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Military Signing Day introduced at Buchanan

13 seniors to be honored at event Wednesday, April 24

For the first time, Buchanan High will hold a Military Signing Day for its graduating seniors joining the armed forces during an event similar in fanfare to the school’s athletic signings.

“This may be the first of it’s kind in the Valley,” said Principal Joe Aiello who noted the idea came about from Buchanan’s parent foundation who wanted to celebrate these students for their future decisions.

Thirteen students from Buchanan will be honored at the ceremony Wednesday, April 24, including senior Mark Hartounian who will be attending West Point in the fall. The ceremony will be held in the school’s outdoor amphitheater and will include members of the different branches of services, a color guard, the National Anthem and remarks by Aiello and by Clovis Veterans Memorial CEO and U.S. Army Veteran Lorenzo Rios.

Each student will be on stage wearing a shirt and hat from their branch of service, and they will be introduced with that branch’s military song. Parents, friends and teaches will watch as they sign, and receive a very special memento from the school (that will be revealed at the ceremony).

“We are very excited about this and plan to continue with this new tradition into the future,” Aiello said. Buchanan High will hold its graduation June 4 at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

- WHAT:** Buchanan High’s Military Signing Day
- WHEN:** Noon, Wednesday, April 24, 2019
(The ceremony is expected to last approximately 30 minutes)
- WHERE:** Outdoor Amphitheater at Buchanan High School
Please check in with front office for directions

WHO:

Tyler Rabone	Navy
Ryan Phillips	Navy
Timothy Moua	Navy
Grayson Padilla	Air Force
Logan Kuyper	Air Force ROTC
Joshua Dotson	Army ROTC
Ben Holman	Army ROTC
Chris Fries	Marine Corps
Haley Barham	Air Force ROTC FSU
Christina Corliss	Air Force ROTC
Luke Gonzalez	Army
Anthony Carmona	Marine Corps
Mark Hartounian	West Point

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