

Oceanside Unified School District News

Long Overdue High School Diplomas for Oceanside Students

On June 14, the Oceanside Unified School District (OUSD) held its first Honorary Diploma ceremony. The district issued seven Honorary Diplomas at the ceremony; ten Honorary Diplomas were given overall. The recipient's ranged in age from their early 20's to their mid-50's and included four from El Camino High School and six from Oceanside High School.

The Honorary Diploma program was designed at the request of a community member and former El Camino High School student who approached the district about obtaining a diploma from El Camino High School.

Much of her educational experience was fraught with bullying. Due to her situation, she missed an average of one day of school every single week, and eventually dropped out of El Camino. While she went on to obtain her GED at MiraCosta, she never felt like she fully graduated and wanted a high school diploma from the school she was supposed to graduate from, El Camino.

Hearing her story, the OUSD Board and Superintendent decided to create the Honorary Diploma program. A program to honor students, who for whatever reason, were not able to complete their studies at their high schools, but went on to complete their GED or adult diploma at MiraCosta College.

The board thought this program was an excellent opportunity to encourage continued learning and the importance of attaining a high school diploma.

