakfast Area
Harmony College West.....10:00 am - 3:00 pm..... McNair High School
Hall of Fame Luncheon11:00 am - 12:00 pm..... Fairfield Inn, Pietro’s Trattoria
Harmony Platoon1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Residence Inn, Breakfast Area
Registration & Box Office.....1:30 pm - 8:00 pm Mamie Starr, Lobby
Quartet Semifinal.....4:00 pm - 8:20 pm..... Mamie Starr, Theater
Feedback *quartets not advancing*9:00 pm - 11:00 pm Residence Inn, Judges Suites

SATURDAY 03/21

Registration & Box Office.....8:30 am - 11:30 am..... Mamie Starr, Lobby
Everyone Welcome Chorus9:45 am..... Choir Room
Chorus Session.....10:30 am - 1:00 pm..... Mamie Starr, Theater
Chorus Feedback2:00 pm - 4:10 pm Warmup Rooms
Box Office.....4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Mamie Starr, Lobby
Quartet Final5:00 pm - 6:45 pm..... Mamie Starr, Theater
Encore Performances.....6:45 pm - 7:45 pm..... Mamie Starr, Theater
Quartet Feedback.....8:30 pm - 10:30 pm Residence Inn, Judges Suites
“Do It Yourself” Afterglow10:30 pm Residence Inn, Breakfast Area

~ LOCATIONS ~

Mamie Starr Performing Arts Center • 9550 Ronald E. McNair Way, Stockton
Ronald E. McNair High School • 9550 Ronald E. McNair Way, Stockton
Residence Inn by Marriott Lodi • 2855 Reynolds Ranch Pkwy, Lodi
Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Lodi • 262 Rocky Lane, Lodi

The use of cell phones or any other device to record during shows and contest sessions is strictly prohibited.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Panel of Judges

Administrative

Panel Chair - Don Fuson - CSD
ADM - David Bowen - FWD

Musicality

J Pope - EVG
Dan Wessler - FWD

Performance

Michael Kelly - EVG
Will Lagos - FWD

Singing

John Ward - SHD
Chad Wulf - JAD

~ CANDIDATES ~

MUS - Alexander de Bruin - LABBS PER - Becki Hine - SHD
ADM - Daniel Laguros - SWD
MUS - Keegan Eich - CSD SNG - Keith Harris - MAD

Everyone Welcome Chorus

As the name implies, everyone is welcome to participate as the Mic Testers for the chorus contest. You do NOT need a competitor registration to participate.

Our Spring 2026 Chorus Director is **KORY REID**, and the songs he has selected are:

- **Shine on Me**
- **Sweet and Lovely**

There will be an all-chorus practice on Saturday morning before the chorus contest. See the convention program/schedule for time and location.

Harmony College West & Leadership Academy

There will be a variety of HCW and LA sessions offered on Friday at the Ronald E. McNair High School that are included with your convention registration.

10:00 am - 10:55 am - Harmony College West Session 1	Instructor	Room
Leadership Development	Don Fuson	A101
Opening Doors to Community Outreach	Bob Cox	A102
Singing Better & Finding Solutions	Keith Harris	A103
11:00 am - 11:55 am - Harmony College West Session 2	Instructor	Room
FWD Listening Session	Bob Cox & FWD BOD	A104
Listening to Music With a Barbershop Ear	Alex de Bruin	A105
Sight-Singing	Chris Hébert	A106
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Leadership Academy	Instructor	Room
Chapter President	Kenny Rios	Theater Room
Chapter Secretary	Luther “Bud” Case	Choir Room
Chapter Treasurer	Brian Sellnow	Band Room

See the class syllabus on the adjoining page.



Class Syllabus

Chapter President Theater Room, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Instructor: Kenny Rios

A training for new and old Chapter Presidents to take a fresh look at responsibilities, best practices, and managing chapter leadership.

Advance Sign-up Required: <https://tinyurl.com/FWDLeadershipAcademy>

Requisite materials:

<https://members.barbershop.org/s/article/Chapter-President-Tools-Documents>

Chapter Secretary Choir Room, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Instructor: Bud Case

This class will cover the role and responsibilities of the Chapter Secretary. Attendees should read the society manual before the class.

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Requisite materials:

<https://members.barbershop.org/s/article/Chapter-Secretary-Tools-Documents>

Chapter TreasurerBand Room, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Instructor: Brian Sellnow

This class will cover the role and responsibilities of the Chapter Treasurer. Attendees should read the society manual before the class.

Advance Sign-up Required: <https://tinyurl.com/FWDLeadershipAcademy>

Requisite materials:

<https://members.barbershop.org/s/article/Chapter-Treasurer-Tools-Documents>

FWD Listening Session Room A104, 11:00-11:55 am

FWD BOD & special guest Bob Cox

This listening session with the FWD's Board of Directors and District Management Team gives everyone the opportunity to bring up concerns and desired discussions with District Leadership to make sure everyone's needs are met, as well as the chance to participate in an accompanying Q&A portion.

Leadership Development Room A101, 10:00-10:55 am

Instructor: Don Fuson

Leadership Development focuses on preparing and empowering more chapter members to take an active role in chapter operations. It builds confidence, encourages involvement, and helps create a stronger, more sustainable leadership pipeline.

Listening to Music With a Barbershop Ear . Room A105, 11:00-11:55 am

Instructor: Alex de Bruin

We all have a wide variety of musical interests and experiences, but how can we use those to make our barbershop better? In this session, we will talk about an approach to actively learning from a variety of genres and listen to some fantastic music!

Opening Doors to Community OutreachRoom A102, 10:00-10:55 am

Instructor: Bob Cox

Discover proven, easy-to-implement outreach ideas that can boost membership, increase fundraising success, and elevate your chorus's visibility and impact in the community.

Sight-Singing..... Room A106, 11:00-11:55 am

Instructor: Chris Hébert

This basic-level class introduces the elements of sight-reading to those who would like to develop this essential musical skill. We start with the basics: identifying the staff, note names, rhythms, and time signatures while establishing simple sight-singing techniques. Then we will apply these techniques to sight-reading some barbershop arrangements and tags. It's easier than you think!

Singing Better & Finding SolutionsRoom A103, 10:00-10:55 am

Instructor: Keith Harris

Professional singer and Medalist Director Keith Harris will lead a voice class custom designed by YOU. Bring your concerns, struggles, and personal vocal questions and go home with solutions, techniques, and exercises. Great for singers and directors.