

Independence High School

Brentwood, California

*Graduating Class
of 2025*



***Liberty High School
Ghiggeri Gymnasium***

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

6:00 p.m.

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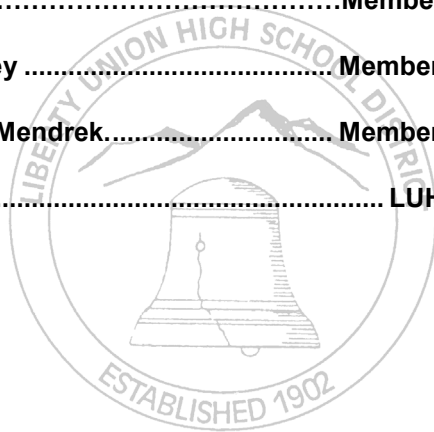
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Honored Guests,

We ask that you please remain in your seats throughout the entire ceremony. Every family wants to hear their graduate's name when called, so we ask that you extend your respect and consideration as each graduate walk across the stage.

Sincerely,

*The Grateful Staff of
Independence High School*

INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Guy Rognlien Director / Principal
Mrs. Sarah Steen Coordinator of Adult Education
Mrs. Colleen Miller Coordinator of Special Education

FACULTY

Ms. Shannon Abono Counselor
Mrs. Miriam Drake Math
Mrs. Jeanne Glenn Home Economics
Mr. Jeff Guinn Special Education
Mr. Ben Heinrich Social Studies
Mrs. Liz Hisatake Speech
Mrs. Poppy Holmes Science
Mrs. Kathryn Lopez Social Studies
Mr. Nick Marple Science
Mrs. Jennifer Moody Bridgeway (GED program)
Ms. Julie Noblitt Physical Education
Mrs. Linda Ostermeier English
Ms. Kate Perry English/Social Studies
Ms. Cynthia Pulido Spanish & Art
Mrs. Diane Randall Math
Ms. Andrehina Salinas School Psychologist
Mrs. Kathy Toelkes English

SUPPORT STAFF

Mr. Jeff Baker Custodian
Mr. Ricardo Banuelos Custodian
Mr. Thomas Carter Campus Supervisor
Mrs. Karina Cortesi Independence High School Lead Secretary
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Mrs. Hermelinda Meraz Community Education Secretary
Mrs. Ashley Pastor Adult Education Data Technician
Mrs. Emma Salsedo Adult Education Lead Secretary
Mrs. Tiffany Segura Adult Education Campus Supervisor
Ms. Mary Warr Registrar/Data Technician

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL	POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE
PRESENTATION OF COLORS.....	HHS AFJROTC
INTRODUCTION & OPENING REMARKS	MR. GUY ROGNLIEN Director of Community Education
ADDRESS TO GRADUATES	MS. DENISE RUGANI LUHSD Superintendent
ADDRESS TO GRADUATES	MR. GUY ROGNLIEN Director of Community Education
STUDENT RECOGNITION & PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS	MS. SHANNON ABONO Counselor
STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE.....	NATALIA RODRIGUEZ
STUDENT SPEAKER.....	CALEB KUPER
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES	MR. GUY ROGNLIEN Director of Community Education
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.....	LUHSD Board Members
CLOSING REMARKS (Turning of the Tassel).....	MR. GUY ROGNLIEN Director of Community Education

*"Take pride in how far you've come. Have faith in how far you can go.
But don't forget to enjoy the journey."*

- Michael Josephson

2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

A CARING TEACHER – JEANNE GLENN.....	Chloe Myers
AGAINST ALL ODDS	Anyla Dennis
BRENTWOOD PRESS.....	Caleb Kuper
BRENTWOOD ROTARY CLUB	Grace Pastor
BRENTWOOD TEACHERS ASSOCIATION	Giana Lopez
CAROL HENDRICKSON SCHOLARSHIP – DELTA INFORMAL GARDENERS	Alejandra Hermosillo
CUSTOMS 925 - IN MEMORY OF ANTHONY HERNANDEZ	Zoey Zamacona
DELTA COMMUNITY SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP	Grace Pastor
EXPONENTIAL GROWTH	Alejandra Hermosillo
GIVE BACK GARAGE – TRADE SCHOOL	Chase Meyer
.....	America Zavala
IHS STAFF SCHOLARSHIP	Giana Rosas
.....	Samaya Wills
.....	Priscilla Ortega
JEANNE ADAMS MEMORIAL (BRENTWOOD LION'S CLUB)	Liza Sherwood
MONTAÑEZ FAMILY	Natalia Rodriguez
S. ABONO SCHOLARSHIP.....	Alana Lum
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.....	Lincoln Costello

Partnerships Matter

A heartfelt thank you to all of our generous donors! Each year, we are incredibly fortunate to receive the unwavering support of our community. Scholarships hold a unique significance — they are not only financial gifts but also powerful affirmations of our students' hard work, character, and potential. Your generosity inspires them and opens doors to new opportunities. Because of you, anything is possible. We know our students will continue to make you proud!

INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2025

Theresa Victoria Aitchison	Allie Noel Akhtari
Jose L Aldape	Jorio Drayden Amaral
Iman Andar	David Angel
Joseph Nii Nortey Anum	Jasper Stone Armienta
Stefan Ludovic Avognon	Brynlan Aliya Bailey
Andrew Jacob Ballard	Braden Ray Bannerman
Kaley Ann Barnes	Bryant Alan Bell
Jaida Ja'Cille Brown	Isaiah Alexander Chinchilla
Jayden B Claeys	Preston Bryce Cleaves
Joshua Paul Coleman	Cameron Alan Collins
Miguel Jeff Conway	Angel Gustavo Cortes
Lincoln M Costello § *	Alexander Troy Dauer
Brooke Lauren Deaver	Anyla Dior Dennis *
Manuel Alexander Diaz	Mya Lola Duncan
Dwayne Deshawn Edwards Jr.	Nevaeh Latisha Janetta Evans
Savannah Jane Fee	Alex Ferguson
Mariah Alicia Flores	Haley Ann Fowler
Nancy J Galvan	Elizabeth M Garcia
Riley Edward Genosick	Kolby Nicholas Gettrost
Mantaj Singh Gill	Kristian De Jesus Guerra
Lillyena Jacquelin Hendry	Alejandra Hermosillo *
D'Angelo Fernando Hernandez	Thomas John Heston
Isabella Marie Hicks	Riley Christopher Hilton
Kaelyn Emylu Howard	Ryan Christopher Hutnik
Rosa Islas Arroyo	Oswaldo Jimenez Almaras
Jacob Michael Jones	Andrew Joseph Keim
Kalli Lynn Khouri-Crowder	Caleb Craig Kuper § *
Carly Rose Kyle	Kobe Dylan Lam
Bryce Jorden Lantz	Isabelle Sophia Lepage
Giana Rose Lopez *	Cristian A Lopez-Morataya
Alana L Lum *	Marwa Maiwand
William A Marcelo	Efstathia Leilani-Benoit Martinis
Samuel James Masek	Bradley Allen Mazza
Carly Marie McCloud	Tieler Julien McElroy
Juan Diego Melgoza Fernandez	Rianna Mendoza
Chase Michael Meyer *	Heaven Pauline Mijares
Ibrahim Mohammad	Jaquelyn Amairani Montoya
Brian Gregory Mullaney Gabriel	Kalub Leroy Muller
Chloe Lee Ann Myers § *	Trelana Rose Oneal
Luzvaleria Orozco Villalobos	Priscilla Ortega *
Abdullah Mansour Panjsheri	Grace Ann Pastor § *
Karma Danger Peppers	Amadeus Angelo Peralta
Anthony Ramses Perez Garcia	Gerrik Michael Magoncia Plang

Garner Ronald Mathew Plumlee
Nino Walter Pompei
Katelyn Ann Prater
Nevaeh Lee Pryor
Sophia Raquel Robles
Natalia Isabel Rodriguez *
Gianna Lynne Rosas *
Gianni Lionell Sandoval
Mikayla Jade Scott
Liza Grace Sherwood *
Siena N Silva
Jayson Javier Sorenson
Lauren Monica Stoops
Dominic Lee Thornton §
Keir Alick Timmons
Gerard Van Schaik
Samantha Elizabeth Villarreal
Aubrey Leanna West
Donald Isaiah White
Joseph Alexander Wilson
Aaron Yi
Antonio Zamora

Vincent Michael Polston
Abraham Ameen Popal
Jhaun Noah Pratt
Luke Rader
Genesis Paola Rodas
Evelyn Rolnik §
Mia Sabina Maldonado Sanchez
Trenton Daniel Schweiger
Zena Jean Scott
Thomas H Shultz
Caelinn Lauree Smith
Aniya Oneatha Stice-Anderson
Evan James Thomson
Bryce Robert Tibbetts
Evelyn K Towle
Vanessa A Vanya
Sumayyah Wakeel
Kira L Westmoreland
Samaya Avery Wills *
Tyler Hideo Yee
Zoey Paige Zamacona *
America Stefany Zavala Espinoza *

§ IHS Golden State Seal Merit

* IHS Scholarship Recipients

"Intelligence plus character, that is the true
goal of education"

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

2025
class of
congratulations!

Independence High School



On August 28, 2013, the Liberty Union High School District Board of Trustees approved the owl as the mascot for Independence High School. Many cultures believe the owl to be symbolic of such honorable traits as intelligence, wisdom, protection, and independence. The study of owls has been and will continue to be a tradition at Independence High School.

