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Palo Alto College celebrates graduates at 34th annual commencement ceremony

SAN ANTONIO, TX – Alamo Colleges District-Palo Alto College will be celebrating its 34th graduating class on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at Southwest Legacy High School Auditorium. The event will take place over four separate sessions: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.

Distinguished guests will be recognized during the ceremony, including Tania Eubanks, General Manager at North Park Toyota of San Antonio, who will serve as the keynote speaker and receive an honorary degree.

Since 2013, Palo Alto College has honored a former student during its annual commencement ceremony for exhibiting professional achievement, community service, and support of education. Palo Alto College will recognize the 2021 Outstanding Former Student award to Elizabeth "Libby" Castillo, Communications and Development Coordinator at UTSA's College of Education and Human Development.

ECHS graduates will also cross the stage during the Palo Alto College's annual commencement ceremony to celebrate earning their associate degree before receiving their diploma from their respective high schools (Frank L Madla Early College High School, South San Antonio Early College Academy, Southside Early College High School, S.T.E.M. Early College High School, and Shirleen Zacharias Early College Leadership Academy). Early college high schools allow students to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and up to 60 college credit hours toward an associate or bachelor degree.

Family and friends not able to attend this ticketed ceremony can livestream each ceremony on Palo Alto College's YouTube channel.

- Session 1: 9:00 a.m.
- <u>Session 2: 11:00 a.m.</u>
- Session 3: 1:00 p.m.
- Session 4: 3:00 p.m.

About Palo Alto College

Palo Alto College, part of the Alamo Colleges District, is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, is a Rising Star winner of the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, and is celebrating its 35-year anniversary. With over 10,000 students, Palo Alto College is accredited to offer associate degrees and short-term certificates. The College is located on the south side of San Antonio at 1400 W. Villaret Blvd. at I-410 and Texas Hwy 16 and online at alamo.edu/pac.

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