CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

A CELEBRATION HONORING THE CLASS OF 2026

BRIDGES HIGH SCHOOL

CAPISTRANO UNION HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS / S.E.I.S. PROGRAM

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
JUNE 4TH, 2026
CAPISTRANO UNION HIGH SCHOOL

2026 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Welcome	**Dr. Kim Jenkins** Principal, Union High School **Luci Coppola** Principal, Bridges High School CLASS Program
Processional	**"Pomp and Circumstance"** Edward Elgar, Composer
Pledge of Allegiance	**Danielle Greenia** Student, Union High School
Welcome Guests	**Luci Coppola** Principal, Bridges High School CLASS Program
Scholarships and Awards	**Lisset Garcia** Counselor, Union High School **Shannon Halbert** Counselor, Union High School
Faculty and Staff Introductions	**Dr. Kim Jenkins** Principal, Union High School **Luci Coppola** Principal, Bridges High School CLASS Program
Commencement Speaker	**Karol Avila** Student, Union High School
Presentation of Diplomas	**Lisa Davis** CUSD Board President
Presentation of the Class of 2026	**Dr. Kim Jenkins** Principal, Union High School
Acceptance of the Class of 2026	**Lisa Davis** CUSD Board President
Turning of the Tassels	**Logan Kalika** Student, Union High School
Closing	**Dr. Kim Jenkins** Principal, Union High School

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Scholarships presented by

Ad Astra Per Aspera	**Shannon Halbert**
Capistrano Unified Management Association	**Lisset Garcia**
Make America Kind	**David Pino**
Dana Point Women's Club	**Lisset Garcia**
American Red Cross	**Lisset Garcia**
Chautauqua	**Naomi Lechuga**
San Juan Capistrano Rotary	**Shannon Halbert**

Achievement Awards presented by

Spirit of the Knight — **Dr. Kim Jenkins**

awarded to ***Danielle Greenia***

Union HS Students of the Quarter — **Dr. Kim Jenkins**

awarded to the following students

Luis Moreno Pano *- Quarter 1*

Alexa Caudillo *- Quarter 2*

Karol Avila *- Quarter 3*

Logan Kalika *- Quarter 4*

State Seal Of Biliteracy — **Dr. Kim Jenkins**

awarded to ***Jocelyn De La Rosa***

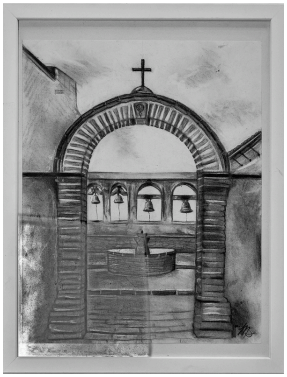
SJC 250 CELEBRATION ART CONTEST

In celebration of our city's 250th Anniversary, several of our talented students participated in the citywide commemorative art contest. Through their artwork, these students highlighted the historic landmarks and heritage that define the spirit of San Juan Capistrano.

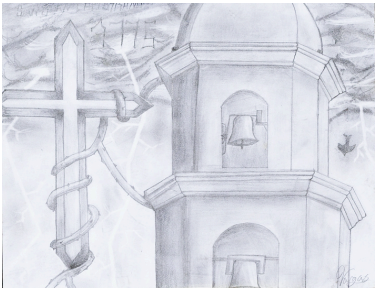
We are honored to recognize the following students for sharing their creativity and representing our school in this special celebration!

***Justine Adams**, 10th Grade*

***Melanie Everastico**, 10th Grade*



***Maeli Serrao**, 12th Grade*



***Ivan Vargas**, 12th Grade*

FACULTY AND STAFF

Union High School

Dr. Kim Jenkins, Principal
Ryan Ortiz, Assistant Principal
Lisset Garcia, Counselor
Shannon Halbert, Counselor
Kiki Banuelos, Teacher
Ranna Dendel, Teacher
Catherine Kurani, Teacher
Naomi Lechuga, Teacher
Nathan Longdon, Teacher
Robyn Nixon, Teacher
Rogelio Palacios, Teacher
David Pino, Teacher
Heather Reynard, Teacher
Matt Sheridan, Teacher
Ryan Talafus, Teacher
Amy Turner, Teacher

Bridges High School

Luci Coppola, Principal
Ryan Ortiz, Assistant Principal
Beth Chapman, Intervention Specialist
Catherine Crancer, Teacher
Jasmine Stanley, Teacher

CLASS Program

Luci Coppola, Principal
Ryan Ortiz, Assistant Principal
Beth Chapman, Intervention Specialist
DeAnn Hindman, Teacher
Julie Taylor, Teacher

S.E.I.S. Program

Luci Coppola, Principal
Ryan Ortiz, Assistant Principal
Jessica Lively, Teacher
Coy Valencia, Teacher

UNION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Damari Aguilar
Natalia Alarqan
Luis Aragon
Rostam Arman
Ryan Ashkani
Karol Avila
Javier Bahena Sanchez
Colin Brantell
Kate Burkitt
Alexander Capano
Julia Carson
Alexa Caudillo
Lynx Ceja
Mckenzie Cervantes
Chase Colcord
Jesus Cortes
Jocelyn De La Rosa
Dayana Del Cid Velasquez
Abner Divas Ramirez
William Egan
Kiley Ferrer
Lucas Gabriel
Brenda Gomez
Danielle Greenia
Samuel Guzman
Roland Horner
Zariah Ice
Logan Kalika
Sophia Kisling
Savanna Kitner
Fernando Laredo Dina
Christopher Larios

CONGRATULATIONS

UNION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Patrick Lenihan
Alexi Lorenzo
Angel Marmolejo
Kassandra Martin Aceves
Amy Mendoza
Ricardo Meza
Mina Michael
Victor Montealvan Saldivar
Luis Moreno Pano
Ryan Motameni
Erik Muniz
Allyson Olmedo
Hailun Ouyang
Joshua Pasteris
Dominik Perez
Cameron Polson
Ace Puerta
Michael Rosas Chavez
Montana Sachen
Nolan Sanders
Aideliz Santana
Bryan Segura Estrada
Maeli Serrao
Kira Torres
Matthew Urban
Ivan Vargas
Elijah White
Denver Williams
Anthony Zamarripa

CLASS OF 2026!

BRIDGES HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Emely Garcia
Jackson Horne
Kaelynn Jenkins
Parker Lueras
Janelle Ramirez
Joshua Robles Hernandez
Chiara Zechmair

YOU DID IT!

CLASS / S.E.I.S. GRADUATES

Victor Camarillo
Tiegan Figueroa
Miguel Gonzalez
Atrix Jones
Hunter Kelly
Juan Laredo
Ranithu Rathnayake
Anna Roper

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Plaza Del Obispo Chick-fil-A

Selma's Chicago Pizzeria & Tap Room

Thank you for your support!

FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY UNION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES CAN PICK-UP THEIR DIPLOMAS IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

ALL OTHER GRADUATES WILL RECEIVE THEIR DIPLOMAS FROM THEIR TEACHERS

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