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To the Recipients of the 2022 Yolo County Bilingualism Award,

It is my pleasure to congratulate you on your high school graduation, and to honor you as one of Yolo County's multilingual graduates.

We are proud of the language diversity in Yolo County, and we recognize your multilingualism as an asset to our community. Multilingualism has many benefits, including cognitive benefits, the ability to connect to people and cultures, and personal and professional opportunities. We also know that language and identity are closely related, and your ability to communicate in more than one language is an important part of who you are and how you relate to others. We know that many people have supported you in developing your multilingualism, including family members and teachers, and we honor those people and their contributions to your life as well.

Developing more than one language is a tremendous accomplishment, which we hope you will celebrate as you celebrate your graduation. Congratulations again on your achievement. You are a valued member of the Yolo County community, and we extend our best wishes to you as you continue on your personal journey.



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