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METRO HONOR ROLL - Class of 2007

58 Metro Graduates Earn Honors, Advanced Degrees

(June 21, 2007) Fifty-eight of the 146 Metro Honor Roll high school, trade college and college graduates merited honors for scholarship or earned advanced degrees in 2007.

Twenty-eight of the 76 high school graduates won honors, among them three class valedictorians and a salutatorian. Six are members of the National Honor Society and three were recognized by the California Scholarship Federation.

Eight of the 54 college graduates – including two employees and an intern – graduated with honors, two of them cum laude. Among the 15 who earned advanced college degrees were a medical doctor, a doctor of dental surgery, a Ph.D in political science and three who earned law degrees.

Ten employees and 12 interns were among the 144 graduates in 2007.

Keynote

Congratulations, Class of 2007! After years of study and hard work, and with the support of your family, you have achieved one of your goals – a solid foundation of education on which to build your life. Continue forward with this momentum. Never lose your purpose and direction. Follow your dreams and make life happen!

-- Roger Snoble, CEO

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A

Sarah I. Aguilar, daughter of General Clerk Brenda Aguilar, graduated with honors from John Burroughs High School in Burbank.

Christina Alatorre, daughter of Photocopy Operator Nina Sanchez, graduated from Antelope Valley College in Lancaster with an AA degree in Arts and Science.

David Alatorre, son of Photocopy Operator Nina Sanchez, graduated from Highland High School in Palmdale.

Deckar I. Alexander, II, son of Employment Services Clerk Liza Alexander, graduated from Kaiser High School in Fontana. He was Athlete of the Year and was awarded an academic scholarship.

Mario Alvarado, son of Purchasing Clerk Griselda Alvarado, graduated from Cabrillo High School in Long Beach.

Theodore John V. Apostol, son of Bus Operator Ted L. Apostol, graduated from Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in Chicago with a Master's degree in Radiation Physics. He earned an award for Excellence in Clinical Education.

Xavier F. Aranda, son of Bus Operator Fernando N. Aranda, graduated from Hollywood High School.

Ashley Arnold, daughter of Workers' Compensation Analyst Karla Arnold, graduated with honors from Eisenhower High School in Rialto.

Victoria Krisol Ayala, daughter of Bus Operator Gracie Ayala, graduated with honors in History from Alta Loma High School.

Administrative Intern **Nick Azer** graduated from Cal State Northridge with a BA in Urban Studies and Planning.

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B

Jennifer Balvaneda, daughter of Transportation Operations Supervisor Abraham Abrego, graduated from the University of Phoenix with a BA in Science and Human Services.

John Parra Barajas, Jr., son of Bus Operator John Barajas, Sr., graduated from Baldwin Park High School.

Jonathan Becerra, son of General Services Supervisor Jesse Becerra, graduated from Etiwanda High School.

Shawn L. Benn, Jr., son of Bus Operator Shawn L. Benn, Sr., graduated from John Marshall High School in Pasadena where he was named Most Valuable Player in basketball in 2007.

Signal Inspector **Brian J. Berguist** graduated with Dean's List honors from LA Trade Technical College with a certificate in Labor Studies.

Division 8 Assistant Transportation Manager **Rachel Bird** graduated with high honors from Cal State Dominguez Hills with an MA in Public Administration.

Michael Boucher, son of Senior Third Party Coordinator Lloyd Boucher, graduated with honors from Somis Academy in Somis, Calif.

Myron Bowe, son of Senior Worker's Compensation Analyst Sharon Bowe, graduated from School of Life Christian School in Torrance. He was class valedictorian.

Murrell L. Brooks, son of Schedule Checker Linda V. Brooks, graduated from UCLA with a Ph.D in Political Science.

Wildonovin Brooks, son of Bus Operator Wilfred Brooks, graduated from Valley View High School in Rancho Cucamonga. He earned the High Achievement Award as an outstanding student.

Derrick Brown, son of Transportation Operations Supervisor Zsa Zsa Bates, graduated from the Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies.

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C

Joseph Ray Cabison, son of Administrative Aide Esther G. Cabison, graduated from UC Riverside with a BS in Electrical Engineering with special emphasis in Signal and Communications.

Gregory James Cabrera, son of Accountant Ofelia Cabrera, graduated from UC San Diego with a BA in Visual Arts with an emphasis on Film and Video.

Human Resources Intern **Belia Carabez** graduated from Cal State Los Angeles with a BA in Human Resources.

