

# UPDATE – JULY 2018

## Superintendent's Message



The graduations, promotions, and end of the year programs for the 2017-18 school year are now history. These events at each of our 13 schools were uplifting, highly successful, and very well organized. However, they do not tell the whole story. All of the programs, while significant and integral to the life of our schools, are in many ways a symbol of the tremendous work that was accomplished by students and staff.

It is the day-to-day, focused work on each campus and in every classroom that brings about the success we continue to witness in the academics, arts, athletics, and activities. It is the deep commitment from our Bonita Unified School District staff members, along with supportive parents, that sets the stage for the tremendous student success that was consistently demonstrated throughout the school year.

It is with a great deal of appreciation that I acknowledge each of the many adults that went above and beyond in service to our BUSD students. To each of these I give sincere thanks, and to each of our students I send congratulations on an exemplary 2017-2018 school year.

*July's Schools in the Spotlight* includes Graduation Reports from our three high schools.

Sincerely,

Carl J. Coles  
Superintendent

# Schools in the Spotlight

## Graduation Reports

### Bonita High School Graduation



On the afternoon of June 6, 415 students of the Class of 2018 walked across the stage at Glenn Davis Stadium and received diplomas, officially graduating from Bonita High School. The ceremony lasted one hour and twenty minutes and included speeches and songs from students and various student recognitions for academic achievements.

Kinsey Kline led off the ceremonies by singing the National Anthem. Principal Kenneth Ritchie spoke to the students about perseverance and not giving up when things get tough. Students were encouraged to take chances in their academics and in the workplace. Cole Stidham, ASB President, gave the commencement speech and Sophia Lorey gave the farewell speech. Aaron Chappel played his guitar and sang “My Wish” by Rascal Flatts.

Twenty-one students from this class of 2018 enlisted in one of the branches of the military and they were asked to stand to be recognized by the audience. They received a standing ovation for their commitment to serve our country. There were 20 students who were recognized for having a perfect 4.0 unweighted GPA and 84 students who had above a 4.0 weighted GPA. The number of students who completed all the A-G requirements required for Cal State or UC admission was 284.

Co-Salutatorians, Rachel Cheung and Anthony Sutrisno gave a combined speech with many funny anecdotes and the Valedictorian Valerie Warner gave an inspired speech about branching out as they go into the world. Our Chamber Singers finished off the ceremony by singing our Alma Mater.

The 2018 graduation ceremony was a great way to bring the school year to a close and Bonita High School is very proud of each and every graduate. The education students received while attending Bonita High School will lead to great things in the future. Congratulations class of 2018!

## Chaparral High School



Friends and family of the 38 graduates from Chaparral High School were joined by the Board of Education and District administration to celebrate the school's 50th commencement exercises at the 2018 graduation ceremony at the Bonita Center for the Arts in San Dimas on June 5. Principal Christine Black applauded the graduates for their perseverance and asked them to look for ways they can improve the future, "Your potential is great

and your future holds endless possibilities. You will have the freedom now to make the choices that will determine the mark you will make on our world. But that freedom comes with accountability and responsibility—the responsibility to take what you have learned and take action. Whether your next step involves college, career, or in service to this great country of ours, commit to making a positive impact on those around you and help make our world a better place. You only need to listen to the news for a few moments to know our world needs and deserves better. And I'm counting on you to make a difference."

Bonita Unified School District Superintendent Carl Coles told the graduates to, "take advantage of the opportunities that will come your way, embrace challenges as opportunities for something greater than yourselves, and continue to look forward, because it will do you no good to look backward. All of you are here tonight because you don't feel sorry yourself, you are good enough, and you did not quit. If you keep these things in mind you truly will have unlimited potential."

In her address to her classmates, Student of the Year Trinity White, shared that, "one of the many things I learned from my years at Chaparral is to step out of my comfort zone to discover my strengths as a person and to not be scared to use my voice for a positive purpose."

Senior Savannah Schuman asked her fellow graduates to, "remember you were put on this earth with a purpose and that is to inspire people, make a difference, and live up to your potential. No matter where life takes you, have faith in yourself, be proud of what you're doing, and take every opportunity you have, big or small, to better yourself and your situation."

