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METRO'S LIST OF GRADUATES - Class of 2009



Metro's Finest: First class of Metro Transit Security Officers graduate from grueling 18-week police training at El Camino College Police Academy. In addition to expanding an expertise in law enforcement, the officers are now certified to work as Reserve Officers. They are, from left, Senior Officer Henry Solis, Senior Officer Gregory White, Officer Barry Nixon, Officer Marlon Valdez, Officer Ayman Soliman, Officer Edbert Pickwoad, Officer Carlos Pena, and Senior Officer Dave Ebling. Not pictured: Graduates Sergeant Yi Pu and Officer Patrick Garcia.

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Drenda Adams, daughter of Bus Operator Patrisha Willis, graduated from Cal State-Fullerton with a BA in Business Administration.

Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Forrest Adams graduated from Riverside City College with an AS in Business/Management with Great Distinction.

Elisa Nicole Aguilar, daughter of Gold Line Fleet Services General Clerk III Brenda Aguilar, graduated from John Burroughs High School in Burbank. President's Award.

Jason Akinfolann, son of General Clerk III Lisa Akinfolann, graduated from Chaffey College with an AA in Political Science.

Rishika Ranasinghe Arachchige, son of Electronic Communications Tech Ananda Arachchige, graduated from Torrance North High School, Volunteer of the Year HUCLA 2008 City of Los Angeles; Athletic Achievement in Boy's Tennis- 2007; Stellar Student Award for Integrated Science.

Store Keeper-Logistics **Paul C. Arndt** graduated from Pasadena City College with an AS in Liberal Arts.

Angelo Atienza, son of Senior Auditor Willie Atienza, graduated from Cal State-Long Beach with a BS in Business Administration – Accountancy.

Angelica Azul, daughter of Div. 20 Maintenance Specialist Fidel Azul, graduated from Victor Valley High School in Victorville.

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Jaime Banuelos, son of Equipment Record Specialist Tiffany Yace, graduated from Mark Keppel High School in Alhambra.

Anthony Michael Benitez, son of Bus Operator Michael Anthony Benitez, graduated from Bloomington High School in Fontana. Principal's Honor Roll.

Steven Michael Benitez, son of Bus Operator Michael Anthony Benitez, graduated from Bloomington High School, Fontana. Principal's Honor Roll, US Navy Nuclear Field Program.

Director of Facilities Maintenance **Brady Branstetter** graduated from California Lutheran University with an MBA.

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Michael S. Canel, son of Rail Transit Operations Supervisor Luis F. Canel, graduated from West Covina High School.

Jonathan Eduardo Casasola, son of Auditor-Management Audit Services Claudia Casasola, graduated from Northview High School in Covina.

Gerardo Cervantes, son of Rail Transit Operations Supervisor Esperanza Diosdado, graduated from Glendora High School.

Rudy Chairez, son of Pension & Benefits Technician Rudy Chairez, graduated from Alta Loma High School in Rancho Cucamonga. Soccer Team, JV MVP, Varsity Coach's Award, 1st Team Baseline League.

Colleen A. Charles, daughter of Administrative Analyst Denise Charles, graduated from UCLA with a BS in Civil Engineering.

Adrian Chanell Clark, daughter of Bus Operator Tenisha L. Ford, graduated from Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies.

Jaime Cloud, daughter of Digital System Tech Robert Cloud, Sr., graduated from Pepperdine University with a BS in Psychology.

Robert Christopher Cooke II, son of Equipment Records Specialist Nicole Rainer, graduated from King Drew Magnet in Los Angeles.

Ron Cooper, son of Config. Document Control Manager Dianne Curzon, graduated from the University of Phoenix with a BA in Business Marketing.

Johnny Cruz, son of Mechanic A Paul Cruz, graduated from Bonita High School in LaVerne.

Marian Christy Cubero, daughter of Redline Fleet Services Leader Tadeo Cubero, graduated from Copper Mountain College's RN program.

Candice Curwen, daughter of AWD Div. 5 Mechanic Relief Leader Lynton Curwen, graduated from Emily Griffith High School.

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Britney M. Daniels, daughter of Rail Transit Operations Sup. Joseph Daniels and Transit Operations Sup. Cheron Anthony, graduated from Casa Loma Nursing College in Hawthorne with an LVN certification. Perfect Attendance/Honor Roll.

Joseph C. Daniels III, son of Rail Transit Operations Sup. Joseph Daniels and Transit Operations Sup. Cheron Anthony, graduated from Narbonne High School in Harbor City.

