

Two Bakersfield students among online graduates of Los Angeles-based school

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Bakersfield's own Tommie Donaldson and Megan McAllister were among those graduating from the online public high school Insight School of California, Los Angeles on June 11.

Another local student, Lindsey Correa of Shafter, also graduated. The graduates spanned the Central Valley and the Southland – from Bakersfield to San Bernardino and from Ventura to Anaheim, reflecting the region's growth of online education.

Ceremonies at Fullerton College in Orange County with grad night festivities at Disneyland offered an exciting opportunity for these online students to gather face-to-face for this special event.

A total of 40 students, including three seniors, made the switch to Insight which is a full-time, diploma-granting, online public high school offered tuition-free for residents of Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, San Bernardino and Kern counties.

It is governed by Portable Practical Educational Preparation Inc.

As an online school, the Insight program is delivered consistently, regardless of where each student lives.

Students can do their class and homework wherever they may be, whenever is most convenient for them via the Internet with a school-provided laptop computer. They find a robust academic curriculum, highly personalized support, a wide range of social activities, and career development resources.

The school is in its second year. Other local students enjoy the school because it is an alternative.

Maddison Kenefsky

“I love Insight because I can go at my own pace instead of the teacher’s, the work is fairly loaded, and the teachers actually care about the students.”

Ariel Quiroz

“I love that I can do my work at my own speed and have no complaining from anyone.”

Sheila Shiebler, Insight School of California executive director, said “Students often have very different aspirations and goals. High school is a critical transition point in reaching those individual goals and finding their identity. The Insight online environment is designed to provide an ideal approach for helping each of our students pursue the path that is right for them.”

“High school students have unique personal circumstances and needs in terms of family, work and social network,” Sheibler said. “They often have very different aspirations and goals.”

Insight School of California, Los Angeles focuses on each student’s lifestyle, learning style, interests and needs to prepare them to achieve their goals for life after high school.

It teaches skills and provides experiences for the 21st century, skills that are relevant and that students will use after high school, and experiences that will prepare them for a global economy.

Families and students interested in learning more can visit www.insightca.net.