

# Western Christian High School Commencement Service



You are welcome to show your support and appreciation for the graduates through polite applause. Please show the proper reverence as we are in a Church Sanctuary. For the enjoyment of all, please refrain from yelling, shouting, using noise-making devices, or obstructing the view of others. Your cooperation in maintaining the proper atmosphere during the Commencement Service is appreciated.

**Thursday · June 11, 2009**  
**Pomona First Baptist Church**



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"I will praise You,  
for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
Marvelous are Your works,  
And that my soul knows very well."  
Psalm 139:14

# Program

*Prelude & Processional* Mr. Jason Bradley, Choir Director

*Posting of Colors* Shelby Bartholomew,  
Senior Class President

*Call To Worship* Hilltop Faith "Be Thou My Vision"

*Welcome* Mr. Robert Yovino, Principal

*Invocation* Mrs. Karen Winter, Superintendent

*Salutatorian Address* Taylor Kalupa

*Special Music* "For Good" Geneva Canseco & Jessica Davis

*Valedictorian Address* Stephanie Chui

*Presentation of Awards*

*Class Gift Presentation* Jon Oden, Senior Advisor &  
Shelby Bartholomew, Senior Class President

*Presentation of Diplomas* Mr. Robert Yovino, Principal  
Mrs. Nancy Spencer, Registrar  
Mrs. Karen Winter, Superintendent  
Mrs. Laura Nelson, Vice Principal

*Closing Song* Hilltop Faith "The Lord Bless You And Keep You"

*Presentation of Class of 2009* Mr. Robert Yovino, Principal &  
Dr. Raymond McCormick, Board Chairman

*Benediction* Mr. Robert Yovino, Principal

*Recessional* Mr. Jason Bradley, Choir Director

# School Administration

## Board of Trustees

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Program Director  
Nancy Spencer Registrar  
Teresa Petersen College and Career  
Guidance Director  
Mark Gabbard Athletic Director/  
Dean of Discipline

## School Faculty

Dawn Bartholomew Government/Economics,  
Government/Economics AP, Sports PE  
Brittany Blackman Resource 9, Resource 10, ESL English  
Lynette Blakely Calculus, Math Analysis  
Jeremiah Blessinger Drama, Film, Geography/Health/College Prep,  
Speech/Debate, Yearbook  
Jason Bradley Choir, Hilltop Faith, Worship Band,  
Instrumental Band, Music Fundamentals  
Marc Canu Chemistry, Chemistry Honors, Physics  
Paul Cruz Bible 9, Bible 12  
David Denkin Biology, Biology AP, Anatomy & Physiology  
Brandon Doolittle Computer 1, 2, Web  
Stephanie Driscoll French 1, 2, 3, 4 AP, Aerobics  
Georga Garside Art 1, 2, 3, 4  
Daniel Hong Algebra 1 & Geometry  
Joshua Long English 10 Honors, English 11, English 11 Honors  
Derek Mackie Bible 11, Bible 12  
Aurora Martinez Spanish 1, Geography/Health/College Prep  
Sarah Maulorico US History, US History Honors,  
Comparative Government, Sports PE  
Deborah Miller Ceramics 1, Ceramics 2  
David Mylar PE Boys & Girls, Weight Training  
Jonathan Oden Psychology, World History  
Jose Ramirez Spanish 3, Spanish 4  
Betsy Scott ESL US History, ESL Civics,  
International Program Coordinator  
Emily Sylvester Algebra 1A, 1B, 2  
Amy Thurber Journalism, English 12, English 12 AP,  
Creative Writing  
Jeffrey Wheeler Bible 10, Bible 12, Sports PE  
Tracy Williams English 9, English 10

# Awards

The following is a brief description of the awards presented to seniors who have distinguished themselves in various areas.

**Salutatorian** – Awarded to the senior student with the second highest grade point average for four years of high school. Presented by Robert Yovino, Principal

**Valedictorian** – Awarded to the senior student with the highest grade point average for four years of high school. Presented by Robert Yovino, Principal

**Top Two Bible Students** – Awards are presented to the top two students who achieved academic excellence in Bible and exemplify its teachings in their lives. Presented by Jeff Wheeler, Bible Department Chair

**Outstanding Senior Athlete Award** – Award given to a young man and woman who possess outstanding athletic ability and demonstrate this in varsity sports. Presented by Mark Gabbard, Athletic Director

**ASB Award** – Award is given to the Associated Student Body President for dedication and commitment. Presented by Cris Kennedy, ASB Advisor

