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Lynwood Unified Students Gear Up for Graduation

Top Scholars Recognized at Board of Trustees Meeting

Lynwood, Calif. – Lynwood Unified seniors will soon reach the important milestone of receiving their high school diplomas and beginning a new chapter in their journeys into career and higher education during commencement ceremonies taking place next week.

Students from Firebaugh, Lynwood and Vista high schools will celebrate the culmination of their primary and secondary school careers during graduation ceremonies, which will take place as follows:

- **Lynwood High School** – Wednesday, June 11 at 6 p.m. at LHS, 4050 E. Imperial Hwy, Lynwood
- **Vista High School** – Thursday, June 12 at 1 p.m. at Bateman Hall, 11331 Ernestine Ave., Lynwood
- **Firebaugh High School** – Thursday, June 12 at 6 p.m. at LHS, 4050 E. Imperial Hwy, Lynwood

Hundreds of Lynwood and Firebaugh high school students will walk across the stage to receive credentials they have been working years to achieve, including each schools' Top 10 students, who were recognized at the June 3 Board of Trustees meeting.

At Lynwood High, the Top 10 are going to universities such as UCLA, UC Irvine and UC Berkeley. They include: **Juan Delgadillo** (4.79 GPA); **Kevin Fregoso** (4.74 GPA); **Rosa Penaloza** (4.71 GPA); **Yazmin Rosas** (4.7 GPA); **Yesica Castaneda** (4.61 GPA); **Viviana Najera** (4.58 GPA); **Cruz Perez** (4.56 GPA); **Evelyn Juarez** (4.55 GPA); **Andrew Jimenez** (4.54 GPA); **Jessica Lujan** (4.5 GPA); and **Sulma Rodriguez** (4.5 GPA).

At Firebaugh High, the Top 10 students will attend universities such as USC, UCLA, UC Irvine, UC Davis, Columbia University, University of La Verne and UC Merced. They are: **Melody Esqueda** (4.47 GPA); **Araceli Negrete** (4.43 GPA); **Adamaris Medina** (4.42 GPA); **Liliana Magana** (4.41 GPA); **Juan Contreras** (4.38 GPA); **Karina Robles** (4.37 GPA); **Gregory Gallegos** (4.36 GPA); **Marlene Guerrero** (4.35 GPA); **Sandra Rodriguez** (4.33 GPA); and **Melissa Vargas** (4.32 GPA).

Together with the Pathway Independent Study Program, Vista High School will hold its promotional ceremony for 160 students. The valedictorian will be **Crystal Partida**, and the student speakers will be **Andrea Diaz** and **Luis Ochoa**.

Lynwood Unified's two comprehensive high schools are graduating more students than ever, with each boasting significant double-digit graduation rate increases since the 2010-11 school year. Since then, the number of graduating seniors at Firebaugh High has skyrocketed nearly 20 percent, with 89.1 percent of

seniors graduating in 2012-13. Similarly, Lynwood High has also seen a significant increase, with 80.9 percent of seniors graduating in 2012-13.

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

Top10LHS: The Top 10 students at Lynwood High School were recognized at the Lynwood Unified School District Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, June 3 for their impressive accomplishments as they head toward graduation on June 11. They are pictured with Principal Carlos Zaragoza, far left, Board President Briseida Gonzalez and Superintendent Paul Gothold.

Top10FHS: The Top 10 students at Firebaugh High School were recognized at the Lynwood Unified School District Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, June 3 for their impressive accomplishments as they head toward graduation on June 12. They are pictured with Principal Tony Hua, far left, Board President Briseida Gonzalez and Superintendent Paul Gothold.

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The Lynwood Unified School District is dedicated to offering students a world-class education to prepare them for success in college and career in the 21st century. Under its Achieving Greatness Initiative, the district is realigning all aspects of its organization to strengthen and expand instructional programs, enrichment and extracurricular activities, and support systems for students and staff. For more information, visit www.lynwood.k12.ca.us.

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