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California Preparatory Academy Graduation

Capistrano Union High School
June 4, 2025
3:00 p.m.

CALIFORNIA PREPARATORY ACADEMY

School Principal

Michael Hatcher

California Preparatory Academy Faculty

Kent Baker
Sylvia Blanco-Johnson
Rima Clarke
Melissa Cotton
Justin Green
Tracy Hawkins
Suzy Hetos
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Office Manager

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School Secretary

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Lorie Bilhorn

College & Career Counselor

Linda Kang

Congratulations Seniors!



2025 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Processional.....	Pomp and Circumstance Edward Elgar, Composer
Welcome and Introductions.....	Michael Hatcher, Principal
Pledge of Allegiance	Kiana Alipour
Introduction of California Preparatory Academy Faculty and Staff	Michael Hatcher
Scholar of Scholars Speech.....	Juliana Su
Honors and Awards.....	Cal Prep Staff
Scholarship Presentation and Acknowledgement.....	Michael Hatcher
Presentation of Diplomas.....	Dr. Christopher Brown, Superintendent, Lisa Davis, Board of Trustees President, Gila Jones, Board of Trustees Clerk, Clint Collins, Assistant Superintendent, SELPA, Special Education Services and Jennifer Smalley, Assistant Superintendent School Leadership and Instruction, Secondary
Presentation of the Class of 2025	Michael Hatcher
Acceptance of the Class of 2025	Lisa Davis Board of Trustees President
Turning of the Tassels.....	Tyler Speidel
Recessional	

Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

Scholar of Scholars Juliana Su

Graduating with the highest overall weighted grade point average based on work in English, history/social science, mathematics, science, and world languages.
Juliana wears a gold stole in recognition of this honor.

Valedictorians

Students with a cumulative academic weighted 9-12 grade point average of 4.0 or higher ~ **medal and white gowns**

Olivia Allegre
Sydney Costello
Chase Kowalkowski
Joseph LaHatt
Brenna Malesardi

Dev Mangat
Natalya Nelson
Makena Rittichier
Juliana Su
Audrey Tillotson

Academic Distinction

Students with a cumulative academic weighted 9-12 grade point average of 3.5 or higher ~ **gold tassel**

Betsy Antonio
Mika Baker
Ruby Barnum
Isabella Clementino
Mia Dean
John Dent
Hayden Dunham
Delaney Earl
Aleksandr Enev
Jack Gaither
Kaia Liwski

Jackson Norton
Leyla Pfeiffer
Anabelle Pratt
Delnaz Rad
Mia Ross
Riley Shay
Tyler Speidel
James Trotter
Anthony Verrengia
Mridul Wadhwa
William Whitesides

Graduating Class of 2025

David Michael Javier
Hilary Alyse Johnson
Chase Emerson Kowalkowski
Joseph Timothy LaHatt
Gabriel Louis Landsman-Sarti
Kaia J. Liwski
Brenna Sophia Malesardi
Olivia Susana Malinauskas
Dev Mangat
Hudsen Jay McDaniel
Maleah Nicoll Munson
Natalya Ryan Nelson
Jackson Christopher Norton
Brianna Mae Ochoa
Raelyn Nicole Offord
Misha Amaya Parsons
Leyla Grace Pfeiffer

Anabelle Pratt
Delnaz Jordan Rad
Remy Kates Ragsdale
Makena Rose Rittichier
Mia Kathryn Ross
Riley Patrick Shay
Hamilton Patrick Smith
Kyler Talon Smith
Tyler Marcus Speidel
Juliana Su
Audrey Leah Tillotson
James Christian Trotter
Brian Daniel Velazquez
Anthony Max Verrengia
Mridul Wadhwa
Dylan Christian Westergaard
William James Whitesides



Graduating Class of 2025

Santiago David Acevedo

Cambria Jayne Albert

Kiana Alipour

Olivia Laure Allegre

Betsy Daniela Antonio

Brooke Mary Bachman

Janae Ann Bachman

Mika Yoshi Baker

Kai Barbee

Ruby Susan Barnum

Jackson Flint Bunker

Sienna Ann Burch

Natalia Maria Castaneda

Isabella Sofia Clementino

Matan Cohen

Seth Morris Cohen

Gavin Dean Collins

Sydney Nicole Costello

Mia Xiulan Dean

Montserrat Atzalia Del Rio

John Moses Dent

Hayden Cynthia Dunham

Delaney Julia Earl

Hannah Mae Ellinger

Aleksandr Tyler Enev

Jaycee Kendall Foti

Claire Yumiko Furniss

Renzo Orion Gagliardi

Jack Nicolas Tru Gaither

Liam James Garvey

Samantha Maxine Granado

Lena Michele Harake

Jonah Kai Harris

Samantha Lue Huffman

Advanced Placement Scholars

Natalya Nelson

Delnaz Rad

Juliana Su

Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

Gold Seal on Diploma

Olivia Allegre
Mika Baker
Ruby Barnum
Isabella Clementino
Mia Dean
John Dent
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Claire Furniss
Jack Gaither
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Kaia Liwski
Brenna Malesardi

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Riley Shay
Hamilton Smith
Tyler Speidel
Juliana Su
Audrey Tillotson
James Trotter
Anthony Verrengia
Mridul Wadhwa

Special Recognition for all 4 years' attendance at Cal Prep

Santiago Acevedo
Kai Barbee
Seth Cohen
Montserrat Del Rio
Claire Furniss
Samantha Granado
Chase Kowalkowski
Joseph LaHatt

Delnaz Rad
Makena Rittichier
Riley Shay
Hamilton Smith
Juliana Su
Audrey Tillotson
William Whitesides





California State Seal of Biliteracy

Recognizes students who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading and writing in one or more languages in addition to English ~ **Gold Seal on Diploma and Medal**

Olivia Allegre

French

Betsy Antonio

Spanish

Isabella Clementino

Spanish

Kaia Liwski

Spanish

Brenna Malesardi

Chinese/Mandarin

Olivia Malinauskas

Spanish

Brian Velazquez

Spanish

California Preparatory Academy Recognition Awards

Olivia Allegre & Riley Shay
Outstanding Character Award

Joseph LaHatt & Dev Mangat
21st Century Learner Award

Isabella Clementino
Principal's Award

Audrey Tillotson
Condors Award

Capistrano Unified Management Association Scholarship

Kai Barbee

California Preparatory Academy Merit Awards

Social Studies Merit ~ Jack Gaither & Makena Rittichier

English Merit ~ Juliana Su

Science Merit ~ Audrey Tillotson

Math Merit ~ Joseph LaHatt

Visual Arts ~ Kai Barbee

Spanish ~ Hayden Dunham

College and Career Advantage Pathways

Natalia Castaneda ~ Production and Managerial Arts

Sydney Costello ~ Patient Care

John Dent ~ Systems Diagnostics, Service and Repair

Aleksandr Enev ~ Design, Visual and Media Arts

Liam Garvey ~ Food Service and Hospitality

Brianna Ochoa ~ Business Management

Dylan Westergaard ~ Food Service and Hospitality