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MERCED COLLEGE HOSTS 46TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

More than 750 degrees and certificates will be awarded to candidates for graduation during the 46th annual Commencement Exercises at Merced College on Friday, May 29. Commencement will be held at Stadium '76/Don Odishoo Field at 7:30 pm.

The Commencement Address will be given by Scott Lay, president and chief executive officer of the Community College League of California. Lay, a community college graduate, will speak on "Looking Back, Looking Forward."

The student address, "Vision + Energy = Success," will be delivered by Diane Spork, who is graduating with an associate of arts degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Commencement will also feature the announcement of the Merced College Outstanding Professor of the Year award, given annually by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

Six students will be awarded with the Superintendent's Honors, which recognize those students who have maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average throughout their community college education. In addition, 85 Honor's Program students will be recognized.

Following is the list of candidates for graduation by hometown.

Asahi, Japan
Sumie, Komiya (A.A., University Studies)

Atwater

Elizabeth Almanzar (A.A., University Studies); Mallory N. Andersen (A.A., Agriculture Business); Rita Maria Calderon (A.A., Accounting); Maria A. Castro (A.S., Registered Nursing); Brian W. Chambers (A.A., Criminal Justice); Michelle Renee Chavez (A.A., Criminal Justice); Amy Degregori (A.A., University Studies); Ronda L. Denny (A.A., Medical Office); Amanda L. Duran (A.A., General Studies); Maureen S Flynn (A.A., Transfer Studies); Monteen Gomes (A.A., Liberal Studies); Saudy Saret Guzman (A.A., Business Administration); Stephen Camilus Haden (A.A., Criminal Justice); Adiaya Renee Halliman (A.A., Psychology) Britney C. Hyler (A.A., University Studies); Maria D. Jimenez (A.A., Social and Behavioral Science); Janet L. Jorge (A.A., Psychology); Sukhwinder Kaur (A.A., University Studies); Luzviminda Kendrick (A.A., Business Administration & A.S., Computer Studies- Management Information Systems); Mathew James Kenney (A.A., Mathematics); Kia Lee (A.A., General Studies); Rey J. Leija (A.A., Arts and Humanities); Patricia Danyell Leslie (A.A., Psychology) Mina Linares (A.A., General Studies); Ana Beatriz Lopez (A.A., Business Administration); Amber L. McClain (A.A., General Studies); Mark T. McCullick (A.A., Mathematics); Mark T. McCullick (A.A., Computer-Aided Drafting – Architectural); Christina R. Menezes (A.A., General Studies); Rebecca Lynn Meyer (A.A., Psychology); Melissa Lea Parker (A.S., Registered Nursing); Maribel Perez (A.S., Registered Nursing); Ruben Perez (A.A., General Studies); Kimberly Lynn Rivera (A.S., Registered Nursing); Mouang Nging Saetern (A.A., General Business); Jose L. Serna (A.S., Diagnostic Radiologic Technology); Carolyn Shadle (A.A., Psychology); Lisa Diane Siemiller (A.A., Transfer Studies); Jeremy Sterling (A.A., Transfer Studies); Darwin Wesley Summerton (A.A., Criminal Justice); Elva I. Taber (A.A., Psychology); Julieann Rose Tanachion (A.S., Registered Nursing); Jesse Tedrick (A.A., Transfer Studies); Jessica Danielle Tovar (A.A., Social and Behavioral Science); Matthew Manuel Vitorino (A.A., University Studies); John Paul Wagner (A.A., Addiction Studies); Nashielly Cecilia Zurita (A.A., Corrections)

Ballico

Maria G.Cuevas Carrazco (A.A., General Studies)

Berkeley

Jonathan M. Breland (A.A., General Studies)

Catheys Valley

Richard M. Chapman (A.A., General Studies & A.S. General Agriculture); Philip D. Floyd (A.A., General Studies)

Chowchilla

Sarah Elizabeth Atherton (A.A., Communication Studies); Bryan Alan Bump (A.A., Psychology); Lauren P. Holt (A.A., English); Amy Christine Wright (A.S., Animal Science)

Clovis

Kiley Kawazoe (A.A., Social and Behavioral Science)

Delhi

Yuri E. Arteaga (A.A., Psychology); Melissa Cunningham (A.S., Registered Nursing); Isabel O. Mendoza (A.A., Social Science); Arthur L. Sousa (A.A., Visual Arts); Angelica S. Vasquez (A.S., Registered Nursing); Laronna Talai White (A.A., Child Development)