Nathaniel Davis, son of Bus Operator Lee Davis, graduated from International Polytechnic High School in Pomona.

Florgin Marie Dela Luna, daughter of Bus Operator Flores Dela Luna, Jr., graduated from the University of California-San Diego with a BS in Biology/Chemistry.

Jordan John Dela Luna, son of Bus Operator Flores Dela Luna, Jr., has completed the Pharmacy Technician program at Medical Valley College.

John Rudy DePompa, son of Executive Secretary, Office of CEO Rubi DePompa, graduated from Schurr High School in Montebello.

Nikita Naren Desai, daughter of Div. 6 Mechanic Leader Naren Desai, graduated from Santa Monica High School. Honors - All Subjects.

Hannah Duong, daughter of Project Engineer Danh Duong and Sr. Programmer Analyst Van Duong, graduated from the Univ. of California, Berkeley with a BA in Biology. Accepted to the UCLA School of Dentistry.

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Casey Faust, daughter of Administration and Financial Services Manager Paula Faust, graduated from St. Joseph High School in Lakewood. Long Beach Rotary Scholarship to Long Beach State.

Cherisse Figueroa, daughter of Customer Information Agent Pamela Luna, graduated from Warren High School in Downey.

Human Resources Assistant Elizabeth Flores graduated from CSULB with a

Master's of Public Administration degree.

Daniel Fontanez, daughter of Blue Line Train Operator Arthur Fontanez, graduated from Lakewood High School.

Latrice Latijera Franklin, daughter of Bus Operator Marie Johnson, graduated from Vista Del Mar High School in Los Angeles.

Lioniece Lynjellica Franklin, daughter of Bus Operator Marie Johnson, graduated from Crenshaw High School in Los Angeles.

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CCTV Observer/TCU Ingrid **Inez Garcia** graduated from Cal State-Los Angeles with a degree in Accounting/Business Administration.

Administrative Intern **Marco Garcia** has received his MBA degree with a focus on Project Management from the Keller Graduate School of Management.

Aaron L. Gilless, son of Acting Project Manager, Vertical Transportation Systems Vance Gilless, graduated from Home School in Sunland, Eagle Scout.

Raul Gomez, son of Leadman - Copy Center Raul Gomez, graduated from Upland High School.

Ariana Nicole Gonzalez, daughter of Customer Information Agent Irma Diana Castellanos, graduated from Upland High School in Upland.

Viviana Gonzalez, daughter of Div. 3 Stock Clerk Armando J. Gonzalez, graduated from California State University-Northridge with a BA in Child and Adolescent Development.

Sebastien Guillemet, son of Construction Div. Project Control Mgr. Bruno Guillemet, graduated from Loyola High School in Los Angeles.

Herbert Jr. Guillen, son of Train Operator Herbert Guillen, graduated from Marshall High School, Los Angeles.

Alexandra Guzman, daughter of Bus Operator Cesar Guzman, graduated from University High School in Los Angeles.

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Sami Marie Harper, daughter of Human Resources Manager Kathi Harper and Div. 9 Bus Operator Sam Harper, graduated from the University of California-Santa Barbara with a BA in Sociology.

Dr. Audra Harris, daughter of Div. 6 Transit Operations Supervisor Michael B. Harris, completed her OB/GYN residency at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and will specialize in cancer research.

Jason and Jeremy Helliwell, sons of Retired Mechanic A Thomas Helliwell, graduated from Hart High School in Newhall. Barbara Helliwell, wife of Retired Mechanic A Thomas Helliwell, graduated from the University of

Phoenix with a BSN.

Samantha Hess, daughter of Mechanic A Leader Sammy Hess, graduated from Wilson High School in Hacienda Heights.

Yazmin A. Hooper, daughter of Schedule Maker Will Hooper, graduated from Santiago High School in Corona.

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Adrian D. Iglesias, daughter of Bus Operator David S. Iglesias, graduated from Pete Knight High School in Palmdale.

Tracy Ingham, daughter of Sr. Buyer Pat Ingham, graduated from UCLA with a BA in Design and Digital Media.

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Alexis Jackson, daughter of Equipment Record Specialist Inthia Pierce, graduated from Animo Inglewood Charter.

Asst. Administrative Analyst, Human Services **Jennifer Janer** graduated from the University of La Verne with an MBA in Finance and Marketing.

Darrell Jimerson, son of Accountant Cynthia Jimerson, graduated from Cal State University-Dominquez with a BS in Information Systems.

Maya E. Jones, daughter of Senior Contract Administrator Nathan Jones III, graduated from New Roads in Santa Monica.