**VPA Award** – Award presented to an exceptionally talented student who demonstrates the greatest passion and commitment to performing arts. Presented by Jeremiah Blessinger, Visual and Performing Arts Department Chair

**Barnabas Award** – Award is presented to the student who demonstrates a willingness to sacrificially serve others. Presented by Laura Nelson, Vice Principal/International Program Director

**Harold K. Sider Award** – Award is presented to the senior who showed the most growth in academics, social skills and Christian maturity. Presented by John Attwood, Vice Principal/Dean of Academics

**First John Five Award** – Award is given to recognize the student who has overcome difficult obstacles in his or her life in order to experience God's victory. "This is the victory that overcomes the world, even faith." Presented by John Attwood, Vice Principal/Dean of Academics

**Outstanding International Award** – Recognizes an international young man and woman who have demonstrated academic excellence, supported and contributed to the community of Western, and have been model students in both behavior and spirit. Presented by Laura Nelson, Vice Principal/International Program Director

**Jody De Genaro Scholarship** – Awarded to the young man and woman who most exemplify the qualities of encouragement and Christian love. Presented by Robert Yovino, Principal

**Nicole Alyssa Povero \* +**  
Accepted To: Northwest Missouri State, Cal State Fullerton, Michigan State University  
Scholarships: Northwest Missouri Softball Scholarship \$3,000, Michigan State Out of State Award, Northwest Missouri Freshman Merit Award \$500  
College Attending: Northwest Missouri State  
National English Honor Society

**Kara Querida Quintana \***  
Accepted To: Cal State L.A., Cal State Fullerton, Cal Poly Pomona  
College Attending: Cal Poly Pomona

**Taylor M. Radford \*\*\***  
College Attending: Calvary Chapel Bible College  
National English Honor Society

**Melinda M. Ramirez**  
College Attending: Mt. SAC

**Marissa Reggio \***  
Accepted To: Azusa Pacific University, Cal Baptist University, San Bernardino State University, Cal Poly Pomona, Concordia University  
Scholarships: Concordia \$1,000 Academic  
College Attending: Azusa Pacific Univ.

**Aaron Michael Reynoso \***  
College Attending: University of La Verne

**Juan Santillan Jr.**  
Accepted To: Columbia College Hollywood  
College Attending: Columbia College Hollywood

**Manuel Santillano \***  
College Attending: Cal Poly Pomona

**Nassib Shammass \***  
College Attending: Mt. SAC  
National English Honor Society

**Eric P. Soliz**  
College Attending: Citrus or Mt. Sac

**Alyssa Jessica Stephenson**  
College Attending: Citrus College

**Kathryn Leone Surface**  
Accepted To: Azusa Pacific University, CSU Monterey Bay, Cal Baptist University  
College Attending: Azusa Pacific Univ.

**Daniel James Sutton \*\*\***  
Accepted To: Azusa Pacific University, Occidental University, Point Loma Nazarene University, UC Riverside  
Scholarships: APU Dean's \$8,000/yr.  
College Attending: UC Riverside  
National English Honor Society

**Ling Shuang Lisa Tan \***  
College Attending: Citrus College

**Si Jia Candice Tang \*\***  
College Attending: North Carolina State University

**Montana Roy Tavis \***  
College Attending: Citrus College

**Ashliann Nicole Taylor**  
College Attending: Azusa Pacific Univ.  
Scholarships: Cheer Scholarship

**Mercedes Rachel Trejo \*\*\* ++**  
Accepted To: Michigan State, St. John's University  
Scholarships: Michigan \$4,000 Academic, \$5,000 Study Abroad, St. John's \$12,000 Academic  
College Attending: St. John's University  
National English Honor Society

**Gabriela Trujillo**  
College Attending: Houston Baptist University  
Scholarships: 5 Year - Full Ride

**Jun Yuan Tu \***  
College Attending: Citrus College

**Christian Jesse Uriarte \*\***  
Accepted To: University of La Verne, Chapman University, Whittier College, St. John's University  
Scholarships: Whittier \$18,000  
College Attending: University of La Verne  
National English Honor Society

**Rebekah Alexandria Valle \***  
College Attending: Azusa Pacific University

**Haley Blair Van Amberg**  
Accepted To: Mt. Saint Mary's University, Azusa Pacific University, Cal State San Bernardino, Cal State L.A.  
Scholarships: Mt. Saint Mary's \$10,000  
College Attending: Cal State San Bernardino

**Matthew Brian Van Alstine \***  
Undecided

**Elisa Michelle Vazquez**  
Accepted To: Cal Poly Pomona, Cal State L.A., Cal State San Bernardino, Cal State Fullerton  
College Attending: Cal Poly Pomona

