



# Whittier Union HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

*To Achieve and Maintain Excellence...*

## MEDIA ADVISORY

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** May 26, 2023    **CONTACT:** Andrea Garcia    **PHONE:** 909-447-2403

## Whittier Union High School District to Celebrate Class of 2023 Scholars with Stadium Commencement Ceremonies

**WHAT:** Students from the Whittier Union High School District’s five comprehensive high schools, two alternative high schools and adult school will celebrate the conclusion of their academic journeys in the District during energetic commencement ceremonies held at the District’s two stadiums.

The Whittier Union Board of Trustees will honor a group of students from each comprehensive high school with the 2023 Trustee Award. Honorees were recommended by principals, counselors and teachers for outstanding academic achievement and demonstrating exemplary citizenship during their four years of high school.

**DETAILS:** **United Sierra Education Center (USEC): Sierra Vista High School, Frontier High School and Whittier Union Adult School**

**When:** 6 p.m., Monday, June 5

**Where:** Sandra Sanchez Thorstenson Stadium, 9800 Mills Ave., Whittier

**Details:** 150 Sierra Vista graduates; 100 Frontier graduates; 90 Adult School graduates.

**Santa Fe High School**

**When:** 6 p.m., Monday, June 5

**Where:** Dick Torres Memorial Stadium, 10800 Benavon St., Whittier

**Details:** 421 graduates; 12 Summa Cum Laude honors; 27 Magna Cum Laude; 35 Cum Laude. The Board of Trustees Award winner is Athena Perez (California Lutheran University – psychology major with emphasis on clinical applications).

**California High School**

**When:** 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 6

**Where:** Sandra Sanchez Thorstenson Stadium, 9800 Mills Ave., Whittier

**Details:** 604 graduates; 41 Summa Cum Laude honors; 28 Magna Cum Laude; 50 Cum Laude. The Board of Trustees Award winner is Celeste Villa (University of Southern California – pharmacology and drug development major).

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**When:** 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 6

**Where:** Dick Torres Memorial Stadium, 10800 Benavon St., Whittier

**Details:** 405 graduates; 15 Summa Cum Laude honors; 17 Magna Cum Laude; 37 Cum Laude. The Board of Trustees Award winner is Trenton Gunderson (Cerritos College – pursuing AA in zoology with intent to transfer to the University of California, Davis and major in zoology).

### La Serna High School

**When:** 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 7

**Where:** Sandra Sanchez Thorstenson Stadium, 9800 Mills Ave., Whittier

**Details:** 568 graduates; 36 Summa Cum Laude honors; 49 Magna Cum Laude; 55 Cum Laude. The Board of Trustee Award winner is Annaliese Veach (Johns Hopkins University – chemical engineering major).

### Pioneer High School

**When:** 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 7

**Where:** Dick Torres Memorial Stadium, 10800 Benavon St., Whittier

**Details:** 275 graduates; 11 Summa Cum Laude honors; 20 Magna Cum Laude; 16 Cum Laude. The Board of Trustees Award winner is Fatima Vazquez (University of California, Los Angeles – environmental science major).

**Coverage of this event is welcome and greatly appreciated.**

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