

July 2025

Education Newsletter

GRADUATION EDITION!



2025

Leo Brown



**CONGRATULATIONS
PRESCHOOL
GRADUATES!!!**

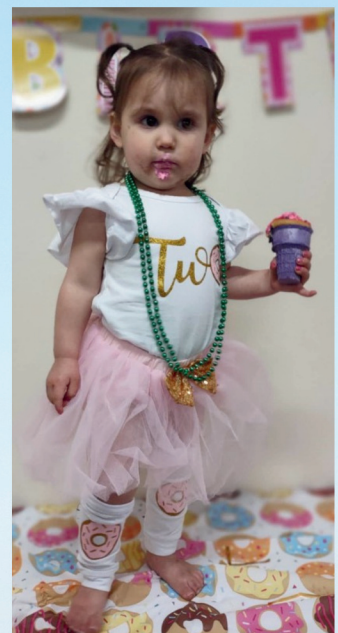


Luciyoma Duncan



Luci, Mom is so proud of all the things you accomplish every day. I will always be here to support you every step of the way. As you step into the colorful world of kindergarten, know that you are loved, cherished, and supported. This is just the beginning of fantastic journey filled with learning, laughter, and growth. I love you, Freeda Mae.

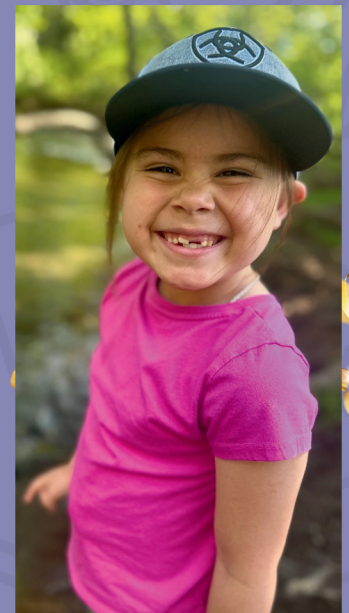
-Love Mom





kindergarten graduation



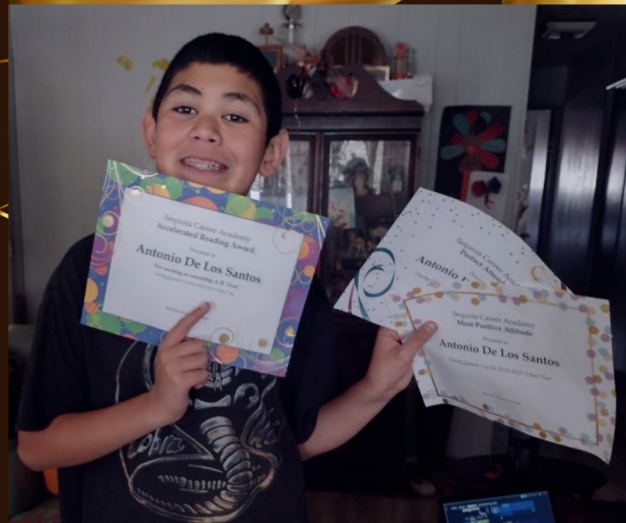


A'Miyah Snow



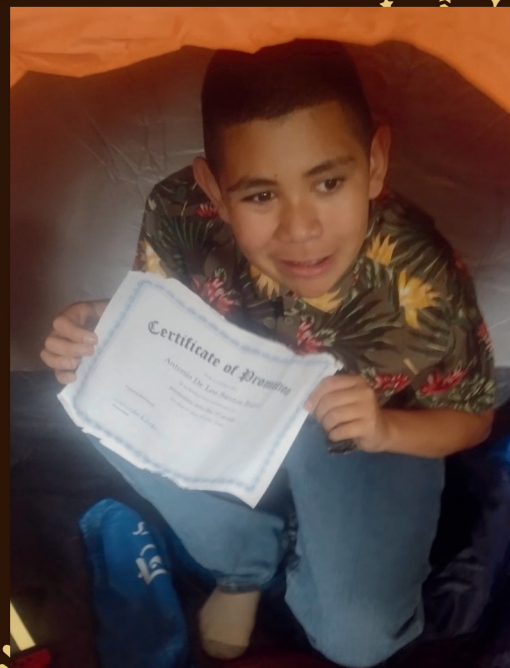
A'Miyah has completed Kindergarten and her 2nd year as a Murdock Mallard and is excited to start 1st grade come fall. When she's not in school you can find her practicing for cheer competitions and other sports she enjoys, exploring nature and dancing shake head.
-Love your parents

