



Whittier Union HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

To Achieve and Maintain Excellence...

MEDIA ADVISORY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 27, 2021 **CONTACT:** Andrea Garcia **PHONE:** 909-273-9840

Whittier Union to Celebrate Seniors with In-Person Stadium Graduations

WHAT: Close to 2,800 students from Whittier Union High School District’s five comprehensive high schools, two alternative high schools and adult school will celebrate the conclusion of their high school and adult school careers during in-person, stadium commencement ceremonies.

Health protocols such as use of masks, social distancing and fixed seating will be implemented to ensure the safety of students, staff and families.

DETAILS: Ceremony schedules are as follows:

Sierra Vista High School, Frontier High School and Whittier Adult School

When: 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 1

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

Details: 123 Sierra Vista graduates; 210 Frontier graduates; 61 Adult School graduates.

Santa Fe High School

When: 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 1

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

Details: 494 graduates; Valedictorian is Leslie Garay Belmontes (Harvey Mudd College – computer science); Salutatorians are Jorge Bautista (UCLA – chemical engineering); Mayra Lopez (CSULB – psychology).

Whittier High School

When: 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 2

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

MORE

OUR MISSION:

The Whittier Union High School District provides all students with an engaging, quality standards-based instructional program delivered by a well-trained staff resulting in improved student achievement. Whittier Union High School District works to achieve and maintain excellence in providing a comprehensive education for all students.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Dr. Ralph S. Pacheco
President

Jeff Baird
Clerk

Jaime Lopez
Member

Dr. Russell Castañeda-Calleros
Vice President

Leighton Anderson
Member

Martin Plourde
Superintendent



Whittier Union HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

To Achieve and Maintain Excellence...

MEDIA ADVISORY

Details: 392 graduates; Valedictorians are Evelyn Barajas (Rio Hondo College – visual art and animation); Christian Lopez (UCLA – political science); Ashley Perdomo (La Sierra University – public health); Salutatorians are Angela Abou Zaki (Whittier College – computer science); Kiana Carbajal (University of Chicago – political science); Ashley Pedraza (Cal State Los Angeles - biochemistry); Alejandra Santiago (UCLA – public affairs).

California High School

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 2

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

Details: 598 graduates; Valedictorians are America Barrera (UCLA – mathematics); Cassandra Jurado (UCLA – political science); Erica Leal (UC Irvine – literary journalism); Kambria Salido (Pepperdine University – PreMed); Kayla Fortis (Northwestern University – neuroscience).

La Serna High School

When: 5 p.m., Thursday, June 3

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

Details: 615 graduates; Valedictorians are Kaylie Ching (UC Berkeley – history and astrophysics); Jasper Lin (UCLA – electrical engineering); Isabela Ramirez (UCLA – biochemistry); Salutatorian Sophia Ramirez (Cal Poly Pomona – biology).

Pioneer High School

When: 7 p.m. Thursday, June 3

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

Details: 300 graduates; Valedictorians are Sofia Lagos (USC – biomedical engineering); Michael Lagos (USC – architecture); Xicotencatl Reyes (UC San Diego – computer science); Salutatorians are Nicole Paredes (UCLA geography/environmental studies); Karissa Tabarez (USC – psychology).

MEDIA

CONTACT: Andrea Garcia, (909) 273-9840

Coverage of these events is welcome and greatly appreciated.

OUR MISSION:

The Whittier Union High School District provides all students with an engaging, quality standards-based instructional program delivered by a well-trained staff resulting in improved student achievement. Whittier Union High School District works to achieve and maintain excellence in providing a comprehensive education for all students.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Dr. Ralph S. Pacheco
President

Jeff Baird
Clerk

Jaime Lopez
Member

Dr. Russell Castañeda-Calleros
Vice President

Leighton Anderson
Member

Martin Plourde
Superintendent