**Chen Ying April Wang \*\***  
College Attending: University of Toledo  
Scholarships: \$8,800

**Yuan Yuan Fiona Wang \*\***  
College Attending: Santa Monica College

**Yuxin Wang \***  
College Attending: Mt. SAC

**Robert James Wiley Jr. \***  
Accepted To: University of La Verne, Cal State L.A., Cal State University San Bernardino, Cal Poly Pomona  
College Attending: University of La Verne

**Felecia Carmen Lea Williamson**  
Accepted To: Pensacola Christian College, Mt. SAC  
College Attending: Undecided

**Kraig Andon Wilson**  
College Attending: Chaffey College

**Jia Ni Eden Wu \***  
College Attending: Santa Monica College

**Qian Yi Tori Wu \*\***  
Accepted To: Michigan State University, Ohio State University, Clemson University, Fordham University, Purdue University, University of Miami, Baylor University, University of Connecticut  
Scholarships: Michigan State Presidential Abroad \$5,000, Ohio State \$26,200, Baylor \$32,000  
College Attending: Michigan St. University

**Chang Summer Yi \*\***  
Accepted To: Michigan State University, University of San Francisco, Mt SAC  
College Attending: Mt. SAC

**Ai Lin Sarah Zhou \***  
College Attending: Santa Monica College

\*\*\* 3.8 and above graduating with Highest Honors

\*\* 3.5 and above graduating with High Honors

\* 3.0 and above graduating with Honors

++ California Scholastic Federation 100% Life Membership (6 semesters)

+ California Scholastic Federation Life Membership (4 semesters)

**Danielle Ashley Valera Afable \*\***  
College Attending: UC Riverside  
National Honor Society  
National English Honor Society

**Bradley Michael Anderson**  
College Attending: Saddleback College

**Nathaniel M. Angel**  
College Attending: Citrus College

**Andrew George Angileri**  
College Attending: Cal Poly Pomona

**Michael Scott Arn**  
College Attending: Citrus College

**Gregory Paul Bargaehr \***  
Accepted To: Azusa Pacific University,  
Point Loma Nazarene University  
Scholarships: APU \$7,000 Academic,  
PLNU \$2,350 Academic  
College Attending: Point Loma Nazarene  
University

**Shelby Faye Bartholomew \*\*\***  
Accepted To: USC, UCLA, UC San Diego,  
Azusa Pacific University  
Scholarships: USC \$30,000  
College Attending: USC  
National Honor Society

**Nicole Renee Baslé \*\*\* +**  
College Attending: Cal Poly Pomona  
National English Honor Society

**Rayna Keikilani Bowen \*\* ++**  
Accepted To: Northwest Christian  
College, Academy of Art College,  
Savannah College of Art & Design, Cal  
Poly Pomona, Molloy College, Neosho  
College, Kirkwood College  
Scholarships: Northwest Christian  
\$12,000 Athletic, \$5,000 Academic,  
Molloy \$14,000 Athletic, Kirkwood  
\$6,000 Athletic & Academic  
College Attending: Molloy College

**Michelle Anne Camagay \*\*\* ++**  
Accepted To: UC San Diego, UC  
Riverside, UC Irvine, Cal Poly Pomona  
College Attending: Cal Poly Pomona  
National Honor Society  
National English Honor Society

**Geneva Renee Canseco**  
College Attending: Mt SAC

**Vanessa L. Cervantes**  
College Attending: Mt SAC

**Christiana Chamsi \* ++**  
Accepted To: Biola University, Azusa  
Pacific University, Concordia University  
Scholarships: Academic \$12,000  
College Attending: Concordia University

**Yu-An Jocelyn Chen \*\* +**  
College Attending: Pasadena City College  
National Honor Society

**Sherilyn Ann Chuah \*\* +**  
Accepted To: UC Riverside, UC Santa  
Barbara, Cal Poly Pomona, Cal State  
Fullerton  
College Attending: UC Santa Barbara

**Stephanie Yun-Mei Chui \*\*\* ++**  
Accepted To: UCLA, USC, UC Berkley,  
UC San Diego, UC Irvine  
Scholarships: USC \$4,000  
College Attending: UCLA  
National Honor Society  
National English Honor Society

**Clinton Reed Covington**  
College Attending: Mt. SAC  
Attended WCS since Kindergarten

**Dana Marie Cox \***  
Accepted To: Santa Monica College,  
Pasadena City College  
College Attending: Pasadena City College

