Media Advisory

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San Jose, CA-- The San José-Evergreen Community College District is pleased to announce the 2016 commencement ceremonies at its two colleges, San José City College (SJCC) and Evergreen Valley College (EVC).

In total, this academic year, San José City College will be awarding 1,489 degrees and certificates – an increase of 137 percent from 2010 (627 degrees and certificates), and over 490 students will be walking across the stage on Thursday, May 26, 5:00 PM at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts. The SJCC procession will be led by class valedictorian Cody Sampson, a San Jose native who will pursue a bachelor’s degree in social work at San Jose State University. To learn more about Cody’s inspiring education journey, please visit https://vimeo.com/sjeccd/sjccvaledictorian_codysampson.

In total, this academic year, Evergreen Valley College will be awarding 734 degrees and certificates – an increase of 47 percent from 2010 (501 degrees and certificates), and over 262 students will be walking across the stage on Friday, May 27 at 6 PM at the EVC Central Green area. The EVC procession will be led by two valedictorians, also San Jose natives who will address the crowd. Valedictorian Kim Ho will transfer to UC Davis to study psychology, with the hopes of becoming a therapist or counselor. To learn more about Kim’s unique journey at EVC, please visit https://vimeo.com/sjeccd/evcvaledictorian_kimho; and valedictorian Georgina Perez will advance her studies at San Jose University with the goal of attaining a BS in business administration with a concentration in accounting. Her long-range plans include pursuit of a master’s degree and becoming a Certified Public Accountant as a career. To learn more about Georgina’s path to success at EVC, please visit https://vimeo.com/sjeccd/evcvaledictorian_georginaperez.

Who: Chancellor Deborah Budd, Ed.D.
San José-Evergreen Community College District

EVC & SJCC Commencement Speaker: San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo

President Henry C.V. Yong, MA
Evergreen Valley College

President Byron Cliff Breland, Ph.D.
San José City College

What: Commencement processional, awarding of diplomas and certificates

When & Where:

San José City College 2016 Commencement
Thursday, May 26, 2016  5:00-7:00 p.m. (seating begins at 4:00 p.m.)
San Jose Center for the Performing Arts, 255 South Almaden Boulevard, San Jose, CA  95113
Visit http://www.sjcc.edu/News/Pages/2016COMMENCEMENT.aspx

Evergreen Valley College 2016 Commencement
Friday, May 27, 2016  6:00-8:00 p.m.
EVC Central Green on campus, 3095 Yerba Buena Road, San Jose, CA  95135
Visit http://www.evc.edu/News/Pages/2016-Commencement-Information.aspx