Denise Ann Castro, daughter of Service Attendant Leader Jose J. Castro and Employment Processing Clerk Imelda Castro, graduated from UC Santa Cruz with a BA in Legal Studies and Sociology.

Jasmine Cazares, daughter of Lead Assignment Coordinator Melissa Victoria, graduated with honors from Western Christian School in Covina.

Administrative Intern **Perla Cherbony** graduated with Dean's List honors from Cal State LA with a BA in Political Science, emphasis in Public Administration.

Terry J. Cole, son of Transportation Operations Supervisor Frank E. Cole, graduated from UCLA with a BA in Political Science.

Sa'De Ashen Collier, sister of Assistant Rail Division Manager Latanya S. Collier, graduated from Vista Del Lago High School in Moreno Valley.

Ronnie D. Crow, Jr., son of Senior Service Attendants Christine M. Ortiz and stepfather Raul Ortiz, graduated from Chino High School.

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D

Jimena Dake, wife of Assistant Equipment Maintenance Manager Matthew Dake, graduated from Cal State Dominguez Hills with a BS in Accounting.

Armand C. DeGuzman, son of Senior Accountant Silverio A. DeGuzman, Jr., graduated from UC Riverside with a BS in Computer Science, minor in Business Administration.

Lizette DeRamos, daughter of Senior Drafting Technician Virgilio DeRamos, graduated from UC Irvine with a BS in Biological Sciences.

Srikant Duggirala, son of Rail Fleet Services Supervisor Prem Duggirala, graduated from the Tufts University School of Medicine. Dr. Duggirala will serve his residency at the NYU Medical Center in New York.

Diana A. Dunlap, wife of Service Attendant Ulysses Dunlap, graduated from Webster University in Rancho Palos Verdes with a master's degree in Leadership and Management.

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E

Matthew B. Elorriaga, son of Customer Information Agent Milca Elorriaga, graduated from Baldwin Park High School.

Giovanni Escobar, son of Train Operator Esmeralda Escobar, was a distinguished graduate of California High School in Whittier.

Katherine L. Estrada, daughter of Project Quality Manager Dan Estrada, graduated from USC's Gould School of Law with a Juris Doctor degree.

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F

Systems Project Manager **Robert Fischer** graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with an MS in Mathematics.

Jamere E. Franklin, son of Bus Operator Mary L. Franklin, graduated from Alta Loma High School. He was honored for his athletic achievements in football and track and was a ranked athlete at the division and state levels.

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G

Garrick Galbreath, son of Rail Transportation Operations Supervisor Lorraine Lomax Hernandez, graduated from Cypress High School with a full academic scholarship from the University of Oregon.

Elizabeth Garcia, daughter of Supervising Control Clerk Liz Garcia, graduated from El Monte High School.

Joaquin Lemar George, son of Rail Transportation Operations Supervisor Monica D. George-Tucker, graduated with honors from Antelope Valley College with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Dennis R. Gilbert, son of Customer Information Agent Elvira Atkinson, graduated from Paramount High School in Paramount.

Joshua Gillless, son of Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Vance Gillless, graduated from high school in the Sunland Home School Program.

Kirsten Gillett, daughter of Bus Operator Thirza Gillett, graduated with honors from Foshay Learning Center in Los Angeles where she was class vice president.

Jessica M. Gomez, daughter of Mechanic "A" Leader Jose S. Gomez, graduated from Ramona Convent High School in Alhambra.

Clayton Gorman, son of Chief Ethics Officer Karen Gorman, graduated from Valencia High School. He also achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

Pilar Gose, daughter of Property Maintainer Leader K. Dieter Gose, graduated Cum Laude from Cal State Monterey Bay with a BS in Social and Behavioral Science.

Melinda Grant, daughter of Bus Operator Michael Grant, graduated from Lawndale High School as class valedictorian and with distinction as an advance placement student.

Stephanie Gray, daughter of Facilities Systems Technician James

Gray, graduated from Mount St. Mary's College with an MA in Humanities.

Administrative Intern **Paula Guevara** graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with a BS in Business Administration.

Andrea Gutierrez, daughter of Material Supervisor Dino Gutierrez, graduated with honors in Photography from Nogales High School in West Covina.

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H

Jon N. Harting, Jr., son of Equipment Maintenance Supervisor Jon N. Harting, Sr., graduated from Cal State Fullerton with a BS in Marine Biology.

Lauren A. Hawthorne, daughter of Stock Clerk Bret Hawthorne, graduated from American Intercontinental University with a BA in Arts.

