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El Monte Union Celebrates Adult Transition Graduates During Winter Commencement Ceremony

EL MONTE – Seven graduates from El Monte Union High School District's (EMUHSD) Adult Transition Program were celebrated with joy and applause for their academic accomplishments and successes during a winter commencement ceremony held on Dec. 21.

In the presence of families, friends, the Board of Trustees, and District administrators and staff, the ceremony showcased heartfelt moments as graduates Jolin Duong, Gabriel Escobar, Edgar Valdez, Edwin Huaracha-Campos, Andrea Montano, Dominiak Morrow and Fatima Santellan walked across the stage to receive their certificates of completion.

"During their time in our program, these graduates have overcome challenges with determination, positivity and have exhibited remarkable growth," EMUHSD Adult Transition Program Department Chair Tiffany Walters said during the ceremony. "As I watched each of you transition into the adults that are now leaving us today, it has filled me with so much pride and excites me for what is to come in the next step of your lives. Congratulations to all our graduates, we wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavors and you will surely be missed."

The District's Adult Transition Program provides students ages 18 to 22 with mild to severe disabilities an opportunity to transition from high school to adulthood. The coursework focuses on developing skills that foster independence, covering personal care, bill payment, shopping, socializing, transportation and home maintenance.

Additionally, the District's WorkAbility I Program helps students receive comprehensive pre-employment training and employment placement. The program aims to provide valuable work experience and opportunities for employment.

"On behalf of the District, I'd like to extend our warmest congratulations to Jolin, Gabriel, Edgar, Edwin, Andrea, Dominiak and Fatima on their well-earned achievements. May you always remember that you are loved and cared for throughout the El Monte Union community," Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga said. "The success of our graduates reflects the dedication and collaborative efforts made by our parents, families, staff and administration of the Adult Transition Program. Thank you for your continued support!"

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

EMUHSD ADULT TRANSITION 1: El Monte Union High School District's Adult Transition Program graduates Dominiak Morrow and Andrea Montano congratulate one another with hugs and smiles as they prepare to receive their certificates of completion during the winter commencement ceremony held Dec. 21.

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EMUHSD ADULT TRANSITION 2: El Monte Union High School District's Adult Transition Program graduate Gabriel Escobar receives his certificate of completion as family, friends and the school community cheer him on during the winter commencement ceremony held Dec. 21.

EMUHSD ADULT TRANSITION 3: El Monte Union High School District's Adult Transition Program graduate Edgar Valdez celebrates with family and school administrators as he receives his certificate of completion during the winter commencement ceremony on Dec. 21.

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The vision of the El Monte Union High School District is to empower and motivate our students to be resilient, college and career ready, lifelong learners and contributing members of our global society.