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## Hacienda La Puente Unified Celebrates Class of 2022 With Commencement Ceremonies

**CITY OF INDUSTRY** – Hacienda La Puente Unified's Class of 2022 graduates weaved across the stadium floors in harmony to "Pomp and Circumstance," receiving praise from the audience, fist bumps from distinguished guests and proudly accepting their diplomas during commencement ceremonies on May 17 and 19.

The District honored nearly 1,300 graduates from its four comprehensive high schools and alternative high school. Valley, William Workman and La Puente high schools held their festivities on May 17, followed by Glen A. Wilson and Los Altos high schools concluding the celebrations on May 19.

The ceremonies featured choir and band performances, chants, alma mater support, salutes and heartfelt speeches from exceptional students.

"On behalf of the entire Board of Education, I would like to say what an honor it has been to watch our students grow into the extraordinary young adults we see today," Board President Jeffrey De La Torre said. "At Hacienda La Puente Unified, we empower our students to meet the challenges and opportunities of a changing world and we have no doubt our graduates will continue to prevail. Congratulations to the Class of 2022!"

During the commencement ceremonies, principals announced special honors to graduates receiving the School Scholar Award, given to students with a 3.5 GPA or higher; the District Scholar Award, presented to students with 3.8 GPA or higher; the California State Seal of Biliteracy Awards, the Perfect Attendance Award and more.

Hacienda La Puente Unified Class of 2022 graduates have been accepted to 122 colleges and four-year universities in 29 states and five countries. Students have also been recognized for their academic and athletic achievements and awarded thousands of dollars in local and national scholarships.

"The Class of 2022 has shown such strength, resilience and heart over the past four years, navigating their academic careers and persevering and excelling during distance learning and setting a positive example for students as they returned to in-person learning in fall 2021," Superintendent Dr. Alfonso Jiménez. "This year, our District's theme was Learning Forward – Building Bolder and I am proud to say that our graduating students have thrived in their studies and helped build our District's success. May you continue to build a brighter and bold future for yourself and remember that we are proud to be HLPUSD. Congratulations!"

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## **PHOTO CAPTION:**

**HLPUSD\_COMMENCEMENTCEREMONIES1:** La Puente High School Class of 2022 students graduate alongside 220 of their peers on May 17.

**HLPUSD\_COMMENCEMENTCEREMONIES2:** Los Altos High School graduating scholar-athletes celebrate earning their diplomas during a commencement ceremony on May 19.