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More than 400 students graduate at Summer Commencement

Determination and hard work pay off for graduating seniors

LAS VEGAS - The Clark County School District (CCSD) hosted its 2017 Summer Commencement ceremony on Aug. 8 to celebrate the accomplishments of students who remained dedicated to earning a high school diploma. Representing 40 CCSD high schools, the 425 students who graduated chose to work through the summer to complete needed course credits and earn their diploma. During the ceremony at the Orleans Arena, each graduate wore a cap and gown representing their school's colors.

In remarks to the graduating seniors, Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky said, "It may have taken you a little bit longer, but you are graduates of the Class of 2017 and you have the right to hold your head up high. You have the right to walk out of this room with your diploma and make your way to your next destination. Your path was a difficult one. I know this is an amazing day for you, but this is just the beginning. You will go on to do great things."

Student speaker Sierra Stewart of Cheyenne High School said, "Every single person participating in this graduation today is a fighter. We had to work hard to walk across this stage."

Also present at the ceremony were Board of School Trustees members Deanna L. Wright, Dr. Linda E. Young, Carolyn Edwards, Erin E. Cranor, Lola Brooks and Kevin L. Child.

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