

**STUDENTS FROM PALM DESERT CAMPUS TO RECEIVE COLLEGE DEGREES  
THIS FRIDAY  
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PALM DESERT, Calif. A group of 140 students from the Palm Desert Campus of California State University, San Bernardino will receive their college degree at a commencement ceremony to be held this Friday, June 13, at the McCallum Theatre in Palm Desert.

The 18<sup>th</sup> annual ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The group of graduates, many of whom are first-generation college students, is comprised of 115 undergraduates and 25 graduate students from across the Coachella Valley. They will be joined by University Administrators, Faculty, Cal State Trustees, Community Leaders and Commencement Speaker, Lou Fernandez, Provost, California State University San Bernardino.

Special awards will be given out to Gerry Morrow of Palm Desert for Outstanding Undergraduate Student and Cynthia Spence of Indio for Outstanding Graduate Student. Morrow will receive his BA in English and Spence will receive two Masters degrees; one in English and one in Education with a concentration in Reading. Both will speak at the ceremony.

Many graduates have overcome obstacles in obtaining their degree. One example would be Sergio Aceves, who has overcome many challenges to receive his BA in Management degree. He had been taking classes at the Palm Desert Campus when he was promoted by the United States Post Office and transferred to Brawley. Despite commuting an hour and a half each way, Aceves continued his education at the Palm Desert Campus and will receive his degree this Friday. He is a first-generation college graduate born in Mexico.

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