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Whittier Union to Celebrate Class of 2019 with Ceremonies June 3-5

WHITTIER – Close to 2,800 students from Whittier Union High School District's five comprehensive high schools, two alternative high schools, adult school and transition program will celebrate the conclusion of their high school careers at commencement ceremonies taking place June 3-5.

Ceremony schedules are as follows:

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

When: 6 p.m. Monday, June 3

Where: Whittier High School Vic Lopez Auditorium, 12417 Philadelphia St., Whittier

Details: 110 Frontier High School graduates; 37 Adult School graduates; 120 Sierra Vista graduates (19 are graduating with honors and 37 are graduating with a Spartan Award). Frontier High student Alyxandria Phillips will receive the Aztec of the Year Award for her leadership and service to the community. Phillips and Sierra Vista senior Micha Miller will serve as student speakers.

Transition Program

When: 7 p.m. Monday, June 3

Where: Harmony Center, 12907 Bailey St., Whittier

Details: 23 special education students ages 18-22

California High School

When: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 4

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

Details: 650 graduates; valedictorians are Angelica Gonzalez (UC Berkeley – molecular environmental biology with an emphasis on animal health and behavior); Yanelli Gonzalez (UCLA – biology); and Matthew Ponce de Leon (UCLA – computer science). The salutatorians are Allyson Fortis (UC Riverside – bioengineering); Christopher Tokarse (Cal Poly San Luis Obispo – mechanical engineering); and Jacqueline Zambrano (Cal State Long Beach – history)

Santa Fe High School

When: 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 4

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

Details: 512 graduates; valedictorian is Paola Ruiz (Stanford – political science) and the salutatorians are Hope Forseberg (UC Davis – animal sciences) and Leah Kim (UCLA – bioengineering)

Whittier High School

When: 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 5

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

Details: 430 graduates; valedictorians are Anais Hernandez (UCLA – aerospace engineering) and Arianna Rivas (UC Santa Cruz – undecided). The salutatorians are Alexia Balderas (Mississippi State University – mathematics); Zyanya Gomez (Whittier College – undecided); Ava Sanchez (USC – human biology and global health); and Joshua Soto (UC Santa Barbara – biology)

La Serna High School

When: 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 5

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

Details: 580 graduates; valedictorian is Olivia Genao (Yale University – neuroscience) and the salutatorian is Colin McKenzie (Arizona State University – biotechnology and molecular biology)

Pioneer High School

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 5

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

Details: 303 graduates; valedictorian is Ana Paula Cortez (UC Berkeley – bioengineering) and the salutatorians are Jonhathan Avalos (UC Irvine – engineering) and Kenia Bravo (UC Davis – mathematics)

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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.

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