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Miyamura High School graduated 197 students May 23, in a ceremony held at Public School Stadium. It was the final graduation for Gallup Schools but it was as joyous as the first one over

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three weeks ago.

In rows of four, the students filed into the area set for them, following the faculty. The Posting of Colors was handled admirably by two members of the American Legion. Ismael Fuentes and Victor Madrid took care of the welcome to the visitors packed into the concrete-based bleachers on the west side.

Rachael Eldridge and Nicole Atenciao led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance and Andy Escamilla performed the national anthem. The invocation was given by Josiah Shank and Amber Antez.

Lawrence Garcia and Toshio Herrera presented the Class Gift, the scoreboard at the MHS practice field. Salutatorian William Hubbard, an Valedictorians Sabrina Bhakta and Sean Campos gave a short speech to their classmates and the audience.

Former Gallup Mayor Bob Rosebrough addressed the class before the Gallup-McKinley School District Governing Board presented the diplomas. Principal Jack McFarland presented the class of 2015 to the assemblage and Dr. Bruce Tempest gave the board's acceptance of the class to those gathered here.

Alivia Long had the toughest job in getting her class to turn their tassels, together, but then the recessional started to the sounds of the class song, "Yellow" by Coldplay.

Hiroshi Miyamura, a Medal of Honor recipient for whom the school is named, was also on the stage for the ceremony.

Congratulations to all the graduates, from the first to the last. As your class motto states: "Our lives are before us, our pasts are behind us, but our memories are always with us."