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Jurupa Unified Seniors to Participate in Grad Walks

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JURUPA VALLEY, CA - Graduating seniors across the Jurupa Unified School District will parade in their caps and gowns in front of younger peers to inspire a new generation of learners to follow their path to success.

The first grad walk will take place on Thursday, May 18. Approximately 45 seniors in the Jurupa Valley High School AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program will visit their former elementary school.

*An interview/photo opportunity will be available from 10:15-11:00 a.m. at Sky Country Elementary School at 5520 Lucretia Avenue in Jurupa Valley.

"College, and even high school, can seem so far away to an elementary student. Seeing their brothers and sisters and older kids from the neighborhood successfully navigating the path to college helps them see this is possible for them. I'm so proud of our AVID students for giving back and being these role models," said Roberta Pace, JUSD Director of College and Career Readiness.

Jurupa Unified's award-winning AVID college preparatory program is in place at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. AVID aims to help close the achievement gap by preparing students from all backgrounds for success in college and beyond.

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Meanwhile, students at Rubidoux High School will participate in two walks on Monday, May 22. The first, on their own campus, takes place at 9:00 a.m. Seniors then will participate in a campus walk at Mission Middle School at 2:30 p.m. that afternoon. Both events are meant to inspire younger peers to keep working toward graduation.

Sunnsyslope Elementary School has invited graduating alumni to a “Senior Clap Out” event at their campus at 1:15 PM on May 22.

“I am excited to see our graduates stepping out as leaders to show their younger peers that students just like them can achieve their goals and look forward to exciting possibilities for the future,” said JUSD Superintendent Dr. Trenton Hansen. “Our younger students look up to our seniors as role models and I am happy to see them modeling the success that can come from dedication, hard work, and perseverance. Thank you, Class of 2023, for leading the way.”

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ABOUT JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Jurupa Unified School District is located within Riverside County. JUSD is made up of twenty-six schools total; fifteen elementary schools, one TK-6 music academy, one K-8 STEAM academy, three middle schools, three high schools, one continuation school, one adult alternative school, and one Pre-K school readiness center.