



### **Congratulations to all MTA graduates!**

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### **Central City Division 1**

#### **College Graduates**

- **Daniel Padilla**, son of Division 1 Bus Operator Richard Padilla, graduated from CSU Los Angeles with a BS in Industrial Technology (Management Minor), Dean's List, Golden Key International Honor Society.

#### **High School Graduates**

- **Judith M. Lopez**, daughter of Division 1 Bus Operator Luis Lopez, graduated from East Los Angeles Skill Center in Los Angeles.

### **Crossroads Depot Division 2**

#### **College Graduates**

- **Jason M. Turk**, son of Division 2 Sr. TOS Michael Turk, graduated from Cal Poly with a BS in Biology.
- **Paula M. Franden**, wife of Division 2 EMS-I Richard Franden, graduated

from CSU Los Angeles with a BVE, Dean's List, National Honors Society, Phi Kappa Phi.

- **Robert L.S. Walker**, son of Division 2 Bus Operator Robert Walker, graduated from University of Arizona with a BS.
- **Maria R. Rocha-Gomez**, wife of Division 2 Bus Operator Ricardo Gomez, graduated from CSU Los Angeles with a BA in Children's Education.
- **April M. Delgadillo**, daughter of Division 2 and Division 20 Mechanic A and Rail Secretary Marco and Lupe Delgadillo, graduated from Cerritos College with an AA in General Studies.

#### Employee Graduates

- **Joboe Dargbe**, Division 2 Bus Operator, graduated from American Intercontinental University with a BS in Business Administration.

#### High School Graduates

- **Lowell B. Baptiste**, son of Division 2 Service Attendant Antoinette Baptiste, graduated from West High School in Torrance.
- **Rashida Bell**, daughter of Division 2 Bus Operator Walter Bell, graduated from Fontana High School in Fontana.
- **Nicolas Thomas**, son of Division 2 TOD Jerolyn Thomas-Grajeda, graduated from Dorsey High School in Los Angeles.
- **Melissa M. Vasquez**, daughter of Division 2 Bus Operator Edward Vasquez, graduated from Eisenhower High School in Rialto, Honor Roll.
- **Mark C. Reyes**, son of Division 2 Bus Operator Manolo Reyes, graduated from Del Paso High School in Walnut.

### North Los Angeles Division 3

#### College Graduates

- **Martha C. Mendez**, daughter of Division 3 Mechanic A Carlos Curiel, graduated from LA City College with an AA in Business Administration/Liberal Arts, Cum Laude.

#### High School Graduates

- **Markus Kyle**, son of Division 3 Division Stenographer Nikki Bentley, graduated from Quartz Hill High School in Quartz Hill.
- **Patricia C. Aguinaldo**, daughter of Division 3 Mechanic A Wilson Aguinaldo, graduated from Norte Vista High School in Riverside, Class Valedictorian, CSULB President's Scholarship.
- **Richard Ramos**, son of Division 3 Mechanic A Roy Ramos, graduated from Alhambra High School in Alhambra.

**Arthur Winston Division 5**

## College Graduates

- **Deryl Walker**, son of Division 5 Bus Operator Chivala Walker, graduated from LA Sheriff's Department Academy as a Deputy Sheriff.
- **Varis E. Green Jr.**, son of Division 5 Bus Operator Varis Green Sr., graduated from LA Sheriff's Academy as a Deputy Sheriff.
- **Patricia K. Ornelas**, daughter of Division 5 Bus Operator Jose Ornelas, graduated from UCLA with a Master's Degree in Education, Specialization in Race & Ethnic Study.

## Employee Graduates

- **Laurie Martindale**, Division 5 Bus Operator, graduated from West LA City College with an AA in Liberal Arts Class Valedictorian, graduated with great distinction.

## High School Graduates

- **Varis Green Jr.**, son of Division 5 Bus Operator Varis Green Sr, graduated from St. Bernard in Los Angeles, Cum Laude.
- **Keisheana T. Wright**, daughter of Division 5 Bus Operator Lisa Nettles, graduated from Lakewood High School in Lakewood.
- **Deryl Walker**, son of Division 5 Bus Operator Chivala Walker, graduated from Inglewood High in Inglewood.

**Venice Division 6**

## High School Graduates

- **Jennifer A. Hale**, daughter of Division 6 Bus Operator Evan Hale, graduated from Venice High School in Venice.
- **Kathy Villarreal**, daughter of Division 6 Bus Operator Laura Villarreal, graduated from Pioneer High School in Whittier.
- **Keenan D. Kelsey**, son of Division 6 Division Stenographer Gail Ligon, graduated from Culver City High School in Culver City, voted Most Athletic and Most Friendly by Senior Class.

