



## Arcadia High School Class of 2005

*"Simply the Best and Getting Better"*

On Friday, June 17, the 51st Commencement Ceremony for Arcadia High School was held at Santa Anita Park Racetrack. As the Class of 2005 entered to *Pomp and Circumstance* performed by the Arcadia High School Orchestra, an audience of more than 9,000 cheered for the 850 graduates with the beautiful San Gabriel Mountains as a backdrop.

Joanna Kim, 2005 Student Body President, led the flag salute and senior members of the Chanteurs sang the *Star Spangled Banner*. Senior Class President Carol Lee welcomed guests and Valedictorian Christina Li delivered an inspiring address. On behalf of the Board of Education, President Annie Yuen acknowledged the Valedictorian and the 23 Salutatorians.

Prior to the awarding of diplomas and the turning of tassels, Superintendent Mimi Hennessy officially accepted the Class of 2005 from AHS Principal Martin Plourde who had high praise for the collective accomplishments of this outstanding graduating class.

Below are just **some** of the successes of the Arcadia High School Class of 2005.



*26 National Merit Scholars*

*4 students achieved perfect 1600 on their SAT*

*Over 1900 students took 950 Advanced Placement Exams*

*Science Olympiad Team finished 3rd in the State*

*Ocean Science Bowl finished 3rd in the Region*

*U.S. Constitution Team made it to the State Finals for the 18th consecutive year*

*Academic Decathlon Team earned 2nd place in their Division*

*Destination Imagination finished 2nd in the Region*

*89% of AHS Special Education graduating students are scheduled to attend college in the Fall*

*Speech and Debate Team had 5 State winners*

*An athletic program that won 71% of the contests, 50% of the league championships and had 86% of the teams finishing 1st or 2nd*

*275 athletes having a grade point average of 3.5 or better*

*6 senior athletes being eligible for Valedictorian, the most in AHS history*

*The Arcadia Apache Marching Band and Color Guard marched in the 55th Inaugural Parade as "the" band representing California*

*Pep Flags finished 6th in the Nation and the Song Squad 1st in the Las Vegas Nationals*

*World Guard finished 5th and Varsity Percussion 9th in World Championships in Dayton, Ohio*

*AHS Orchestra placed 1st in the Heritage Festival*

*Chanteurs and New Spirit choral groups ranked 2nd in the State*

*Apache Pow Wow student newspaper received 1st place from the American Scholastic Press*

*The Arcadian yearbook ranked one of the top ten in the country*

*Numerous awards, scholarships and honors for individual students*