Kyle Maxwell Hernandez, son of Scheduling Systems Supervisor Ruben Hernandez, graduated from Walnut High School.

Erika L. Holguin, daughter of General Services Supervisor Joe Holguin, graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with a BA in Business Administration.

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J

Aricka L. Jackson, daughter of Bus Operator Donna L. Cox, graduated with honors as a merit scholar, from Inglewood High School, where she was enrolled in the UCLA college prep program. She is listed in *Who's Who Among High School Students*.

Da'Shiah Monáe Jackson, daughter of Bus Operators Shannon D. Jackson and Renita Brown Jackson, graduated from Penn Foster High School in Moreno Valley.

David Ross Jacobson, son of Equipment Maintenance Supervisor Bruce Jacobson, graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a BA in Political Science.

ReAna S. Jenkins, daughter of Equipment Maintenance Supervisor Milton L. Jenkins, graduated from Hawthorne High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society.

Martin Jurado, Jr. graduated from Cathedral High School in Los Angeles, earning an Academic Excellence in Studio Art. He is the son of Rail Transportation Operations Supervisor Martin Jurado, Sr. and Transportation Operations Supervisor Francisca A. Montes-Jurado; and brother of Assistant Administrative Analyst Paula J. Jurado.

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K

Kasuni Kotelawala, daughter of Electronic Communications

Technician Saliya Kotelawala, graduated from North High School in Torrance. She was honored by the California Scholarship Federation and is a member of the National Honor Society.

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L

Aurora Lancaster, daughter of Deputy Executive Officer Linda B. Wright, graduated with Dean's List honors from the University of North Carolina with a BS in Mathematics.

Kimberly Chevalier LeDuff, daughter of Project Control Supervisor Steven LeDuff, graduated from USC with a BS in Accounting and honors from the Leventhal School of Accounting.

Michael E. Lee, Jr., son of Rail Transportation Operations Supervisor Michael E. Lee, graduated from Lancaster High School.

Allan Leung, son of Supervising Control Clerk Huey-Ling Leung, graduated with Dean's List honors from USC with a Doctorate in Dental Surgery.

David A. Litvak, son of Constituent Programs Manager Jody Feerst Litvak, graduated from Palisades Charter High School in Pacific Palisades as an Advance Placement Scholar with Honors and was listed on the Principal's Honor Roll. He earned the President's Award for Educational Excellence, the National Merit Scholarship Commendation and is a California Scholarship Federation Sealbearer.

Candace Ashley Liu, daughter of Supervising Engineer Andi Wang, graduated from South Pasadena High School with honors from the California Scholarship Federation.

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M

Division 7 Assistant Manager **Derick Mahome** graduated from the University of Phoenix with a BS in Business Management.

William Marshall, Jr., son of Bus Operator William Marshall, graduated from Gardena High School with honors in Journalism.

Daniel C. Martinez, son of Train Operator Carlos Martinez, graduated from Calvary Chapel Christian School of Downey with honors in Music.

Danny Martinez, son of Administrative Aide Lisa Rose Martinez, graduated from Cathedral High School in Los Angeles where he was a top-ranked swimmer.

Administrative Intern **Jacqueline Martinez** graduated from Pasadena City College with an AA in Spanish. She earned honors for superior achievement in Spanish.

Jasmine Mayse, daughter of Bus Operator Terri Shannon, graduated from Dorsey High School with academic honors.

Human Resources Assistant **Mary McDonald** graduated from Cal Poly Pomona, with a BS in Business Administration with an emphasis on

Human Resources.

Human Resources Intern **Stephanie McKibbin** graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with a BS in Business Administration.

Andrew Peter Mellon, son of Assistant Operations Control Manager Peter W. Mellon, Jr., graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with a BS in Urban Planning.

Marla Miller, daughter of Senior Cost/Schedule Analyst Mark Miller, graduated from Cal Poly Pomona, with a BS in Business Administration.

Atalya T. Minor, step-daughter of Bus Operator Rodney Johnson, graduated from Pete Knight High School in Palmdale. Cited for academic achievement throughout her high school career, she is listed in *Who's Who Among America's High School Students* and has been accepted into UC Irvine.

Sheraan Mohsin, daughter of Accounts Payable Supervisor Jane Mohsin, graduated from Lutheran High School in La Verne. She was the graduating class salutatorian.

Tamara Moore, daughter of Quality Management Director Bill Moore, graduated from Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks. She earned the Coaches Award for basketball and was a Spirit Commissioner.