**West Hollywood Division 7**

## College Graduates

- **Cindy Turcios**, daughter of Division 7 Bus Operator Jose Turcios, graduated from Modern Technology College with a Certificate in Medical Assisting.

## Employee Graduates

- **Jesus Guerra**, Division 7 Mechanic, graduated from LA Trade Tech with an AS Degree in Diesel Technology.

#### High School Graduates

- **Nathan H. Oliver**, son of Division 7 Bus Operator Gregory C. Oliver, graduated from Verbum Dei in Los Angeles.
- **Anita L. Avila**, daughter of Division 7 Bus Operator Pete Avila Jr., graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Los Angeles, Principal's Honor Roll, Honors in Women's Studies and English IV.

#### West Valley Division 8

##### College Graduates

- **Catherine J. DeGuzman**, daughter of Division 8 Bus Operator Cesar DeGuzman, graduated from UC San Diego with a BS in Biology.
- **Paulette Fontanez**, daughter of Division 8 Bus Operator Louis Fontanez, graduated from UCLA with a BA.
- **Marcial E. Nieto**, son of Division 8 Bus Operator Marcial Nieto, graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a BA in Global Studies.
- **Kenya Corley**, daughter of Division 8 Schedule Checker and Bus Operator Dennis and Laura Corley, graduated from UC Berkeley with a BA in Psychology.

##### Employee Graduates

- **Oscar Estrada**, Division 8 Bus Operator, graduated from West Valley Occupational Center with a Certificate in Emergency Medical Technician.

##### High School Graduates

- **Adam C. Romero**, son of Division 8 Bus Operator Thomas W. Romero, graduated from Walnut High School in Walnut.
- **Raven Wilson**, daughter of Division 8 Senior Instructor Noe Cortez, graduated from John F. Kennedy in Mission Hills.
- **Laura Felix**, daughter of Division 8 Bus Operator Gilbert Felix, graduated from Calabasas High School in Calabasas, 8 Semesters on Honor Roll.
- **Michelle P. Hernandez**, daughter of Division 8 Bus Operator Miguel Hernandez, graduated from Smithson Valley High School in Texas.
- **Mayra Cuevas**, daughter of Division 8 Bus Operator Alfreda Cuevas, graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in Granada Hills, Honor Roll, Principal's Award, Gray Davis Scholarship, Gold Cord award.
- **Sharlene Hayes**, daughter of Division 8 Bus Operator Mary Montgomery, graduated from Birmingham High School in Los Angeles, Certificate of appreciation from LA City Council, Certificate "Most Improved Music

Student".

## San Gabriel Valley Division 9

### College Graduates

- **Amanda LaPatka**, daughter of Division 9 TOS Thomas LaPatka, graduated from University of La Verne with a BS in Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude, Department Honors.
- **Charmaine Mitchell**, daughter of Division 9 Bus Operator Warren Mitchell Jr., graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with a BS in Biology.
- **Samuel A. Blanche**, son of Division 9 Bus Operator Yvette Blanche, graduated from University of Washington with a BS in Anthropology.
- **Jennifer Lee**, daughter of Division 9 Maintenance Equipment Supervisor Jackey Lee, graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a BS in Biology.
- **Ebonie Perkins**, daughter of Division 9 Bus Operator Willie Mann, graduated from Riverside Community College with an AA in Business.
- **Steven O. Purcell**, son of Division 9 Mechanic Lead Ruck Purcell, graduated from USC with a BA in Industrial System Engineering.

### High School Graduates

- **Christian Enser**, son of Division 9 Bus Operator Dennis G. Enser, graduated from California Lutheran High School in Wildomar, CA.
- **Kelly Hardway**, daughter of Division 9 Bus Operator Cathy Hardway, graduated from Etiwanda High School in Etiwanda.
- **Johnathan M. Salinas**, son of Division 9 Bus Operator Cynthia Gomez, graduated from Arroyo High School in El Monte, Outstanding Achievement, Outstanding Senior Athlete.
- **Ryan D.M. Fulcher**, grandson of Division 9 Bus Operator Annie Hunter, graduated from Etiwanda High School in Etiwanda.

## Gateway Division 10

### College Graduates

- **Denitrea F. Vaughan**, daughter of Division 10 Transit Security Sergeant Herbert Vaughn, graduated from Xavier University of Louisiana with a BS in Psychology.

### High School Graduates

- **Daniel Nembhard**, son of Division 10 Bus Operator Robert Nembhard, graduated from Pasadena High School in Pasadena, Athletic Scholarship.
- **Theresa A. Pasos**, daughter of Division 10 Bus Operator Alma Albarran, graduated from West Covina High School in West Covina, Magna Cum



Laude, CSF Life Member.

