



Buena Vista High School graduates assemble for a group photo moments before their graduation ceremony begins.

### **Congratulations to Buena Vista High's Class of 2016!**

"Where you end up is all in the choices you make. You are the one who decides whether you sink or swim," Buena Vista High valedictorian Destiny Miguel told the more than 60 students who participated in the school's graduation ceremony Monday evening.

"You are the one who decides whether you sink or swim," Destiny continued. "Don't let graduating from high school be your last accomplishment."

The school quad was packed with family and friends for the ceremony that also featured speeches by San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Ted Alejandre and Chino Valley Unified School District Board of Education President Andrew Cruz.

Alejandre told the students that educators want them to graduate, but they also want them to have a plan for the day after graduation.

Cruz reminded the students to take time to contemplate their life direction in the "instant" world of social media.

Destiny and Co-Valedictorian Steven Beadle are believed to be the first students from the continuation school in Chino to go directly to a four-year college, according to Buena Vista officials.

After receiving their diplomas, the graduates enthusiastically hugged and shook the hands of faculty and staff members who had lined up at the side of the stage.



The graduates prepare for the ceremony in the school library.



Family members and friends anxiously await the ceremony, armed with flowers and gifts.



Don Lugo High's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps presents the colors at the ceremony in the Buena Vista High quad.



San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Ted Alejandre speaks to the graduates.



Buena Valedictorian Destiny Miguel addresses the Class of 2016.



San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Ted Alejandre (left) and Chino Valley Unified School District Superintendent Wayne Joseph greet a Buena Vista graduate on the stage.



Chino Police Officer Robert Troncso shakes the hand of a graduate. He has been based at the Buena Vista High campus this year as a School Resource Officer.





A graduate hugs a faculty member after receiving his diploma.



Salutatorian Steven Beadle gets a big hug from a Buena Vista faculty member.