The following achievement awards and scholarship recipients were recognized:

## DEPARTMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

English:	Savannah Schuman
Math:	Savannah Schuman
Government:	Daniel Ello
Economics:	Jacqueline Ceja
Fine Arts:	Joshua Housholder
Hospitality:	Juliana Statler
Events Planning:	Maygan Smith
Computers:	Simeon Hernandez
Renaissance:	Trinity White

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Student of the Year:	Trinity White
Delta Kappa Gamma Society Citizenship Award:	Trinity White
San Dimas Senior Citizens Club Scholarships:	Daniel Ello, Jaclyn Kasfy, Ashlynn Pearce, Thomas Rodriguez, Savannah Schuman, Maygan Smith, Daniel Tubbs, and Trinity White
Lordsburg Foundation Scholarship:	Daniel Ello
Legacy of Kindness Award:	Simeon Hernandez
La Verne-San Dimas Educational Foundation Awards:	Jacqueline Ceja, Savannah Schuman, Juliana Statler, Cesar Veliz
Bonita Unified Management Team Award:	Maygan Smith

## **San Dimas High School**

At San Dimas High School's Commencement Ceremony on June 5, 340 students were awarded their high school diplomas in front of 3,000 teachers, friends, and family members.

Valedictorian Andy Xin earned an Academic GPA of 4.54 and will be attending UCLA. Salutatorian Annalyn Diaz earned an Academic GPA of 4.46 and will attend UCLA.

### **SDHS Class of 2018, by numbers, records, and achievements:**

- 86 students are going directly to a four-year college. Graduates will attend such prestigious universities as Texas A&M, USC, UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, and Rutgers

- 62 students maintained a 3.5 GPA for all four years
- 41 students maintained a 4.0 GPA for all four years
- 9 students will serve in the US Armed Forces
- 20,000 community service volunteer hours performed over the graduates' four years of high school
- 1.25 million dollars earned in college scholarships
- 5 students had perfect attendance all four years of high school:
  - Ethan Angle
  - Breanne See
  - Justyn Smith
  - Andy Xin
  - Adam Zorko
- CIF Champion 4x100 meter boys swim relay team:
  - Brady Boyd
- 2 time National Runner Up and 2 time National Champion Cheer Team:
  - Maddie McGuire      Amanda Akpom
  - Ally Carrion      Samantha Ensign
  - Alyssa Nitinthorn      Joselle Medina
- National Youth Arts Performer of the Year:
  - Brooke Boyd



# Elementary Summer Reading Program

Elementary school libraries in the Bonita Unified School District will be open to students during the summer. Teachers have set new Accelerated Reader goals for each of their students to encourage them to continue to read.

Each school has chosen a week to be open, but students from all schools can visit and check out books from any school library. Students, along with parents can also read together in the library, and take Accelerated Reader quizzes. The last day to check out a book is August 6, and the last day to take a quiz is August 9.

Parents can track student progress year round by creating an account with Accelerated Reader's Home Connect through the District's website. Once registered, the system will send parents an email every time their student takes an Accelerated Reader test.

Below is the summer library schedule:



**SUMMER LIBRARY 2018**  
**Bonita Unified School District**

SCHOOL	Monday 9 a.m.-11 a.m.	Tuesday 9 a.m.-11 a.m.	Wednesday 9 a.m.-11 a.m. 4:30-6:30 p.m.	Thursday 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
ALLEN	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14
LA VERNE HEIGHTS	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21
EKSTRAND	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28
ROYNON	July 2	July 3	Closed for July 4	July 5th
SHULL	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12
OAK MESA	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19
GRACE MILLER	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26
ROYNON	July 30	July 31	Aug 1	Aug 2
GLADSTONE	Aug 6 (last day to check out books)	Aug 7	Aug 8 (all books DUE in but books can be read on site)	Aug 9 (books can be read on site and quizzes taken)

Our Summer Library Hours will be a little different this year. You can go to any of the schools listed above on the dates they are open, to check out books and take AR quizzes. Books can be returned to **any open library** and they will be sorted by the district and make their way back to the school they belong to. Students may check out up to 3 books per school, with a maximum of 5.