Margaret Morallo, daughter of Community Relations Manager Rich Morallo, graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a BA in Communications.

Max Morallo, son of Community Relations Manager Rich Morallo, graduated from the California Academy of Mathematics and Science in Carson.

Elizabeth Moya, daughter of Mechanic "A" Jose Moya, graduated from Bloomington High School.

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N

Ruth A. Naranjo, daughter of Systems Electronic Communications Technician Raul Naranjo, graduated from Calvary Chapel Upland Christian Academy in Upland.

Tawny Niemann, daughter of Transit Security Sgt. Rudy Montoya, graduated with Dean's List honors from Cal State Long Beach with a BA in Human Development. She received the Community Action Award.

O

Human Resources Intern **Alejandra Ortega** graduated from Cal State Los Angeles with a BS in Business Administration, Human Resources option.

Michael Ortega, son of Bus Operator Ana R. Ramirez, graduated from Bassett High School in La Puente.

P

Teresa Antoinette Pasos, daughter of Rail Transportation Operations Supervisor Alma Albarran and Service Attendant Leader David Vargas, graduated from Cal Poly Pomona, with a BS in Business Administration with a concentration in Management and Human Resources.

Kasturi Patel, daughter of Construction Management Director Hitesh Patel, graduated from Valencia High School with an International Baccalaureate diploma. She earned Collegiate Scholar Honors, was recognized by the California Scholarship Federation and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Saati Shashank Patel, daughter of Audit Manager Sangeeta Patel, graduated from Walnut High School.

Domonique Paton, daughter of Traction Power Leadman Floyd Paton, graduated from the American Musical and Dramatic Academy of New York City with a degree in Performing Arts. She currently is a member of the touring company of the musical "Hairspray."

Salvador Perez, son of Mechanic "A" Salvador Perez and Customer Service Representative Maria Elena Diaz, graduated from the Rio Hondo College Wildland Fire Academy in Whittier.

Brittany E. Pickwood, daughter of Security Officer Edbert A. Pickwood, graduated from Valley View High School in Moreno Valley. She was named Top Scholar and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Shantala Ponce, daughter of Maintenance Specialist Leader Henry Ponce, graduated from Hilltop High School in Chula Vista.

Mark Portillo, son of Bus Operator Marcos Portillo, graduated from Don Bosco Technical Institute in Rosemead.

Stacy Nicole Prudhomme, daughter of Bus Operator Michael D. Prudhomme, graduated from the University of Missouri with a BS in Psychology.

Nicole L. Pyles, daughter of Bus Operator Jeanette M. Pyles, graduated from Pierce College in Woodland Hills with a Certificate in Addiction Studies.

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R

Jennifer and Jessica Ramirez, daughters of Risk Management Administrative Aide Martha D. Ramirez, graduated from Bishop Amat Memorial High School in La Puente.

Planning Intern **Juan Ramirez** graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with a BS in Urban and Regional Planning.

Bill Rasoul, son of Traction Supervisor Sayed Rasoul, graduated from UC Berkeley with a BS in Materials Science and Engineering.

Mark Rasoul, son of Traction Supervisor Sayed Rasoul, graduated from UC Riverside with a BA in Political Science.

Dejah K. Reeve, daughter of Stops & Zones Supervisor Dennis K. Reeve, graduated from UC Irvine with a BA in Sociology.

Patrick Ronald Rembert, son of Senior Service Attendant Ronald Rembert, graduated from Lakewood High School in Lakewood. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

Administrative Intern **Ana L. Reyes** graduated from Cal State Dominguez Hills with a BS in Business Administration with an emphasis in Human Resources.

Christopher Rice, son of Safety Specialist Tammy Rice, graduated from Buena Park High School.

Doug Richan, husband of Transportation Planning Manager Susan Richan, graduated from Cal State Northridge with a Masters in Geographic Information Systems.

Nathan Anthony Rios, son of Records Clerk Claudia Kwon, graduated from Alhambra High School.

Victor Robertson, Jr., son of Rail Transportation Operations Supervisor Victor Robertson, graduated with a BA in Psychology from Howard University.

Jabez Ross, son of Transportation Operations Supervisors Odell and Margo Ross, graduated from the UC Riverside with a BS in Business Administration.

Shantrelle Rush, daughter of Bus Operator Margo Hanna, graduated from Environmental Charter High School in Lawndale.

Rachel Ruth, daughter of Transportation Operations Supervisor Regina Bird, graduated from Southwestern Longview Private School in Long Beach.

