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Cathie Campbell

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Grace Grady-Barnes

Bryan Greeson

Mike Hackworth

Al Joyal

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EDUCATION

Alternative ed students graduate

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Forty-five students received diplomas through the alternative education program of Yosemite Unified School District June 8.

Ten students graduated from Ahwahnee High School; five from Foothill High School; 25 from Evergreen High School; and five from Yosemite Adult High School.

Students earning scholarships were:

Cara Smith-Guerrero, AHS: Soroptimist International of the Sierras; Werner Family Limited Partnership; Madera County School Board; El Capitan Foundation and the Staff Award.

Steven Moore, AHS: Madera County School Board.

Rachel Ching, EHS: Soroptimist International of the Sierras; El Capitan Foundation.

Chloe Graham, EHS: Soroptimist International of the Sierras; Irene N. Ahlers Memorial Scholarship; and Oakhurst Sierra Sunrise Rotary.

Joshua Hill, EHS: Madera County School Board.

Alicia Ordahl, EHS: E Clampus Vitus Danny Goldberg Memorial; Madera County School Board; El Capitan Foundation; Oakhurst Sierra Sunrise Rotary; and Murray Hammerling Memorial.

Cara Smith-Guerrero, one of the student speakers, advised her fellow graduates to "always be proud of what you have accomplished; be proud of yourselves."

The other student speaker, Chloe Graham, said, "Let's show them what we can do and who we can be."

Musical presentations were by Alicia Ordahl, who played "Morning" on the flute; Tracie Duren and Madison Fayne, who sang "Landslide Brought Me Down"; and Natalie Martinez-Schick, who sang "Whenever You Remember."

Diplomas were presented by Roberta Tackett, alternative education principal, teachers from the respective schools, YUSD board members, and YUSD Superintendent Bill McCabe.

Graduates are:

Ahwahnee High: Britni Benson, Cameron Dion, Kelli Liston, Crystal Lycke, Steven Moor, Rebecca Perry, Russell Qualls, Cara Smith-Guerrero, April Soledad and Brianna Taylor.

Foothill High: Sarah Jakhar, Patrick Moerdyk, Mikyla Moore, David Quigley, and Kyle Sipe.

Evergreen High: Dexter Alexander, Antonia Ayala, Daniel Calles, Rachel Ching, Jason Costa, Tracie Duren, Madison Fayne, Philip Fayne, Chloe Graham, Ashly Green, Jeremy Herr, Heather Hicks-Kinard, Joshua Hill, Robyn Holliday, Michelle Lovec, Casey McCready, Taryn McCreary, Katie McIntosh, Sarah Montgomery, Alicia Ordahl, Adrian Parker, Kayla Phillips, Catherine Reynolds, Jorge Solis and Samantha Taylor.

Yosemite Adult High: Sally Brock, Bret Burton-Fisher, Jonathan Gohn, Alvaro Madrigal and Natalie Martinez-Schick.