**Jeffrey Alan Cuevas**  
College Attending: Cal Poly Pomona

**Hannah Rae Curley**  
College Attending: Citrus College

**Asha Dabgotra**  
College Attending: Mt. SAC

**Feng Zhu Fiona Dai \*\***  
College Attending: Mt. SAC

**Jessica Evelyn Davis \*\* ++**  
College Attending: Cal Poly Pomona  
National Honor Society  
National English Honor Society

**Iona Decena \*\*\* +**  
Accepted To: UC Irvine, Cal Poly Pomona,  
UC Santa Barbara  
College Attending: UC Irvine  
National English Honor Society

**Rong Ronny Ding \*\*\***  
College Attending: University of Illinois-  
Urbana Champaign

**Tianan Ding \*\***  
Accepted To: Ohio State University,  
Lehigh University, Boston University  
Scholarships: Ohio State \$6,600 1st Year  
College Attending: Ohio State University

**Brandon William Dirks**  
Accepted To: Mt. SAC, Mt. SAC  
Firemen Academy  
College Attending: Mt. SAC

**Gabrielle Domingo**  
College Attending: University of North  
Texas

**Alicia Nicole Downey**  
Accepted To: Azusa Pacific University,  
Citrus College  
Scholarships: \$250 for volunteer work  
College Attending: Citrus

**James Duruaku**  
College Attending: University of New  
Meico

**Xiaojing Candy Fan \***  
Accepted To: Santa Monica College,  
Citrus College, Fullerton College  
College Attending: Fullerton College  
National Honor Society

**Kiyoe-Krista Alexandria Fluker**  
College Attending: Citrus College

**Kathleen Nicole Ford**  
College Attending: Mt. SAC

**Justin Dan Fox**  
Accepted To: Texas A&M & Citrus  
College Attending: Citrus  
Scholarships: Texas A&M

**Paulina Virginie Garabet**  
College Attending: MT SAC

**Lauren Veronica Gonzalez \***  
Accepted To: Concordia University,  
University of Hawaii  
Scholarships: Basketball Scholarship  
College Attending: Concordia University

**Lauren Denell Goodman**  
Accepted To: Cal Poly Pomona,  
Cal State L.A., Trinity Christian College  
College Attending: Cal Poly Pomona

**Zi Tong Jacqueline Guo \***  
Attending: East Los Angeles College

**Zhangquan Jason He \***  
College Attending: Cal Poly Pomona

**Alexandra Hernandez**  
College Attending: Mt. SAC

**Haley Elizabeth Holroyd \*\*\* +**  
Accepted To: Chapman University,  
UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara, UC  
Riverside, Cal Poly Pomona, San Diego  
State University  
Scholarships: Chapman Dean Academic  
Scholarship \$12,000  
College Attending: Chapman  
National Honor Society  
National English Honor Society

**Danielle Marie Hunt \***  
Accepted To: University of Hawai'i at  
Manoa, Cal Poly Pomona  
Scholarships: Cal Grant \$3,500  
College Attending: Cal Poly Pomona

**Alex John Jackson \***  
Accepted To: American University of  
Sharjah, Cal Poly Pomona, Clemson  
University  
College Attending: American University  
of Sharjah

**Shu Jenny Jiang \***  
Accepted To: University of Maryland,  
University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign  
College Attending: University of Illinois-  
Urbana Champaign

**Seong Yeon Josh Jung**  
College Attending: Mt. SAC

**Taylor Nicolle Kalupa \*\*\* ++**  
Accepted To: UCLA, Pepperdine  
University, UC Irvine, Chapman University,  
University of La Verne, Azusa Pacific,  
Cal Poly Pomona  
Scholarships: Pepperdine \$26,000/ yr.,  
UCLA \$5,000/yr., Chapman Presidential  
Scholarship, University of La Verne Full  
Ride (\$52,000), APU \$8,000  
College Attending: Pepperdine University  
National Honor Society  
National English Honor Society

**Ye Seul Dayla Kim \*\*\* +**  
Accepted To: University of Washington,  
Seattle, UC Irvine, University of Illinois-  
Urbana Champaign, Ohio State University  
College Attending: University of  
Washington, Seattle  
National Honor Society  
National English Honor Society

**Tiffany Michelle Le Cain**  
College Attending: Cal Poly Pomona

**Xinglin Li \*\*\***  
College Attending: Mt. SAC

**Han Bing Liang \*\***  
Accepted To: Michigan State University,  
Baylor University, Clemson University,  
Fordham University, University of  
Connecticut, University of Miami,  
University of Iowa, University of Kansas  
Scholarships: Michigan State Presidential  
Abroad Scholarship \$5,000,  
Baylor University \$18,200  
College Attending: Michigan State Univ.