8TH GRADE



**Antonio has
persevered
through many
hardships over
the years and
accomplished so
much.**

**-Love grandma
Lily**



Congratulations

8th Grade

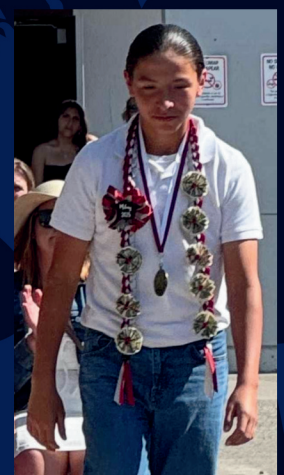
Maylea Martinez



I'm very excited for all of the opportunities high school will bring me. From the classes, electives, being with friends, and the cheer team I can't wait to be apart of it all.



Hope Marcks II & Michael Marcks



Two Siblings, Two Graduations, One Proud Family

This graduation season marked a proud and unforgettable moment for the Marcks family as two of our three shining stars crossed major academic milestones—each with honors that speak volumes about their hard work, leadership, and bright futures.

Mikey, the middle child of the family, graduated from 8th grade as Salutatorian of his middle school. Known for his focus, humility, and sharp intellect, Mikey delivered a heartfelt speech at the promotion ceremony that earned cheers and a few tears from teachers and classmates alike. From academic excellence to his passion for helping others, Mikey has already proven himself to be a natural leader. As he steps into high school, his family and educators alike are confident that this is just the beginning of many future accomplishments.

At the same time, his older sister Hope—fondly known as Baby Hope—walked across the stage at her high school graduation, not only as a graduate but as 2025 Class President. Throughout her four years, Hope served as a strong student voice and a compassionate leader, organizing student-led initiatives, spirit weeks, and community service events. Her speech as Class President captured the spirit of resilience and unity that defined her class. A true role model to her younger siblings, Hope's next chapter will begin this fall as she heads off to the University of Oregon with big dreams.

We would like to share and acknowledge some of their accolades received throughout 2021-2025:

Hope:

- Scholar Athlete of the Year (2024-2025; playing Volleyball, Basketball, & Softball)
- President's Education Awards Program
- Class President for all 4-years
- Rotary Top 40
- Student of the Month
- Attendance Awards
- Storytelling
- Citizenship Awards
- Volunteer
- Excellence in Leadership Project
- Principles Lists
- Gatekeeping Training Certification

Mikey:

- 2 Student of the Year Awards
- Principles Special Recognition Award
- Student of the Month
- Principles Lists
- HPUL Super Youth Award
- TANF's Resume Building for Youth
- KnoQoti Wellness-Youth Digital
- NYC & WSL Assistant Coach
- Native American Club-ULMS Mural
- Circle of Native Minds ORP

For the Marcks family, this season was more than a celebration—it was a testament to the love, encouragement, and values passed down from generation to generation. From Mikey's rising promise to Hope's inspiring legacy, the future is looking bright—and this is only the beginning.

With Love,

Michael Y. & Hope Marcks

Proud Parents

High School Graduates

CLASS OF 2025

CONGRATULATIONS



JOVON HOLSTINE

Class of 2025 Clear Lake High School graduate. He will continue his education at UC Merced.

CONGRATULATIONS



MELISSA MILLER-JACKSON

Class of 2025 La Vida Carter School graduate.

