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Scholarship Recipients, left to right, Rufino Pletado, Christian Yapjoco, Antonio Perez, Mrs. Tanja Clifton, Jacqueline Clifton

## Scholarship Assembly 2009

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**Principal's Message:** We wrap up another school with both a little joy and a little sadness. It was a great year. We had over 100 graduates and over \$13,000 in scholarships were awarded. Not only are we proud of all of our graduates, we are especially proud of the fact that all seniors who qualified for graduation passed the California High School Exit Exam, giving Abraxas a 100% CAHSEE pass rate for the third year in a row. We wish all our grads the very best as they move on to the next phase of their lives.

As we look forward to the new school year, we are very excited about a new program on campus. During the past quarter, we have been piloting a new On-Line Learning lab. We have reached out to recent dropouts in an attempt to give them a fresh start. A number of our seniors who have made the request for extended time will be given the opportunity to do their coursework on line. The project is being spearheaded by former Abraxas teacher Dr. Andrew Shean and the day-to-day operations will be handled by Dave MacLeod. We look forward to great success from this exciting new program.

Our summer break is relatively short, so please mark your calendar. Classes resume on Tuesday July 14. We look forward to a productive year and a renewed focus. For our new seniors, it's never too early to start thinking about your PACE for graduation. Please keep in contact with your counselor and maintain constant communication with your homeroom teacher. Don't be caught short when graduation day arrives.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me. I am available at 858-748-5900, ext 2207. You can email me at [rcasciato@powayusd.com](mailto:rcasciato@powayusd.com)

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We participated in a very successful fundraiser, Pasta for Pennies. Raising \$1100 not only helped support cancer research but has also given me the short hair look. The generosity of local service organizations helped keep the SAFE Center alive through the year to support the special needs of our very special population.

Along with the many good things that have happened this year, we are sad to be losing some very special members of our Abraxas family. The budget problems have created a reduction in staff throughout the district. With budget cuts, retirements, and other opportunities, we will be losing Nick Nevares, Michelle Bacon, Jill Albright, and Veronica Flores. We will miss them, and they will always be a part of our Abraxas family.



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