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74 Bethune Grads Move On

Friday evening, March 30, was a night of honor for 74 students making up the 2007 graduating class of Bethune Education Center in Immokalee.

Principal Dorin Oxender of the Immokalee Career Center & Bethune Education Center opened the ceremony congratulating class members on their many accomplishments. Graduates sat anxiously awaiting their diplomas within the auditorium of

Immokalee High School. Guest speaker, Dr. Leo Mediavilla spoke proudly of the graduating class as he voiced his hopes and good wishes for their future.



Dr. Leo Mediavilla was guest speaker at Bethune's March 30 graduation. Immokalee Bulletin/Rhonda Murphy

The 2007 graduation ceremonies included diplomas being awarded to students in the areas of: Accounting, Legal Administrative Specialist, Medical Administrative Specialist, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Computer System Technology, Security, Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN), as well as students receiving their GED.

Many proud family members and friends who filled the seats in the auditorium could be heard cheering and shouting congratulatory remarks, as one by one the students each made their way across the stage to accept their respective diplomas along with an enthusiastic handshake from faculty members for a job well done.

Following the ceremony, students and guests were treated to a wonderful dinner, sponsored, catered and served by the generous support of the Kiwanis Club of Immokalee. This special and memorable evening was also made possible for the 2007 graduating class of Bethune Education Center in part by local groups, organizations and business in their own community. Those who shared their support for this event were: Workforce Council of SW Florida, Empowerment Alliance of SW Florida, Coalition of Florida Farmworker Organization, Marion E. Fether Medical Center, Gary Nunez Harvesting, Florida Community Bank, Physicians Regional Medical Center, Six L's, Pacific Tomato Growers, The Rotary Club of Immokalee, IMMCAA, Kiwanis Club of

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