CONGRATULATIONS JOVON AND MELISSA WE WISH
YOU THE BEST OF LUCK ON YOUR NEXT JOURNEY

Congratulations Isla



Isla Kelly Skapik graduated from Archie Williams High School on June 12, 2025. We are so very proud of her and she is headed to College of Marin next year.

Aho!

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Congratulations Eleanor Burnett

Bachelor's Degree



I AM PROUD TO SHARE THAT I'VE GRADUATED WITH MY BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING FROM ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY! I'M DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT AND OPPORTUNITIES THE TRIBE HAS PROVIDED FOR ME. AS I BEGIN MY CAREER IN NURSING, I LOOK FORWARD TO GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY THAT HAS GOTTEN ME TO WHERE I AM.



Congratulations Tj Marcks

Master's Degree



**WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR SON, TJ KEEYA TALAMONI-MARCKS
UTAH TECH UNIVERSITY - MASTER OF SPORTS MANAGEMENT,
CLASS OF 2025**

**OUR HEARTS ARE FULL AS WE PROUDLY ANNOUNCE THAT OUR SON, TJ KEEYA TALAMONI-MARCKS,
HAS GRADUATED WITH HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN SPORTS MANAGEMENT FROM UTAH TECH
UNIVERSITY, CLASS OF 2025!**

**TJ'S PATH HAS BEEN DRIVEN BY DETERMINATION, COMPASSION, AND A STRONG SENSE OF PURPOSE.
WHILE OBTAINING HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN SPORTS MANAGEMENT, HE SIMULTANEOUSLY PLAYED
FOOTBALL FOR UTAH TECH, CAREFULLY JUGGLING ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC RESPONSIBILITIES. HIS
UNWAVERING COMMITMENT CARRIED HIM THROUGH THOSE DIFFICULT YEARS AND STRONGLY
DROVE HIM INTO THE NEXT CHAPTER OF HIS LIFE.**

**TJ IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS A YOUTH PROGRAM SPECIALIST IN THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
DEPARTMENT AT THE SONOMA COUNTY INDIAN HEALTH PROJECT (SCIHP). IN THIS POSITION, HE IS
DOING WHAT HE WAS CREATED TO DO: GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY OUR
NATIVE YOUTH. REFLECTING ON HIS EXPERIENCES GROWING UP IN TRIBAL PROGRAMS, TJ IS
DEDICATED TO DEVELOPING CULTURALLY GROUNDED, EMPOWERING PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE
OUR PEOPLE'S MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING.**

**HIS WORK FOCUSES ON BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN CULTURE, WELLNESS, AND SPORTS AND
PROVIDING NATIVE YOUTH WITH A STRONG, POSITIVE FOUNDATION FOR THEM TO BUILD. WHETHER
THROUGH COACHING, TEACHING, OR COMPETING, TJ IS COMMITTED TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN
THE LIVES OF NATIVE YOUTH AND SHOWING THEM ALL THE POSSIBILITIES THAT EXIST.
WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF THE MAN YOU HAVE BECOME—ROOTED IN COMMUNITY, DRIVEN BY
PURPOSE, AND CONSTANTLY STRIVING FOR MORE—NOT ONLY FOR HIMSELF BUT ALSO THOSE
AROUND HIM.**

**CONGRATULATIONS, TJ— WE LOVE YOU, ARE PROUD OF YOU, AND CANNOT WAIT TO SEE WHAT
HAPPENS NEXT.**

**YOUR JOURNEY IS JUST BEGINNING, AND WE ARE CONFIDENT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE WHEREVER YOU GO.**

THANK YOU, HABEMATOLEL, FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT HIS EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY.

**WITH LOVE,
MOM, LEO, TRE, & GABE**

“Wishing you heartfelt congratulations on your graduation. Your tireless dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment have paid off. As you move forward to this new chapter in your life, may you continue to thrive, find joy, and achieve greatness.”



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