- **Amanda J. Powers**, daughter of Division 10 Dispatcher Gary Powers, graduated from Rowland High School in Rowland Heights, National Honor Society, National Thespian Society, International Baccalaureate Program Diploma.

### **Metro Blue Line Division 11**

#### College Graduates

- **Srikant Duggirala**, son of Division 11 Rail Equipment Maintenance Supervisor Prem Duggirala, graduated from UC San Diego with a BS in Biochemistry.
- **Natalie B. Villagomez**, daughter of Division 11 Train Operator and Division 3 Bus Operator Nena Barrios and Manny Villa, graduated from Sonoma State with a BA in Sociology.

#### High School Graduates

- **Jason R. Kennedy**, son of Division 11 Rail Equipment Maintenance Manager George R. Kennedy, graduated from Arcadia High School in Arcadia.
- **Onesha B. Valentine**, granddaughter of Division 11 Train Operator Rose Haynes, graduated from Rancho Verde High School in Moreno Valley.

### **East Valley Division 15**

#### High School Graduates

- **Mitchell Harger**, son of Division 15 Maintenance Equipment Records Specialist Carol Kimbrough, graduated from Kaiser High School in Fontana.

### **South Bay Division 18**

#### College Graduates

- **Monica Valdivia**, daughter of Division 18 Equipment Maintenance Supervisor Miguel Valdivia, graduated from UCLA with a BA in Psychology.

#### High School Graduates

- **Shannon Janaye Hamlett**, daughter of Division 18 Bus Operator Merduice Reed, graduated from Westchester High School in Westchester.

### **Metro Red Line Division 20**

#### College Graduates

- **Wendi Bagwell**, daughter of Division 20 Train Operator Fredrick Bagwell, graduated from UCLA with a BA in Linguistics.
- **Jennifer M. Kong**, daughter of Division 20 Maintenance Specialist Sze

Kong, graduated from Oakland University (Michigan) with a Master's Degree in Chemistry.

- **Mayuko S. Harper-Owens**, granddaughter of Division 20 Secretary Joanne Harper, graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a BS in Business Administration.

#### Employee Graduates

- **Brian Rydell**, Division 20 Acting Manager/Vehicle Maintenance, graduated from CSU Fullerton with a BA in Business Management and Operations.

#### High School Graduates

- **Gemayel A. Lee**, grandson of Division 20 Secretary Joanne Harper, graduated from Highland High School in Palmdale, Valedictorian, Cal State Long Beach Presidential Scholarship, Key Club, Governor's Scholarship, Highland HS Pacesetter, National Ventures Scholar, Scholar Athlete Award.

### Metro Green Line Division 22

#### High School Graduates

- **Shannon M. Arndt**, wife of Division 22 Storekeeper Paul Arndt and daughter of retired Equipment Maintenance Manager Roger Flynn, graduated with an associate's degree and a Paralegal Certificate from El Camino College.
- **Jameeley Pineda**, daughter of Division 22 Maintenance Specialist Donato Pineda, graduated from Centennial High School in Corona.
- **Gregory L. Johnson**, son of Division 22 Service Attendant Leader Karen Pikes, graduated from Crenshaw Learning Charter High School in Los Angeles, Coca-Cola Scholarship, Gold Seal for GPA, UCLA Blue and Gold Scholarship, Roy Leadership Award/Scholarship, 2002 Honor Graduate.

### Accounting Department

#### College Graduates

- **Marion G. Uy**, daughter of Accounting Department Senior Accountant Corazon Uy, graduated from CSU Fullerton with a BSN in Nursing, cum laude.
- **Grace C. DeGuzman**, daughter of Accounting Department Senior Accountant Silverio DeGuzman, graduated from UCLA with a BS in Biology, Summa Cum Laude.
- **Geraldine Y. Cabrera**, daughter of Accounting Department Accountant Ofelia Cabrera, graduated from UC San Diego with a BS in Molecular Biology.
- **Jenece Solomon**, daughter of Accounting Department Supervisor Jerry Solomon, graduated from UCLA with a BA in Political Science, Magna Cum Laude.

- **Ronald D. Perez**, son of Accounting Department Accounting Supervisor Alex Perez, graduated from UCLA with a BA in Economics & Classical Civilization, UC Regents Scholar, Blue & Gold Scholar.

#### High School Graduates

- **Armand C. DeGuzman**, son of Accounting Department Senior Accountant Silverio DeGuzman, graduated from Ayala High School in Chino Hills.
- **Jennifer N. Cabrera**, daughter of Accounting Department Accountant Ofelia Cabrera, graduated from Rowland High School in Rowland Heights.

