



Don Lugo High graduates pose with a faculty member after receiving their diplomas on June 7 at Citizens Business Bank Arena in Ontario.

Congratulations to the Don Lugo High Class of 2016!

“We are the powerhouse of innovation,” Don Lugo High Valedictorian Evelyn Guerra told the Class of 2016 at its graduation ceremony June 7 at Citizens Business Bank Arena in Ontario.

“We work harder, we do it faster, that makes us stronger, we are Don Lugo!” she said. Advising her fellow graduates to achieve even when the going gets tough, Guerra quoted newly retired basketball great Kobe Bryant: “If making history is easy, then why bother?”

Guerra is at the top of her class of more than 400 students, based on academic performance. Second in the class is Salutatorian Meghna Patel.

Chino Valley Unified School Board President Andrew Cruz advised the students to take time to contemplate before making decisions. He also encouraged them to “not only be known as successful, but may you also seek to be known as good.”

“At the end of your final chapter in your life story, I hope you’ll say: I’ve fought a good fight and finished the course and kept the faith,” President Cruz said.

The seniors entered the massive arena, cheered on by family and friends in the stands above. Underclassmen held an ivy chain alongside the route as a tribute to the Class of 2016. They walked onto a small stage to receive their diplomas from Board of Education members and school officials. Streamers in gold and brown – Don Lugo High’s colors -- exploded from the sides of the arena floor after the graduates moved the tassels on their graduation caps from the right to the left side, symbolizing their achievement.



Two graduates hug after the commencement ceremony ends.



More than 400 Don Lugo High seniors, flanked by faculty members, listen to speeches during the Class of 2016's graduation ceremony at Citizens Business Bank Arena in Ontario.



A graduate poses for a diploma photo at the bottom of the stage.



Several Don Lugo High graduates proudly show off their diplomas.



Underclassmen, in white, provide an honorary ivy chain for the graduates.



A graduate and faculty member take a moment for a photo following the graduation ceremony.



Don Lugo High Principal Kimberly Cabrera speaks during the ceremony. Her image is visible throughout the arena, via the facility's large-screen television.



A student poses for a diploma photo with Board of Education member James Na on stage, while another returns to her seat.



Graduates descend the stage after receiving their diplomas.