

July 2026

# Education Newsletter

## GRADUATION EDITION!

### 2026



**Habematolel**  
— Pomo of Upper Lake —  
EDUCATION CENTER



*Tony Duncan*



*Emercee Krohn*



*Yvette Snow*



*Evelyn  
Carrillo-  
Picton*



*Miracle Martin*



*Kaezlee Van  
Horn-Penn*



*Luciyoma Duncan*



*Leo Brown*





Amaya Hayes just completed TK happy and thriving! She loves the art center and playing with all her new friends. She just completed t-ball and is excited for the summer, to spend time with her little siser Hazel.

-With Love,  
Mom





# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE



Janine Bechtol  
Upper Lake Middle School



Steven Krohn  
Lucerne Elementary School



Acheron Snow  
Westlake Middle School



Johnathan Mehtlan  
Pomolita Middle School



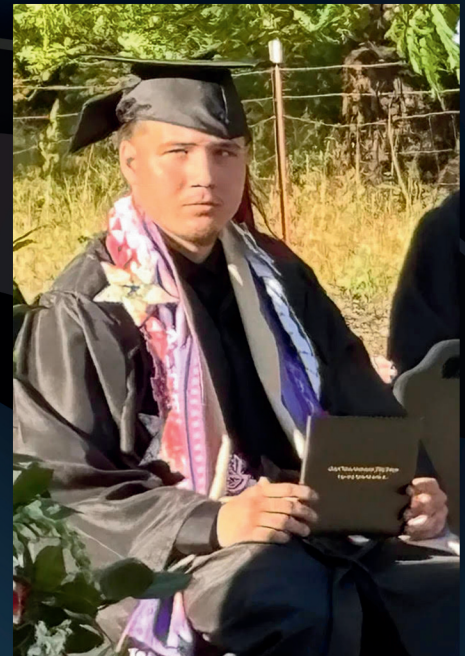
# *High School*



Cherylanne Snow  
Upper Lake High  
School



Joseph Holstine  
Clearlake High School



Vincent Snow  
Clover Valley



Dominic Bechtol  
Suwannee High School



Ava Icaay  
Dublin High School



## *Leyla Anne Marcks*

*Huge congratulations to Leyla for graduating with honors from Upper Lake High School. Leyla is a dedicated student and is preparing for the next chapter of her academic journey. This fall, she will attend the University of Hawaii to pursue a degree in Psychology. She's on a vision to serve her country as a psychiatrist in the United States military, combining her passion for mental health with a commitment to national service.*

*As proud parents, we are wishing you the very best on your journey into adulthood. Take every step with confidence, continue to shine bright, chase your dreams, always choose happiness, and never forget how much you are loved and supported.*

*- Love Dad & Mom*





Class of  
2026

THE LOS ANGELES FILM SCHOOL



*David Powell*

graduated from The Los Angeles  
Film School with his Bachelor's  
Degree.



**CLASS OF 2026**

**HONORING**

*Kimberly Cobarrubia*



I am proud to share that I recently earned my Master of Arts in Human Services from the University of Arizona Global Campus, graduating with a 4.0 GPA. This achievement means so much more to me than a degree. It stands for perseverance, healing, hardwork, and the strength it takes to keep going even when life makes the journey difficult. I want to thank my family, my friends, and my Tribe, the Habematolet Pomo of Upper Lake, for their love, encouragement, and support throughout this journey. Their belief in me helped me carry me through the long nights, difficult seasons, and moments when I had to remind myself why I started. Most of all, I want to thank my sons, Tj, Treppa, and Gabe. They have always been my reason to push myself. They are my motivation, my strength, and the reason I continue to work toward becoming a better version of myself. I wanted them to see that no matter what life brings it is never too late to keep learning, growing, and reaching for something greater. As someone who lives with chronic illnesses and understands the challenges of having rare disease while living in a rural area, I know how isolating and difficult it can be to find support, resources, and understanding. My firsthand experiences have shaped my passion for helping others who are suffering, especially those who feel unseen or unheard in their pain. My goal is to use my education, lived experience, and heart for service to support individuals and families facing chronic illness, compassion, and resources for people in rural communities who navigate health challenges every day. This accomplishment is not only for me. It is for my family, my sons, my Tribe, and every person who has ever had to fight through pain while still trying to build a meaningful life. I am grateful, proud, and ready to continue using my journey to help others.



CLASS OF

2026



*Kate Picton*

*graduated from Mendocino College with her Associates  
Degree*