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### Miller seniors celebrate at graduation ceremony

By **RUSSELL INGOLD**

High school years are not always the best years of a person's life, but don't tell that to Arlette Cornejo.

"High school has been an amazing experience for me," said Cornejo, who graduated with honors from Fontana A.B. Miller High School on Tuesday night. "The teachers here have been amazing. I will always remember all the wonderful people I've been around."

Cornejo, who will be attending UC Riverside in the fall and majoring in mathematics, was one of almost 400 seniors who participated in the commencement ceremony at the Glen Helen Pavilion in Devore.

Many of the other seniors had fond memories of their Miller years.

"I'll never forget my friends and all the experiences I had at my school, like playing soccer and joining clubs," said Crystal Martinez, who will be studying biological sciences at UC Irvine.

Berni Aguirre said she was excited about graduating. "I'm glad we all made it, but I'm sad that we will be going our separate ways," said Aguirre, who will major in psychology at UC Irvine.

Rocio Alvarez said she will take with her many memories, including her participation in History Day and the Key Club.



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"It's sad that we (her friends) are all going different places now," said Alvarez, who plans to attend Cal State San Bernardino and major in English.

Ann Iniguez said she was thankful for all the opportunities she received while attending Miller.

"Graduating is going to be a little sad, but we have to move on with our lives," said Iniguez, who is looking forward to a pre-med major at Chaffey College.

Angela Arias will also be studying pre-med, "and it's all thanks to the AVID program at Miller," she said. She will be attending Cal State San Bernardino.

Dyan Velasco will also be a Cal State San Bernardino student, majoring in education.

"I'm excited and proud to be able to graduate," she said. "I will always remember my friends and the field trips I went on at Miller."

Victor Escobar's fondest memories were participating on the Academic Decathlon team and performing with the Chamber Singers at Miller.

"I'm really proud to say that I'm graduating from A.B. Miller," said Escobar, who will major in biomedical science at La Sierra University.

Christine Pham, another graduate who will go to La Sierra (studying pharmacy), said she appreciated all the friends she made at Miller and "how they have pushed me to be a hard worker."

HERE are the top members of the 2008 senior class at Miller:

California Scholarship Federation Life Members - Potential 100 percent Sealbearers:

Rocio Alvarez, David Chaidez, Catherine Martinez, Crystal Martinez, Jessica Martinez, Gabriela Mendoza.

CSF Life Members:

Berni A. Aguirre, Bryan P. Bennett, Bryan Chaidez, Ivan N. Cisneros, Arlette Cornejo-Arellano, Mayra De Casas, Yukie De La O, Robert J. Doherty, Victor F. Escobar, Jose Andrew Lui Garcia, Omar Jose Gonzalez, Abdon Hernandez Jr., Lilly Beth Hinckley, Carlos A. Lara, Robert Machado, Jose Manuel Marquez Jr., Brenda Del Carmen, Brittany J. Pergl, Christine Pham, Melissa Quevedo, Stephanie Ramirez, Alfonso Cardenas-Solis, Genoveva Thomas, Amanda Villarreal, Lola Wells.

Potential CSF Life Members:

Valerie A. Aguayo, Minerva Arias, Brian S. Camargo, Christopher G. Duarte, Shelley Flores, Emily B. Hall, Russell J. Hanson, Russell J. Hobbs II, Jonathan T. Jury, Samantha N. Kershner, Jennifer C. Lemus, Janis E. Lopez, Tony Lopez, Kimberly A. Nuyten, Iris B. Ochoa, Stephanie Rodriguez, Ana I. Romero, Brittney D. Russi, Natalie C. Sanchez, Ana Y. Sandoval-Mendoza, Jordan A. Simanjuntak, Ulises Sotomayor, Cassandra V. Vasquez, Kevin N. Welbeck, Jian Hang Yu.

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