

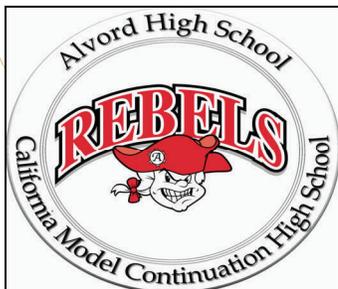
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Class of 2013, how quickly the year has gone by. Only a little while ago, many of you probably didn't believe this day would ever come; that you would ever graduate. Many of you made poor choices, maybe you had bad luck; it doesn't matter now. Here you are, ready to face the world with a high school diploma, earned through hard work, perseverance, and dedication. My wish for you is that in the future, the good days

will outnumber the bad and you will make the right choices on your path through life. Aim high and keep your dreams in sight. If life deals you some bad breaks, that's okay. You have overcome obstacles in the past; right here at Alvord. Remember always your time here, where you made the decision to turn your life around and get back on track. Remember the effort it took, the friends and the staff that

supported you, and finally, remember it was you who took the ultimate steps toward realizing this dream.

Congratulations to all of you, Alvord High School Class of 2013!



GRADUATION BY CESAR MENDEZ

A graduation ceremony is an event where the commencement speaker tells hundreds of students dressed in identical caps and gowns that "individuality" is the key to success. Seems funny, but it is very true. There is a good reason they call these ceremonies "commencement exercises." Graduation is not the end, it is the beginning...the commencement of adult life. Graduation is a happy moment where your family and friends come to watch you receive your diploma. You finally finished all the years and effort of struggling with math, English, history and science and you are growing up now to go live in the real world. Graduation is about how you achieved your goals and how you will continue to achieve your goals throughout your lifetime. Finally, graduation is going to be a day that you will never forget. "If you can imagine it, you can achieve it, if you can dream it, you can be it."

HAVE A GREAT GRADUATION

CLASS OF 2013

ASK A REBEL



Relationship and Life Advice



Dear Rebel,
I am thinking about joining the military after high school, but my family isn't too happy about it. How can I convince them to accept my decision?

First, be sure that joining the military is what you really want to do. Then sit your parents down and tell them this is one of the best choices you can make. Do some research and show them all the benefits and show them how serious you are about joining. Be understanding and respectful of the reasons behind their lack of enthusiasm, but also make it clear to them that you are passionate about joining. Best of luck, fellow Rebel!!

Dear Rebel:
I am graduating from high school this year and I need advice about life after high school. Help??
Congrats on your achievement! One word: education! This is my only piece of advice for you. If you want to pursue a success-

ful career and to have the life you've always dreamed of, you have to continue your education. The more you know, the more money you can earn.



Dear Rebel,
I want to go to college, but I don't have the money. What do I do?
Apply for as many scholarships as you can and get financial aid. Some people save up money by getting a job first and saving up, but there is financial aid available for most people. Check out FAFSA.gov.

Dear Rebel:
I am planning on taking a one year break after graduating high school. Good idea or not?
You can do as you

please, but I suggest you don't waste any more time and go to school as soon as possible. Time goes by fast and you might forget all the basics within that one year span. Also studies have shown that the longer someone waits to go onto college after high school, the less likely they are to go. So, go straight to college and you can take a break as long as you want after your college degree!

Dear Rebel,
Should I go to a community college or university?
Since you are graduating from a continuation school, you will need to attend a community college first and then transfer to a 4 year college or university. Community colleges have special programs to help you do this.

Mark Your Calendar



- **May 28 Senior Breakfast at 9:00 am**
- **May 28 Graduation Practice at 10:00 am**
- **May 28 Report for Grad Line Up 5:00 pm**
- **May 28 Graduation Ceremony 6:00 pm**
- **May 31—Grad Nite Disneyland**



- **June 1 Last day of School**
- **June 10 Summer School @ Alvord High and La Sierra High School begins**



Congratulations, Rebel Grads!!