Jarrod Joyce, son of Maintenance Div. 15 Mechanic A Dan Joyce, graduated from Los Altos High School in Mountain View. Lettered in Varsity Football and Track & Field.

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Marcus Karriem, son of Bus Operator Sandra Douglas, graduated from William Taft High School, GPA 3.95.

Tommy Ka-Wing Mo, husband of Accountant Carol Ng, graduated from California State-Northridge with an MS in Mechanical Engineering.

Kenneth Knutson, Warranty and Equip. Mech. Louis Knutson, graduated from Temple City High School.

Bobby Kough, son of Corporate Safety Asst. Admin. Analyst Lisa Kough, graduated from Colony High School in Ontario with a Full Football Scholarship to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

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Westside Area Team Transportation Planner II **Jessica (Sien Gee) Lai** graduated from California State University with an MA in Economics.

Michael Lavergne, son of Div. 18 Bus Operator Peggy Lavergne, graduated from Compton High School.

Transit System Engineer **Edward Lee** graduated from Cal State-Long Beach with a Masters degree in Public Administration.

Tatanisha Livingston, daughter of Bus Operator Patrisha Willis, graduated from George Washington Prep., GATE Honor Student, MVP Lady Generals.

Scheduling Doc. Graphic Tech **Lawrence Lopez** graduated from Cal State University-Northridge with a BA in Graphic Design.

Steven Lopez, son of Transportation Planner Maria I. Lopez, graduated from Walnut High School.

Administrative Intern/Human Resources **Gary Luan** graduated from Cal State University-Los Angeles with a BS in Business Administration.

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Marisa Madrid, daughter of Rail Equipment Maintenance Supervisor Ruben Madrid, graduated from Cornell University with a BA in Industrial Labor Law.

Raymond Mandujano III, son of Rail Transit Operations Supervisor Raymond Mandujano Jr. and stepson of Bus Operator Kristina Mandujano, graduated from Don Bosco Technical Institute in Rosemead, Honors-Computer Science.

Westside Area Team Administrative Intern **Sarah Manning** graduated from UCLA with an MA in Urban Planning.

Aaron Marquez, son of Customer Information Agent Della Montes, graduated from West Covina High School.

Customer Information Agent **Crystal Martell** graduated from Cal State-Los Angeles with a BS in International Business/Minor in Economics.

Armando L. Martinez, Jr. son of Mechanic A Armando L. Martinez, graduated from Bloomington High School.

Communications Coordinator **Jacqueline Martinez** graduated from Cal State University-Los Angeles with a BA in Spanish.

Lizbeth Martinez, daughter of Mechanic A Manuel Martinez, graduated from the Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies.

Marilyn Martinez-Bright, daughter of Div. 9 Transit Operations Sup. Norma Perera, graduated from the University of LaVerne with a MA in Education.

Nadine Martinez Rodriguez, daughter of Bus Operator Barbara Martinez, graduated from Cal State University-Los Angeles with a Master's in Biology.

Vincent Art Martinez, son of Non Destructive Tech, Main. Instruct. Dept. Arthur Martinez, graduated from UCLA with a BA in Economics.

Todd Seiji Matsumoto, son of Deputy Executive Officer TAP Operation Jane Matsumoto and Chief Financial Services Officer & Treasurer Terry Matsumoto, graduated from Venice High School Foreign Language Magnet in Los Angeles.

Christian "C.J" McKenzie, son of Transportation Operations Supervisor Don McKenzie, graduated from Birmingham High School in Lake Balboa.

Ericka Meneses, daughter of Div. 10 Mechanic Lilian Meneses, graduated from Mark Keppel High School in Alhambra.

Sarah Joy Mendoza, daughter of Construction Administrative Assistant Cynthia Mendoza, graduated from Cal State-Fullerton with a degree in Communications/Journalism.

Diversity & Economic Opportunity Administrative Intern **Ryan Milanio** graduated from DeVry University with a BA in Business Administration-Project Management.

Mia Victoria Mitchem, daughter of Div. 3 Bus Operator Esmeralda Mitchem, graduated from Paramount High School.

Rebeca Moir, wife of Train Operator Victor Moir, graduated from the University of Phoenix with a BA in Human Services.

Programming & Policy Analysis Administrative Intern **Andrew M. Mora** graduated from Azusa Pacific University with an MBA in Marketing.

Administrative Aide **Alicia Morales-Rodriguez** graduated from the University of Phoenix with an MA in Business Administration.

Judith Moreno, daughter of Service Performance Analysis Project Leader Agustin Moreno, graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Los Angeles with 1st Honors.