Denair

Rebekah E. Grover (A.A., Business Administration); Katie Nicole Wynn (A.A., Business Administration)

Dos Palos

Mayra T. Andrade (A.A., General Studies); Luz Marina Cuevas (A.A., Human Services); Brooke Manfredi Llanez (A.S., Registered Nursing); Jennifer Moore (A.S., Registered Nursing); Nohemi Patino Moreno (A.A., Administrative Office Professional); Maribel R. Ortiz (A.A., Psychology); Denise P. Ortiz (A.A., Business Administration); Diana L. Shafer (A.S., Registered Nursing)

El Nido

Maria De La Luz Garcia (A.A., Business Administration); Manuel Ortiz (A.A., Agriculture Business)

Fresno

Randy Earl Collins (A.A., General Studies); Megumi Tajima (A.A., University Studies); Stephon I. Thomas (A.A., General Studies); Brandon Hardy Williams (A.A., General Studies)

Gustine

Mario Madrigal (A.A., University Studies); Maria Concepcion Leon Rodriguez (A.A., Psychology); Shawna Leigh Wilson (A.S., Registered Nursing)

Hilmar

Nathaniel Anthony Oliveira (A.A., Visual Arts); Loretta Soto (A.A., Human Services); Alex Waterson (A.A., English); Dawn M. Watkins (A.S., Registered Nursing)

Hughson

Teresa Marie White (A.A., History)

Keyes

Gerardo Antonio Garcia (A.A., University Studies);

Le Grand

Anthony Frias (A.A., University Studies); Sabrina Frias (A.A., University Studies); Sharon K. Rambo (A.A., Accounting); Joel Brandon Salcido (A.A., Transfer Studies); Daniel Alexander Fishman (A.A., Transfer Studies)

Livingston

Usman A. Afzal (A.A., Business Administration); Kary Nathaniel Alvernaz (A.A., Mathematics); Maria Araujo-Sierra (A.A., Psychology); Anthony Michael Blaine (A.A., Transfer Studies); Harbir Chahal (A.A., Corrections & A.A., Criminal Justice); Jennifer Ramos Correia (A.A., University Studies); Christine Primavera Dunham (A.A., Business Administration); Lakhwinder Kaur Gill (A.A., Psychology); Lorena Gonzalez (A.A., Social and Behavioral Science); Richa Handa (A.S., Registered Nursing); Nikki R. Hatcher (A.A., Criminal Justice); Tamera Jean Koehn (A.A., Early Childhood Education); Eva Cervantes Lopez (A.A., Spanish); Rosalva Perez (A.A., Psychology); Denise Perez (A.A., Transfer Studies); Eleana Rosa Ramirez (A.A., General Studies); Christina Robles (A.A., University Studies); Jose Serrato (A.A., University Studies); Maria L. Sicairos (A.A., Business Administration & A.A., Accounting)

Los Banos

Veronica Maria Alicia Alfaro (A.A., General Studies); James Baker (A.A., Business Administration); Pedro Bueno (A.A., Business Administration); Jonathan Cain (A.A., General Studies); Niria Yamel Castillo (A.S., Registered Nursing); Melissa Anne Ceglio (A.A., Health Sciences); Erlinda Chapa (A.A., Child Development); Abraham Chapa (A.A., University Studies & A.A., Social and Behavioral Science); Michael Ralph Chavarria (A.A., General Studies); Elva Serrato Cortes (A.A., General Studies); Aurelia Crater (A.A., Business Administration); Juan Jose Dicochea (A.A., Business Administration); Ernestina L. Garcia (A.A., University Studies); Dusk Ann Gjertson (A.A., Accounting); Claudia Vazquez Gonzales (A.A., Child Development); Anthony R. Guadian (A.A., Criminal Justice); Elizabeth Heredia (A.A., Criminal Justice); Adrianna Jaurez (A.A., Psychology); Amy Jimenez (A.A., General Studies); Kristi Kinsey (A.S., Registered Nursing); Cindy Lovato (A.A., General Studies); Acacia Afonso Moises (A.A., General Studies); Sylvia Montiel (A.A., University Studies); Mario L. Osip (A.A., General Studies); Maria G. Ruvalcaba (A.A., University Studies); Vanessa Lynn Sandoval (A.A., Psychology); Rose Seaborn (A.A., General Studies); Diana Senicero (A.A., Criminal Justice; A.A. General Studies); Steven Andrew Singh (A.A., Welding Technology); Jana R. Sousa (A.A., Psychology); Stacy Souza (A.A., Business Administration); Jelene Souza (A.A., General Studies); Francine C. Turner (A.A., General Business); April Leah Wood (A.A., Addiction Studies); Robin L. Zuspan (A.S., Diagnostic Radiologic Technology)

