LVJUSD Students Graduate Prepared to Thrive

June 10, 2019 - Livermore, CA - With pomp and circumstance, speeches from proud principals and honored valedictorians, a short walk across the stage, and a toss of the hat, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) Class of 2019 concluded its school year and K-12 education, prepared to contribute and thrive in the world. Commencement ceremonies for the 1,091 seniors were held for all four LVJUSD high schools – Vineyard Alternative High School, as well as Livermore Adult Education, celebrated on June 4, 2019; Del Valle Continuation High School’s ceremony was held on June 5, 2019; and Granada and Livermore high schools sent off their graduates on June 7, 2019. LVJUSD students in the Middle College – a joint academic program offered by Las Positas College and the Tri-Valley school districts – graduated on May 28, 2019.

This year, Granada High School (GHS) saw a rise in students completing the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme – 15 students graduated as candidates for an internationally recognized diploma after completing a rigorous, globally focused curriculum. GHS and Livermore High School (LHS) had a combined 48 Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars and 8 National Merit Scholarship Finalists. 468 LVJUSD students were awarded the Golden State Seal of Merit, which recognizes superior academic accomplishment in six core subject areas. The Seal is awarded jointly by the California Department of Education and the LVJUSD Board of Education. 107 graduates earned the Seal of Biliteracy – an honor bestowed on students who graduated fluent in both English and a second language.

Students will now move on to the next chapters of their lives – continuing their educational experience in colleges and vocational schools, pursuing careers, and serving in the military. Many students will take advantage of the local institution of higher education, Las Positas College, while others will spread across the state from Sonoma to Sacramento to San Diego. Some students will travel across the country to states such Arizona, Idaho, and Massachusetts; with others leaving the country altogether for an international education or experience. 23 student athletes have committed to bringing their talents to schools across the country, signing letters of intent to ensure financial aid.

Over half of the students in the graduating class have been enrolled in LVJUSD schools since kindergarten. Teachers, staff, alumni, and families have watched their students grow into compassionate, thoughtful, ambitious, strong people. “Their potential beyond high school is boundless,” said Superintendent Kelly Bowers. “LVJUSD is proud to send off these students into the world – confident in their abilities, their knowledge, and their power to do good.”
ABOUT LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
LVUSD is an award-winning district that serves more than 13,900 students in transitional kindergarten through 12th grade at nine elementary campuses, two K-8 schools, three middle schools, two comprehensive high schools, and two alternative schools. The LVUSD features International Baccalaureate Programmes and a STEM pathway, TK-12. The mission of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District is to ensure each student will graduate with the skills needed to contribute and thrive in a changing world. For more information about the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, please visit www.livermoreschools.org

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