Public Relations Administrative Intern **Ivan Moreno**, son of Service Performance Analysis Project Leader Agustin Moreno, graduated from California State University-Los Angeles with a BS in Criminal Justice.

Alexander Morse, son of Deputy Executive Officer-Communications Warren Morse, graduated from the Sherman Oaks Center for Enriched Studies in Tarzana.

Akbar Motiwala, son of Sr. Accountant Arif Motiwala, graduated from Cal State-Fullerton with a BA.

Yasir Motiwala, son of Sr. Accountant Arif Motiwala, graduated from Diamond Ranch High School.

Heather Murdock, daughter of Bus Operator Donna Murdock, graduated from the University of Phoenix with a BA in Business/Public Administration.

Kristina Murray, daughter of Senior Worker's Comp Analyst Marty McCaffery, graduated from Crossroads High School in Santa Monica and has received a scholarship to the University of Kentucky.

Daniel "Chip" Mynatt, son of Mechanic A Chris Mynatt, graduated from City of Angels, Athletic Achievement.

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Sabrina Nava, daughter of Rail Operator Eddie Nava, graduated from Bishop Amat High School

Aujanae Neal, daughter of Transit Operations Supervisor Victoria Graham, graduated from St. Odilia School in Los Angeles with Honors in Math, Social Studies, Language and Citizenship.

Jhanae Neal, daughter of Transit Operations Supervisor Victoria Graham, also graduated from St. Odilia School in Los Angeles with honors English and Social Studies and Science Top 10, Principal's Award and Academic Decathlon.

Amanda Ngo, daughter of Div. 8 Mechanic Leader En Thai Ngo, graduated from Grover Cleveland High School, Reseda. Valedictorian. Jessica Nueva, daughter of Maintenance Div. 10 Mechanic A Guillermo Nueva, graduated from the University of LaVerne with an MA in Education.

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Matthew Christopher Olivo, son of Logistics Store Keeper Rene Olivo, graduated from Damien High School in LaVerne.

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Tekeula Passmore, daughter of Div. 1 Storekeeper Vernon Passmore, graduated from Saugus High School.

David C. Peña, son of Accounting Payroll Clerk Raquel Peña, graduated from Glendora High School.

Deborah Alexis Price, daughter of Sr. Communications Officer, Marketing Yvonne Price, graduated from Los Alamitos High School as Salutatorian, 4.43 GPA and will attend UCLA; National Merit Scholarship Distinguished Student & (Academic Achievement of 3.5+ on 5 AP Exams); Japanese National Honor Society; Community Service Pathway Cord; Medical Field Pathway Cord;

Administrative Analyst **Elizabeth Pulido** graduated with a Masters degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Cal Poly - Pomona.

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Yvette Quezada, daughter of Div. 9 Senior Service Attendant Jesse Quezada, graduated from UCLA with a BA in English.

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Melissa Rice, daughter of Senior Safety Specialist Tammy Rice, graduated

from LaVista High School in Fullerton.

Brittany Bralaune Riley, daughter of Customer Service Agent Lorna Riley, graduated from Highland High School with Honors in English and History, 1st Place Winner of the California Educational Theater Association Award.

Taja J'Reon Robertson, son of Div. 6 Bus Operator Carlton Robertson, graduated from Cal State-San Diego with a BS in Accounting/Economics.

Brooke Robinson, daughter of Transit Operations Sup. Burke "Speedy" Robinson and Bus Operator Shemikea Robinson, graduated from Crenshaw High School in Los Angeles.

Jessica Rodgers, daughter of Div. 18 Bus Operator Jimmy Rodgers, graduated from Long Beach Polytechnic High School, Academic Honor Roll.

Tiffanie Rodriguez, daughter of Div. 18 Lead Body Shop Johnny Rodriguez, graduated from Los Altos High School, Hacienda Heights, Honor Roll, 4.2 GPA

Jennifer J. Rojas, daughter of Div. 6 Maintenance Manager Hector Rojas, graduated from California State University-Fullerton with a BA in Criminal Justice and a Minor in Psychology.

Blanch D. Ross, daughter of Transit Operations Sup. Odell Ross and Assistant Transportation Manager Margo Ross, graduated from Cal State University-Northridge with an MA in Public Administration.

Deuel Ross, son of Transit Operations Sup. Odell Ross and Assistant Transportation Manager Margo Ross, has received his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Kara Rotunno, daughter of Electronic Communications Tech Russell Rotunno, graduated from Glendora High School, Class Valedictorian.

