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Seal of Biliteracy Opens Up Opportunities for Edison Graduates

What: Edison High School will highlight 160 graduating seniors who have earned Seals of Biliteracy

When: Monday, May 20, 2019
5 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

Where: Edison High School amphitheater
540 E. California Ave. (93706)

Edison High School will honor 160 graduating seniors who have earned a Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish, Hmong or French. Earning a Seal of Biliteracy can benefit students immediately on a college or job application, and in the years to come if they decide to pursue a minor or major in their second language, or a career that requires skills in more than one language. The Seal of Biliteracy program recognizes high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English. The seal is affixed to diplomas. Fresno Unified will award more than 600 Seals of Biliteracy this year to graduates at nine of its high schools.

Senator Melissa Hurtado’s office, the Mexican Consulate and the Fresno Unified Board of Education will acknowledge these students, who have committed four or more years to a second language. Some seniors began their language journey through the district’s dual immersion program.

“We are very proud of students from across the district who have earned a Seal of Biliteracy. Students with these language skills are better prepared for a global economy and more
marketable to the increasing number of employers seeking employees who are biliterate and bicultural,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson.

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