Mariposa

Rachel Karen Reynolds (A.S., Registered Nursing); Jennifer Anne Stark (A.A., Psychology)

Medford, CA

Kassondra Marie Nelson (A.A., Transfer Studies)

Mendota

Elizabeth Leon Espinoza(A.A., Criminal Justice)

Merced

Crystal Abarca (A.A., Psychology); Jorge Alamo (A.A., Criminal Justice); Helen M. Alcantara (A.A., General Studies); Destiny Bree Anderson-Bousquet (A.A., University Studies); Tsukasa Aoki (A.A., International Studies); Mary Elizabeth Apodaca (A.A., Foods and Nutrition); Morgan Marie Aue (A.A., University Studies); Phebe Faye Avila (A.S., Registered Nursing); Terina M. Baiera (A.A., Administrative Office Management - Medical Office); Jaime Balli (A.A., Visual Arts); Gilbert Isidro Barboza (A.A., Addiction Studies); Aman K. Bassi (A.S., Registered Nursing); Gail K. Basso (A.S., Registered Nursing); Isabel Benavidez (A.A., Early Childhood Education & A.A., Foods and Nutrition); Kyle R. Bengston (A.A., Business Administration); Michelle Lynne Marie Blackmore (A.A., General Studies); Jack T. Brooker (A.A., University Studies & A.A., Criminal Justice); Ashley Nicole Bray (A.A., General Agriculture & A.A., Animal Science); Mark Bush (A.A., Transfer Studies); Raul Cabrera (A.A., Transfer Studies); Casey Camarda (A.S., Biotechnology); Guadalupe Sanchez Carrillo (A.A., Psychology & A.A., Criminal Justice); Rafael Castañeda, Jr. (A.S., Computer Studies- Management Information Systems & A.A., Business Administration); Pablo Ceja (A.S., Registered Nursing); Jose Jesus Centeno-Gallegos (A.A., Transfer Studies); Eliana Chavez (A.A., Child Development); Daisy Cole (A.S., Registered Nursing); Angela Marie Corpora (A.A., Visual Arts); Netra Camille Dangerfield (A.A., Child Development); Andrew David De Leon (A.A., Visual Arts); Laura S. Douangboupha (A.A., General Studies); Michelle Jamie Duarte (A.A., Business Administration); Gina Lee Dunn (A.S., Registered Nursing); Kamona Eshanee Edwards (A.A., Psychology & A.A., General Studies); Violet Marie Emperor (A.A., Transfer Studies); Ashley Renee Farris (A.A., General Studies); Lisa Christine Fierro (A.A., Social and Behavioral Science & A.A., University Studies); Daniel P. Fierro (A.A., Fire Technology); Cristal Arcelia Flores (A.A., Transfer Studies); Bill Lewis Floyd (A.A., Addiction Studies); Kelley Anne Franck (A.A., Child Development); Jeremy Adam Franck (A.S., Engineering); Paula G. Franco (A.A., Human Services); Dillon Fulmer (A.A., Criminal Justice); Jessica Helen Garcia (A.A., Criminal Justice); Jody L. Garin (A.A., Health Sciences & A.S., Biotechnology); Jessica Lara George (A.A., Psychology); Shauna Marie Gilmore (A.A., Transfer Studies); Griselda R. Gongora (A.A., Transfer Studies); Jose R. Granados (A.A., Criminal Justice); Becky Sue Grissom (A.A., Health Sciences); Christopher Malvas Guce (A.S., Registered Nursing); Juan Antonio Guerrero (A.A., Social and Behavioral Science); Melissa K. Haar (A.A., Health Sciences); Edward G. Harland (A.A., History); Sarah Joy Hartman (A.A., General Studies); Jimne Yang Her (A.A., Office Technology - Information/Word Processing & A.A., Office Technology - Information/Word Processing); Ramon Perez Hernandez (A.A., Criminal

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