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Whittier Union's Class of 2018 Celebrates Milestone with Graduation Ceremonies

WHITTIER – Nearly 3,000 students from Whittier Union High School District's five comprehensive high schools, two alternative high schools, adult school and transition program will conclude their high school careers with commencement ceremonies June 4-6.

Ceremony schedules are as follows:

Frontier High School

When: 6 p.m. Monday, June 4

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

Details: 90 graduates; student speakers are Kyle Elwood, Daisy Escareno and Briana Rivera.

Transition Program

When: 7 p.m. Monday, June 4

Where: Harmony Center, 12907 Bailey St., Whittier

Details: 22 special education students ages 18-22

California High School

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

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

Details: 640 graduates; valedictorians are Kelly Clavel (Stanford – biomedical engineering) and Wendy Colin (UC Berkeley – environmental engineering). Alphonso Diaz (UC Berkeley – environmental science), Jack Fitzgerald (US Air Force Academy – military and strategic studies), Edith Garcia (UC Irvine – political science) and Natalia Gonzalez (Cal Poly Pomona – business administration).

Whittier Adult School/Sierra Vista High School

When: 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 5

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

Details: 35 adult school graduates; 192 Sierra Vista graduates (23 are graduating with honors). Sierra Vista's valedictorian is Marya Nunez, the salutatorian is Melissa Dietz and the student speaker is Jocelyn Alban. The Adult School's student speaker is Geraldo Lara.

Santa Fe High School

When: 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 5

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

Details: 583 graduates; valedictorian is Erich Martinez (UC Berkeley – immunology and pathogenesis). The salutatorians are Eric Gonzalez (UC Irvine – computer science and engineering); Karen Gonzalez (USC – biomedical engineering); and David Rodriguez-Sosa (UC Davis – computer science and engineering)

Whittier High School

When: 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 6

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

Details: 460 graduates; valedictorians are Analaura Amezcua (Stanford University), Annika Ancich (UCLA) and Yasmin Munoz (UCLA).

La Serna High School

When: 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 6

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

Details: 630 graduates; valedictorians are Maya Delgado (Columbia University – chemistry), Kyle Lien (UCLA – biology), Narek Stepanian (UC Berkeley – physics) and Christen Tai (UCLA - biochemistry).

Pioneer High School

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 6

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

Details: 325 graduates; valedictorian is Paola Benitez (UCLA – sociology) and the salutatorian is Alyssa Cayetano (UC San Diego – biomedical engineering).

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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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