



# Media Advisory

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## North Park Continuation High School Set to Top 2016 Graduation Numbers

**WHAT:** More than 180 graduating seniors will receive diplomas during an emotionally charged commencement at North Park Continuation High School that will feature an interlude during which students bestow orchid leis on family, friends and mentors to recognize their support.

The high school is graduating 185 students, topping its 2016 graduation rate of 92 percent – one of the highest for continuation schools in the region.

Students will hear speeches from graduates Rebecca Contreras, who represented North Park as student board member on the Baldwin Park Unified Board of Education, and Luis Rios, whose remarks were selected from among student submissions. Contreras has enrolled in a New York mortuary school. Rios plans to attend Mt. San Antonio College en route to UCLA.

Both students will talk of their journeys from comprehensive high schools to North Park and the support they received from the school, which focuses on helping those whose educational paths have been derailed by illness, family problems or other challenges.

**WHEN:** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 31

**WHERE:** North Park Continuation High School  
4600 N. Bogart Ave.  
Baldwin Park

**DETAILS:** North Park High School's ceremony is highly personalized, with presenters reading a statement about each of the graduates as they receive their diplomas. A musical interlude is held midway for the lei ceremony.

**Coverage and/or inclusion of this event in your calendar of events is welcomed and greatly appreciated.**