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## **Sierra Vista High School to Recognize 429 Graduates at Commencement Exercises**

**BALDWIN PARK** – Sierra Vista High School will celebrate 429 graduating seniors during commencement exercises at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, May 31, including 178 who received acceptance notices from nearly 500 four-year colleges and universities.

More than 350 students plan to pursue higher education, attending seven University of California campuses, 12 California State University campuses, California community colleges and such nationally known private schools as USC, Mount St. Mary's, University of La Verne, Carnegie Mellon and Azusa Pacific University.

Sierra Vista graduates will also enlist in all branches of the U.S. armed forces and attend trade and technical colleges.

"This is one of the proudest moments we share as educators at Sierra Vista with our students and their families," Principal H. Vincent Pratt said. "Our students have worked diligently, creatively and collaboratively to achieve this milestone. Our congratulations to go them and their families."

This year there are two valedictorians for the Class of 2018, each earning a 4.69 GPA: Trish Vy Lam will attend UC San Diego and Cindy Yulisa Berganza will attend UCLA. Salutatorian Hui Xian Zhou, who earned a GPA of 4.66, will attend UCLA.

The class includes 205 students who received notable local and national scholarships, including:

- Carlos Ortiz: One of 300 U.S. high school students chosen for the inaugural Gates Scholarship, Ortiz will study math and minor in music at UC Berkeley.
- Alejandro Flores: Recipient of a \$20,000 Dell Scholarship, Flores will study business at California State University, Fullerton. Flores also received a \$500 scholarship from the Baldwin Park Organization of Supervisors and Administrators.

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- Alana Resendez: Recipient of a \$5,000 scholarship from the Ramona Burnham Scholarship Foundation, Resendez also won scholarships from the Lions Club, the California Association for Bilingual Education, the Baldwin Park Woman's Club and the Chicano/Latino Youth Leadership Conference.
- Anais Aranda: Recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.
- Alexandra Moreno: Recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.
- Cindy Yulisa Berganza: Recipient of a \$500 scholarship from the Baldwin Park Education Association.

Forty-three students will receive the state Seal of Biliteracy.

Sierra Vista students will receive more than \$1.5 million in scholarships and grants from colleges, universities and the state and federal government.

The ceremony is at Sierra Vista's Jack B. White Stadium, 3600 N. Frazier St., Baldwin Park.