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Yosemite alternative schools host graduations

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Forty-four students graduated from the Yosemite Joint Union High School District alternative schools June 9. The students were from Ahwahnee High School, Evergreen High School, Foothill High School, Raymond Granite High School and Yosemite Adult High School.

Jose Medardo Mejia, a Yosemite Adult School graduate, received the Staff Award. Six students were selected by the alternative school staff for the Staff Award. Others who were nominated were: Daniel Seale, from FHS; Korina Gutierrez, Guiget LaLonde, Amy Lusk and April Ordahl from EHS.

Student speakers were Lusk, Gutierrez and Mejia.

Alumni speakers were Meghan Kapiloff, who is a Humboldt State graduate working on an elementary teaching credential, and Michel Musacchio, who is a youth minister in Oakhurst.

Monika Moulin, a member of the Yosemite Unified School District school board, sang "Unwritten" during the ceremony.

Students who received scholarships are:

Samantha Perry-Walter, El Capitan Foundation.

Travis Staab, Madera County School Board.

Autumn Williams, Madera County School Board.

Krishna Davis, El Capitan Foundation and Soroptimist of the Sierra.

Korina Gutierrez, Vision Academy drama award, Golden Chain Theater award, Murray Hammerling Memorial, Madera County Arts Council, El Capitan Foundation.

Amy Lusk, Yosemite Gateway Association of Realtors, Harmelin Family Award, El Capitan Foundation, Oakhurst Sierra Sunrise Rotary, Soroptimist of the Sierra.

April, Ordahl, Irene N. Ahlers Memorial.

Sonia Alcazar de Lozano, Madera County School Board.

Jose Medardo Mejia, Madera County School Board.

Leah Rudolfs, Jeannie Reece Award.

Graduates are:

Ahwahnee High School: Steven DeMoss, Ian Marshall, Joline Louise Martinez, Samantha Perry-Walter, Travis Staab, Andrew David Trippel and Autumn Williams.

Foothill High School: Josh Levi Carter, Amber Leigh Jacks, Sarah Kaitlin Manning and Daniel Russell Seale.

Evergreen High School: Krishna Nicole Davis, Brock L. Garrett, Jazmin Gonzalez, Korina Gabrielle Gutierrez, Hilary Rose Emi Guzman, Anthony Michael Harris, Guiget Lorel LaLonde, Christopher Lee John, Amy Louise Lusk, Ashley Michelle Moore, Shelby Amanda New, April Noel Ordahl, Raquel T. Rodriguez, Joe David Scialabba, Tamra Michelle Scott, Seth William Snyder, Jessica Elizabeth Sweat and Kelley Lee Wright.

Raymond Granite High School: Leah Alexandra Rudolfs and Bow Orozco Reed.

Yosemite Adult High School: Sonia Alcazar de Lozano, Chelsee Janine Albright, Catherine Lynn Biccum, Chase C. Caywood, Jolene Marie Elizalde, Adam L. Malcolm, Jose Medardo Mejia, Lenna Grace Pavelich, Danielle Suzanne Pelletier, Valerie Lynne Sauber, Jackie Nadine Wegis, Christopher L. White and Chenise Taren Williams.

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