#### Audit Department

##### College Graduates

- **Jennifer M. Villanueva**, daughter of Project Audit Group Lead Auditor Nestor Villanueva, graduated from Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising with a Associate Degree in Fashion Design.

##### Employee Graduates

- **Nestor A. Villanueva**, Project Audit Group Lead Auditor, graduated from DeVry University with a BS in Information Technology.
- **Doreatha Roberts**, Management Audit Sr. Secretary, graduated from University of Phoenix.

#### High School Graduates

- **John P. Atienza**, son of MASD Senior Auditor Willie Atienza, graduated from Don Bosco Tech in San Gabriel, President's Honors.

#### Board Research Services

##### Employee Graduates

- **Christian Valtierra**, Board Research Services Administrator, graduated from CSU Los Angeles with a Master's in Public Administration.

#### Building Services Department

##### College Graduates

- **Tiffany N. Harris**, daughter of Custodial Services Mopper/Waxer Lee Harris, graduated from Long Beach City College with an AA in Computer Art and Design.

##### High School Graduates

- **Cicely D. Sheperd**, daughter of Building Services Maintainer and Scheduling Schedule Clerk Harold and Barbara Sheperd, graduated from Rancho Cucamonga High School in Rancho Cucamonga.
- **Travon B. Williams**, son of USG Mail Carrier Theresa Williams, graduated



from El Camino Real High School in Woodland Hills.

### Bus Operations Control

High School Graduates

- **Andrew P. Mellon**, son of Bus Operations Control Center Senior TOS Peter Mellon, graduated from Rancho High School in Rancho Cucamonga.
- **Joseph Castillo**, son of Bus Operations Control Senior TOS David Castillo, graduated from Alhambra High School in Alhambra, Academic Achievement Award.

### Construction Safety

High School Graduates

- **Essence King**, granddaughter of Construction Safety Senior Secretary May Hampton, graduated from Manual Arts High School.

### Contracts Administration

Employee Graduates

- **Olivia Foro**, Contracts Administration Administrative Aide, graduated from University of Phoenix with a Masters' Degree in Organizational Management.

### Customer Relations

High School Graduates

- **Justin R. Wong**, son of Customer Relations Communications Officer Casaundra Mangan, graduated from Temple City High School in Temple City.
- **Juan C. Alamilla**, son of Customer Relations Customer Information Agent I Maria Alamilla, graduated from Don Bosco in Rosemead, Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance.

Employee Graduates

- **Lavette Wade**, Customer Information Agent, graduated from University of Phoenix with a BS in Business Management.

### Diversity & Economic Opportunity

High School Graduates

- **Shonnaya Gay**, daughter of Diversity & Economic Opportunity Department Contract Compliance Representative Sherman Gay, graduated from Good Shepherd Luther School in Inglewood, Class Valedictorian, Principal's Honor Roll, 4.0 GPA.
- **Jamel Gay**, son of Diversity & Economic Opportunity Department Contract Compliance Representative Sherman Gay, graduated from Artesia

High School in Lakewood, Varsity Basketball "All Suburban League Selection", Five Star All Star Camp "Top Defense Player".

## Communications

### Employee Graduates

- **Karen Kern**, EO Communications Assistant Administrative Analyst, graduated from University of Phoenix with a BS in Business Management.
- **Amy Howell**, Communications Intern, graduated from Cal Poly with a BS in Urban Planning and Design.

## Facilities Maintenance/Engineering/Systems

### College Graduates

- **Marriel L. Fabro**, son of Facilities Engineering Architect Carlos Fabro, graduated from Stanford with a BS in Biomechanical Engineering.
- **Lois E. LeMottee**, wife of Facilities Systems Technician Edward LeMottee, graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with a BA in Social Sciences, Dean's List.

### High School Graduates

- **Diana A. Carreon**, granddaughter of Facilities Maintenance Administrative Aide Eileen L. Darensbourg, graduated from Quartz Hill High School in Quartz Hill.
- **Shauna A. Carreon**, granddaughter of Facilities Maintenance Administrative Aide Eileen L. Darensbourg, graduated from Quartz Hill High School in Quartz Hill.

## Highway Programs Development

### High School Graduates

- **Randy K. Maekawa**, son of Highway Programs Development Director Raymond Maekawa, graduated from Troy High School in Fullerton, National Merit Scholar Finalist, National Honor Society, Governor's Scholars Award.