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S

Event Planning Coordinator **Jennifer Salamanca** graduated Summa Cum Laude from USC with an MA in Communication Management.

Marielle L. Sallo, daughter of Auditor Pete S. Sallo, graduated from UCLA with a BS in Math.

Michelle Marie L. Santos, daughter of Senior Accountant Danilo A. Santos, graduated from Cal State San Bernardino with a BS in Nursing.

Leomundo Saucedo, son of Bus Operator Nooh Saucedo, graduated from Sierra Vista High School in Baldwin Park.

Nooh Saucedo, Jr., son of Bus Operator Nooh Saucedo, graduated from South Hills High School in Covina.

Kendrea Selico, daughter of Bus Operator Keith Selico, graduated from Long Beach Polytechnic High School.

Adrianna Shannon, daughter of Mechanic "A" Anthony Vance, graduated with honors from Downtown Magnets High School in Los Angeles.

Rebecca Shelburne, daughter of Rail Division Transportation Manager Bruce Shelburne, graduated from Cal State Long Beach with a BA in Sociology.

Elizabeth Lesley Snead, sister of Transportation Planner Sam Snead, graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a BA in African American Studies.

Jennifer Marie Soto, daughter of Senior Programmer Analyst Patrick Soto and granddaughter of State Senator Nell Soto, a Metro retiree, graduated from UC Santa Cruz with a BA in Political Science and Legal Studies.

Jennifer Soto, daughter of Bus Operator Bernardo Soto, graduated from Chino Hills High School.

Terrence Stewart, son of Bus Operator Patricia Stewart, graduated from Littlerock High School as a scholar athlete.

Electronic Communications Technician Leader **William C. Sullivan** graduated from Cal State Long Beach with a BS in Electronics Engineering Technology. He was named Outstanding Baccalaureate Graduate for Electronics Engineering Technology.

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T

Brittany Loryon Thompson, sister of Assistant Rail Division Manager Latanya S. Collier, graduated from Fairfield High School in Fairfield.

Michalle Antionette Thompson, daughter of Transit Security Officer Marlon Boyer and Community Relations Officer Valarie Harrison-Boyer, graduated from Whittier Law School in Costa Mesa with a Juris Doctorate.

Assistant Maintenance Manager **Clifford Thorne** graduated from the University of Phoenix with a BA in Business Management.

Kimberly Tu, daughter of Transportation Planning Manager Kathy Bahn, graduated from Arcadia High School.

Mark C. Tucker, Jr., son of Rail Transportation Operations Supervisor Monica D. George-Tucker, graduated from Quartz High School.

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V

Planning Department Intern **Yvonne Vasquez** graduated with honors and a BA in geography from Cal State Northridge.

Pauline Ellen Verdugo, daughter of Administrative Aide Frances E. Calzada, graduated from Mark Keppel High School in Alhambra.

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W

Roisin E. Ward, daughter of Schedule Maker Virginia Ward, graduated from Hoover High School in Glendale.

Shirley P. Wijegunawardena, daughter of Equipment Maintenance Supervisor Jagath Wijegunawardena, graduated from Canyon High School in Santa Clarita. She was honored by the California Scholarship Federation and is a member of the National Honor Society and the Key Club.

La Tanae Diane Williams, daughter of Assistant Division Transportation Manager Diane Frazier, graduated from Golden Valley High School in Santa Clarita.

Bus Operator **Jewel Willis** graduated Cum Laude from West Los Angeles College with an Associate of Arts in Accounting.

Krystal Chanel Willis, daughter of Senior Administrative Analyst Renee Willis, graduated with honors from Glendora High School.

Senior Administrative Analyst **Renee C. Willis** graduated from the University of Phoenix with a Masters in Business Administration with an emphasis on Finance.

Service Attendant **Rochelle Wilson** graduated from Cal State Dominguez Hills with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Administrative Intern **Daniel Wong** graduated from UCLA with an MA in Urban Planning.

John Lucas Wong, son of Customer Service Officer Casaundra Mangan, graduated from Loyola Law School with a Juris Doctorate.

Transportation Planning Manager **Philbert Wong** graduated from USC with an MA in Urban Planning.

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Z

Carina Zaragoza, daughter of Worker's Compensation Analyst Clara Zaragoza, graduated from Cal State Northridge with a degree in Chicana Studies.

Jeremy T. Zisner, son of Bus Operator Benjamin S. Zisner, graduated from Culver City High School. In March, he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

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