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Meljon Mariano Salazar, son of Transit Operations Sup. Joanabelle Mariano Salazar, graduated from Faith Baptist School in Canoga Park. Honors, President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence; Bible Award; National School Choral Award; Most Outstanding Alumni for 2009

Marshall Schurtz, son of Treasury Debt Manager LuAnne Schurtz, graduated from Westlake High School, Westlake Village, A.P. Scholar.

Tabitha D. Seelig, daughter of Transit Operations Supervisor David Seelig, graduated from Yucaipa High School in Yucaipa.

Ryan Shott, grandson of Employee Labor Relations Rep. Myrtle Shott, graduated from Capistrano Valley High School in Mission Viejo, Athlete of the Year; Orange County National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete.

Javier Silva, son of W.E.M., MSSC Gerardo J. Silva, graduated from Burbank High School. CSF, Model United Nations and Speech Debate Sealbearer, Presidential Award.

Amantha Simpson, daughter of Senior Departmental System Analyst Mark

Simpson and Materiel Inventory Analyst Bernadette Simpson, graduated from Serrano High School in Phelan.

Jessica L. Smith, daughter of Division 6 Bus Operator Christine Smith, graduated from the University of California-Santa Barbara with a BS in Zoology, Spanish Minor.

Marissa A. Soto, daughter of Director of Accounting Jesse Soto, graduated from Ramona Convent Secondary School in Alhambra. President's Award for Education Achievement and Lifetime Membership in the California Scholarship Federation.

Erika Domonique Stewart, daughter of Custodian Timani Middleton, graduated from St. Mary's Academy in Inglewood.

Terrisha M. Stewart, daughter of Bus Operator Patricia Stewart, graduated from Pete Knight High School, Honors in Anatomy and Physiology.

Communications and Control System Engineer **Stephen M. Stone** graduated from California State University-Dominguez Hills with a BS in Business Administration/Management/Human Resources.

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Organizational Development & Training Administrative Intern **Katie Talbert** graduated from Cal State University-Dominguez Hills with a BS in Accounting.

Amanda Juliette Tapia, daughter of Mechanic A Armando Tapia, graduated from Los Altos High School in Hacienda Heights with Honors in Performing Arts.

Shannon Thomas, daughter of Bus Operator Danielle Harris, graduated from San Fernando High School.

Stephen Wm. Tontz, Jr., son of Southbay Service Sector Schedule Maker Stephen Wm. Tontz, graduated from Grace Brethren in Long Beach.

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Amberlynne Rose Olivia Ullo, step-daughter of Rail Division Transportation Manager Davide F. Puglisi, graduated from Burbank High School, Bulldog Award, Swim Team MVP, Coach's Award.

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Kimberly Valdivia, daughter of Div. 10 Equipment Maintenance Sup. Miguel Valdivia, graduated from Mt. San Antonio College with an Associate of Arts degree in Behavioral and Social Sciences.

Natalle Vargas, daughter of Service Attendant Leader David Vargas, graduated from Murrieta Valley High School in Murrieta.

Sara Melinda Villanueva, daughter of Bus Operator Bennie Villanueva,

graduated from Polytechnic High School in Sun Valley, High Honors, Valedictorian.

Long Range Planning Administrative Intern **Simon San Vuong** graduated from the University of Southern California with a Master's degree in Planning.

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Crystal Renee Walker, daughter of Administrative Aide Brenda M. Davis, graduated from California State-Los Angeles with a BS in Criminal Justice.

Luther A. Walker II, son of Assistant Transportation Manager (Div. 7) Alicia C. Walker, graduated from St. Francis High School in La Canada.

Steven Lee Walker, son of Senior Contract Administrator Phyllis Walker, graduated from Northern Arizona University with a BS in Engineering.

Arthur Wang, son of Software Engineer Jimmy Wang, graduated from Sunny Hills High School in Fullerton with High Honors.

Brittany Nicole Williams, daughter of Bus Operation Control Nadine Triche-Williams and Communications Manager Alonzo Williams, graduated from Bishop Amat Memorial High School, National Society of High School Scholars.

Community Relations Administrative Intern **Michael Williams** graduated from California State University-Channel Islands with a BA in Communications.

Cris Woodson, son of Director Operations Support James "Woody" Woodson, graduated from John A. Rowland High School, in Rowland Heights.

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Sohrab C. Yassan, son of Schedule Supervisor Behzad Yassan, graduated from the University of California-Riverside with a BA in Biology.



Nicole A. Zisner, daughter of Bus Operator Benjamin S. Zisner, graduated from UC-Irvine with a BA in Criminology.

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