



Chino High's Class of 2016 enters the Citizens Business Bank Arena in Ontario for their graduation ceremony on June 7.

Congratulations to Chino High's Class of 2016!

"Don't forget your ABCs," Chino High Principal Felix Melendez advised the schools' Class of 2016 at their graduation ceremony on June 7 at Citizens Business Bank Arena in Ontario.

In Melendez's speech, the ABCs are: **A**spire to be an asset, a person others can count on; **B**elieve in something passionately, "that drives you, that motivates you, that matters to you;" and **C**ontribute selflessly. "I urge you not to make a contribution optional," he said.

Melendez reminded the students of a Class of 2016 member who could not be at the ceremony: Adolpho Bernal, who died last August after a two-year battle with cancer. Adolpho insisted on being tutored even while desperately ill. "He serves

as a shining example,” Melendez said. “His physical condition was never the chain that bound him to earth.”

“Others may say you can’t. Use those words to fuel you,” Melendez told the more than 500 high school seniors at the graduation ceremony.

Valedictorian Wyatt Jackson encouraged his fellow classmates to “keep working and striving until your life revolves around something you’re passionate about.” Salutatorian Anissa Delgado, second academically in the Class of 2016, was also introduced during the ceremony.

James Harden, the 2016 Class President, said many people will try to scare students about what is ahead. “Life doesn’t scare us, we say bring it on! We’re excited,” he said.

Harden also advised his classmates to never take on a career that they don’t love. To that end, he quoted actor Jim Carey: “You can fail at what you don’t want to do, so you might as well do what you love.”



Members of the Chino High Class of 2016 embrace prior to their commencement ceremony.



Chino High seniors spend a little time together as they await the graduation ceremony.



A graduate descends the stage stairs with diploma in hand.



Chino High seniors line up behind a sign reflecting the school's mascot, The Cowboys.



Jubilant graduates look for family and friends as they descend the stage after receiving their diplomas.



The Chino High Class of 2016 is flanked by an honor guard of underclassmen with blue and white flags.



The students listen to speeches during the commencement ceremony.



Chino High seniors line up for the walk onto the arena floor.



Seniors talk to each other before the ceremony begins.