

So Long, Farewell, to Our Graduating Seniors
And also, "Come back to see us!"

This is the last week of school and the week in which we get to celebrate the many accomplishments of our graduating seniors! Whether they've been with us since kindergarten or arrived while still in high school, we're enormously proud of their hard work and success. And we're enormously grateful to the teachers, families, and community members who have supported these young scholars through their years here in our school district.

Of course, it is both exciting and poignant to say goodbye as these young people set off on the next stage of their life journey. A number of our seniors are enlisting in the U.S. Armed Forces, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard. We thank them for their willingness to serve. Some will be taking either part-time or full-time jobs. Many are continuing in the state's higher education system, including all nine University of California campuses, 11 California State University campuses, and ten community colleges.

In addition, our seniors will be going to a wide range of other four-year colleges both near and far, small and large, private and public. Those institutions include:

American University
Azusa Pacific University
Arizona State University
Barnard College
Beloit College
Boston University
Bryn Mawr College
Carleton College
Corban College
Columbia College (Chicago)
Culinary Institute of America
De La Salle College of St. Benilde
Denison University
Duke University
Eastern Michigan State University
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Iowa State University

Kenyon College
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark University
Loyola University – Chicago
Macalester College
Mills College
Mount Holyoke
Northeastern University
Occidental College
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Sciences Po (Paris)
Scripps College
Seattle University
Smith College
Skidmore College
Stanford University
State University of NY – Cortland

Syracuse University
Universidad de Navarra
Universiteit van Amsterdam
University of Arizona
University of Colorado
University of Exeter
University of Hawaii
University of Nevada - Reno
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
Wayne State University
Webb Institute
Wesleyan University

Fifty-one seniors graduated from Island High School (the district's continuation high school) this year, including three that received their diplomas via the Alameda Adult School. Those students, too, are heading off to jobs and colleges as they lay the groundwork for the rest of their adult lives. Indeed more than 25 Island students attended community college classes while at Island High School, and two completed CPR/First Aid training and are now qualified to be para educators in a school district.

“Whether they’re heading off to college in a distant state or staying here in Alameda to begin a job or go to community college, these young adults are at a poignant turning point in their lives,” said Superintendent Sean McPhetridge. “Whatever they choose to do in this next stage of their lives, we hope they know we support them, we appreciate them, and we wish them every success in reaching their goals and embodying their dreams.”

Awards and Scholarships

A number of seniors received full scholarships to the colleges of their choice, including Calder Hartigan (AHS), who is receiving full tuition for the Webb Institute, and Nathan Moore (AHS), who received a full scholarship to UC Berkeley through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corp. At ASTI, Joey Gong received a full scholarship to UC Berkeley, and Wen Yu received a full scholarship to Harvard University.

Four AUSD students also received full-tuition scholarships from the Posse Foundation: Tanan Buyannemekh and Jacob Marshall of AHS, who will attend Boston University and Lehigh University, respectively, and William Liu and Kendall O’Farrell of EHS, who are also attending Boston University and Lehigh University, respectively. Two AUSD students — Ashley Auduong (AHS) and Armen Phelps (EHS) — also received Fiat Lux Scholarships from UC Berkeley.

Community members (including alumni and the estates of alumni) also provide scholarships each year to our graduating seniors. Those scholarships are listed on the following page.

Scholar-Athletes

Several of our graduates will be playing sports in college. At Alameda High School, those graduates include Annika Crvarich (USC, rowing); Bella Bramell-Vick (University of San Diego, softball); Bryan Woo (Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, baseball); James Lang (Tabor College, football); and Elizabeth Scholtes (Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, golf). Scholar-athletes at Encinal High School include Sandeep Mahl (SF State University, baseball) and Christine Warren (Corban University, softball). We’re also excited to report that EHS’s Osiris Johnson has been drafted by the Miami Marlins baseball team!

It is impossible to mention all the wonderful things that our graduating seniors have done or are going to do. But it’s important to note, too, that some of our graduating

seniors have struggled in their time in AUSD. Whether it's due to issues at home, issues at school, learning differences, or other challenges, we know that for many students earning a high school degree was not easy. We also want to celebrate these students' accomplishments and all that it took to get to the graduation stage, and we wish all of our graduates happy, productive, and engaged futures. We are proud of them all.

Scholarship Name & Criteria	Award Recipient
Beatrice B Barrett Scholarship Senior with intent to pursue any science discipline	Andrew Nguyen (AHS)
Florinda Bartalini Scholarship Student who demonstrates exemplary community service and wants to pursue a career in public health	Elizabeth Dodge (AHS)
Cox/Hollywood Scholarship Well-rounded AHS student	Andrew Nguyen (AHS)
Abraham and Sara Kofman Alameda Times-Star Journalism Scholarship Most deserving journalism student from AHS and EHS	Dalia Wong (AHS); Angel Johnson (EHS)
Marlene and Steve Kofman Scholarship AHS art student	Amaya Edwards (AHS)
Chipman/Mastick Scholarship Most deserving EHS student, good grades, good citizenship	Massuda Kohgadai (EHS)
Paul Hardy Parker Scholarship Students pursuing a career in education	Jean Choi (AHS); Emily Hau (EHS)
Susan Scott Scholarship EHS student	Beth Wanjiru
Lou Allen Scholarship EHS student	Susan Hong
Van Sickle Scholarship Student who exhibits academic achievement, leadership, and financial need.	Ella Burke (EHS)
Steven Sizer Scholarship	Raymond Yao (AHS)
Sally Gallagher Scholarship AHS student pursuing a career in education.	Jean Choi (AHS)
Alice B. Hansen	Sam Yuen
Robert Lippert Scholarship	AHS Jake Chilcott, Rachel Margaret Cutright, Julie Ngoc Vu EHS Anneli Arneson, Mary Malkic, Joshua Noruwa