**Yichun Lin \***  
Accepted To: Texas Wesleyan University,  
Pepperdine University  
College Attending: Texas Wesleyan  
University  
National Honor Society

**Alton Tong Liu \*\*\* +**  
Accepted To: UCLA, UC Irvine  
College Attending: UCLA  
National Honor Society

**Xuhang Toby Liu \*\***  
Accepted To: Cal State Fullerton, Stony  
Brook University, West Virginia University  
College Attending: Cal State Fullerton

**Yahui Katy Liu**  
Accepted To: UC Irvine, UC Riverside,  
Cal State L.A., Cal State Fullerton  
College Attending: Pasadena City College

**Anthony James Llorens \*\* +**  
Accepted To: Azusa Pacific University,  
Loyola Marymount University, Cal State  
San Bernardino, Cal Poly Pomona,  
Cal State Fullerton, Concordia University,  
University of La Verne  
Scholarships: Concordia, Azusa Pacific  
University, Loyola Marymount, University  
of La Verne  
College Attending: Azusa Pacific Univ.

**Jessica Hope Luchtenburg \*\*\* ++**  
Accepted To: Azusa Pacific University,  
Seattle Pacific University, Westmont  
College, Oak Valley College, Northern  
Arizona University  
Scholarships: APU \$8,000 and \$10,000  
College Attending: Azusa Pacific Univ.  
National Honor Society  
National English Honor Society

**Guan-Yang Young Luo \*\*\***  
College Attending: University of Illinois-  
Urbana Champaign  
National Honor Society  
National English Honor Society

**Christina Elizabeth Mao \*\* +**  
Accepted To: Pennsylvania State  
University, UC Riverside, Biola University  
Scholarships: \$16,000  
College Attending: Penn State

**Kristen Rochelle McCormick \*\***  
Accepted To: Azusa Pacific University,  
Concordia, Cal Poly Pomona, Cal State  
University San Marcos  
Scholarships: APU, Concordia  
College Attending: Cal State San Marcos  
National English Honor Society

**Bryan Thomas McIntosh**  
Accepted To: Fresno State, Cal Poly  
Pomona, Mt SAC  
College Attending: Mt. SAC

**Michael Howard Melone**  
College Attending: Mt. SAC

**Emmanuel Henry Mendoza**  
College Attending: Mt. Sac or  
the Air Force

**Jiafeng Peter Meng \*\***  
College Attending: Diablo Valley College  
National English Honor Society

**Emery Ann Miller**  
College Attending: Cal State San  
Bernardino

**Amanda Megan Mizell \***  
College Attending: Lee University

**Adam T. Montague \***  
Accepted To: Cal State University  
Northridge, Cal State University San  
Marcos, Cal State Fullerton, Cal Poly  
Pomona, Azusa Pacific University,  
College Attending: Cal Poly Pomona

**Dylon James Mutz \* +**  
Accepted To: : Cal State Fullerton,  
Cal Poly Pomona  
College Attending: Cal State University  
Fullerton

**Amber Nichole Nila \***  
College Attending: Cal Poly Pomona

**Jake Olivas \*\***  
Undecided  
National English Honor Society

**Alexander Ortega**  
College Attending: Mt. SAC

**Robert Raymond Pabon**  
Accepted To: Cal State University San  
Marcos, Chico State, Concordia  
University, Vanguard University, Cal Poly  
Pomona, Cal State San Bernardino  
College Attending: Concordia University

**Hsuan Hao Pan \***  
College Attending: Mt. SAC

**Pei-Hsung Patty Pan \*\*\* +**  
Accepted To: University of Illinois-Urbana  
Champaign, Saint Louise University  
College Attending: University of Illinois-  
Urbana Champaign

**Dong-Young Daniel Park**  
College Attending: Citrus College

**Tiffani Lin Pickens \*\***  
College Attending: Mt. SAC

**Rhianna Renee Pierre \*\*\* ++**  
Accepted To: UCLA, UC Davis, UC Irvine,  
Azusa Pacific University, Westmont  
Scholarships: Westmont Dean's  
\$8,000/yr., APU Academic \$8,000/yr.,  
UCLA \$1,000/yr.  
College Attending: Westmont  
National Honor Society  
National English Honor Society

**Christine Jane Porter**  
College Attending: Azusa Pacific Univ.  
Scholarships: Cheer Scholarship