Advice and Well Wishes

Mrs. McMeans: *Never give up! A journey of one thousand miles begins with one step.*

Mr. Bradley: *Follow your dreams. Go to college because today's jobs require an education and you will earn a higher income.*

Ms. MaryBeth: *Never give up, never surrender. Continue your education whether it be through college or tech school. Always remember you are somebody, and you matter.*

Ms. Hutson: *Be strong. Aim high. See as much of the world as you can. Move forward and don't look back.*

Mr. Coles: *In life you will experience everything from tragedy to triumph. The difference in the outcome relies less on "what" happens to you, but rather "how" you handle what happens to you. Choose to live victoriously!!!!*

Mr. Idiart: *When it comes to work always try to find something you love to do rather than something you have to do for the money.*

Mrs. MacKean: *"It's never too late to be what you might have been." (George Eliot) This is a quote I live by and you should too! Good luck!*

Ms. Pynn: *Continue your education. Find your passion in life. Stand on your own two feet so that you never have to be dependent on another human being for financial reasons.*

Emely Campas: *Do not slack off on your hopes and dreams for your future life.*

Marcelino Orosco: *"Do not follow where the path may lead, go instead where is no path and leave a trail." (Harold R. McAlindon)*

Edwin Villegas: *Do what you love and let success bring you happiness.*

Edgar Vazquez: *After finding the key to success, there are many more doors to open.*

Theodora Makariou: *"It is hard to fail, but it is worse to never have tried to succeed." (Theodore Roosevelt)*



A Special Message from Leonard Price

Special thanks to family and teachers. To all my graduating peers after having survived all the exams and hard work, I am proud to say we have made it. Speeding through high school was not an easy task and looking toward the future might be scary, but the future is very bright. Life is a wonderful journey. So as we step out and meet the world I encourage you to set your goals in the right direction and celebrate your success, Class of 2013!!!! Thank you, Alvord High School!!

Ag Program 2013-14

Mr. Huxley's Ag Science class is going to have more interesting activities next year. He is going to have welding fabrication where you connect pieces of metal together with the welder. He is going to have the green house working next year so the plants stay nice and fresh. The sprinklers will be working as well to help the plants in the heat. Students will be able to grow different varieties of plants. The science classes will dissect frogs, do interesting things with solar power and are planning a chemical lab. The students are also planning to repaint the bearded dragon lizard, Gollum's, home. There is a lot happening in Ag Science!



High College Tuition by Tyler Thompson

The cost of a higher education in America is rising and rising. 60% of 20 million students who will attend a high-end college this year borrow money to cover the cost of their fees. College students are being faced with an average of \$26,000 in student loans that they will have to find a way to pay off once and if they graduate. On May 8, Massachusetts Democratic Senator Elizabeth Warren proposed a bill that would lower student loan prices by reducing the interest rates equal to that of the big banks by the federal reserve. Banks only pay a rate of .75% while students pay 6.8% One company making a fortune off of this is Sallie Mae. As college prices increase, students will gain more debt. The more debt a student has, the harder it will be for them to pay it off. This is exactly how big companies like Sallie Mae are profiting off of student loans.

DREAMS OF THE FUTURE



Zab Tavarez: to become a tattoo artist and to open an auto body shop for older cars

Kevin Lopez: mechanic and become a diesel automotive technician

Lizmar Mora: open a beauty salon and maybe further education in the field of nursing

Santiago Mata: iron worker; construction

Leonard Price: go to RCC and study physical therapy in the area of sports medicine and athletics

Liliana Gonzalez: plans to go to the Art Institute and study culinary arts

Chaveli Aguilar: go to RCC to study nursing

Erik Morales: he feels what you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it, so he will not waste a minute of his life and will jump on his career/future

Anhey Cruz: the goal is to graduate, study something in the area of science, go to Africa, maybe join the Peace Corp and become a motivational speaker and always help people whenever possible.

Summer Plans

Thomas Bischoff: Going to Lake Havasu every weekend!

Emely Campas: Heading to San Diego to the beach and Down Town San Diego.

Kevin Lopez: I am going to Mexico to go visit my mom and going to the beach with my family.

Justin Reimer: I'm gonna relax with family and friends and go on a road trip....make this summer memorable!

Mrs. Spratley: Going to Williamsburg, VA for a vacation then heading to a family reunion in Washington D.C....then some work at the house and garden.

Mr. D: I am going to be coaching Basketball Summer League at the Moreno Valley Recreational Park

Ms Jeannie: Going to Laughlin and to the lake to ride her Jet Ski.

Mr. Shultz: going to Portland, OR...kayaking, biking, climbing and fishing

Ms. Roy: going to New Orleans, Phoenix and Portland for vacations and then WORK

Ms M: summer school and going to North Carolina and South Carolina...Hilton Head beach house!

Mr. Idiart: Work on home projects and short trips around SoCal.

Mr. Handen: summer school and some mountain hiking