## Human Resources

### College Graduates

- **Ruben Bazua Jr.**, husband of HR Employment Standards and Compliance Secretary Irma Bazua, graduated from CSU Los Angeles with a BS in Business Administration, Dean's List.

## Information & Technology Services

### College Graduates

- **Robert K. Presler Jr.**, son of ITS Engineering Associate Robert K. Presler

Sr., graduated from UC Riverside with a BA and BS in Music and Math, Deans Fellowship, Gluck Foundation Fellowship, UCR Chancellors Academic Scholarship, Outstanding Student of Music Department 2002, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Beta Kappa, Golden Key Honor Society, Cum Laude.

- **Candice A. Jackson**, daughter of ITS Computer Operation Analyst Maxine Drummond, graduated from Dillard University with a BA in English and Mass Communication.

#### High School Graduates

- **Jessica L. Patton**, daughter of ITS Office Supervisor Kelly K. Patton, graduated from Esperanza High School in Yorba Linda.
- **Ian A. Jackson**, son of ITS Computer Operation Analyst Maxine Drummond, graduated from King Drew Magnet High School in Los Angeles.

#### Maintenance of Way

##### High School Graduates

- **Joseph R. Cabison**, son of MOW Communications Administrative Aide Esther Cabison, graduated from Don Bosco Tech in Rosemead, President's Honor, Perfect Attendance Award, National Honor Society Excellence Award.
- **Robert E. Chappell II**, son of MOW Communications Director Rob Chappell, graduated from Morenci High School in Morenci, AZ.

#### Marketing

##### Employee Graduates

- **Chris Arriola**, Marketing Administrative Intern, graduated from USC with a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

#### Office of the Ceo

##### Employee Graduates

- **Geyner Paz**, Office of the CEO Administrative Intern, graduated from CSU Fullerton with a Master's Degree in Public Administration & Public Finance Management.

#### Operations Central Instruction

##### College Graduates

- **Carlos A. Baez**, son of Operations Central Instruction TOS Carlos Baez, graduated from MCP Hahnemann University School Of Medicine with a Doctorate of Medicine.

#### Payroll

##### College Graduates

- **Allan Leung**, son of Payroll Clerk Huey-Ling Leung, graduated from UCLA with a BS in Biology.

## Planning & Development

### College Graduates

- **Stephanie Torres**, daughter of Countywide Planning & Development Transportation Planning Manager IV Larry Torres, graduated from CSU Fullerton with a BA in Human Services.

### High School Graduates

- **Brianna C. Wright**, daughter of Transit Planning Administrative Aide Juanita L. Wright, graduated from Bishop Montgomery High School in Torrance, Academic Achievement Award, Math Analysis.

## Procurement

### College Graduates

- **Evangeline L. Veal**, daughter of Procurement Senior Buyer Kitty D. Jones, graduated from CSU Dominguez Hills with a BS in Psychology.
- **David Milam**, son of Procurement/Material Management Chief Administrative Analyst Chuck Milam, graduated from USC with a BS in Architecture.

### High School Graduates

- **Jason S.H. Garry**, son of Procurement Contracts Administrator Veronica Hargrove, graduated from Bishop Amat Memorial High School in La Puente.

## Programming & Policy Analysis

### College Graduates

- **Anna Pauline T. de Jesus**, daughter of Programming and Policy Analysis Department Administrative Aide Jhoanne T. de Jesus, graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a BS in Business Administration.
- **Dyee L. Dysart**, daughter of Asst. Administrative Analyst Mary Lee, graduated from Pasadena City College with an AA in Business and Marketing.

## Rail Operations Control

### High School Graduates

- **Germaine K. Davis**, son of Rail Operation Control RTOS Instructor Kirk Davis, graduated from Long Beach Polytechnic in Long Beach, Medallion.
- **Ryan M. Davis**, son of Rail Operations Control RTOS Instructor Kirk Davis, graduated from Long Beach Polytechnic in Long Beach, Medallion.

## Regional Rebuild Center

### Employee Graduates

- **Brenda A. Cummings**, RRC Administration General Clerk III, graduated from CSU Dominguez Hills with a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies.

### High School Graduates

- **Xavier Roundtree**, son of RRC Acting TOS Saul Reece and Division 5 TOS June Reece, graduated from Ontario High School in Ontario.

## Revenue Department

### College Graduates

- **Adele R. Sagun**, daughter of Revenue Fare Collection Technician Jesus Sagun, graduated from Stanford with a Master's in Education.
- **Joseph R. Acuna**, son of Revenue Department Electronic Communication Technician and Rail Electronic Communication Inspector Jeff and Diane Mumolo, graduated from ITT Technical Institute with a Associate of Science in Electronic Engineering.

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