Some 200 scholars from the Utah State University Eastern Blanding Campus were part of this year’s Class of 2015. Commencement ceremonies were held April 24, in the San Juan High School auditorium.

USU President Stan L. Albrecht delivered the commencement address. Albrecht has been president of USU since 2005.

The Chancellor’s Medallion was given to Jeremy Redd, who has served as the city manager for Blanding since 2012.

Student speaker representing the graduating class was Dolphina Kaye and degrees will be conferred by Joe Peterson, USU Eastern chancellor.

Albrecht served four years as executive vice president and provost at USU prior to becoming USU’s 15th president. He acquired a broad range of administrative, research, teaching and outreach experiences through his career.

He has authored or co-authored five books and published more than 100 articles in refereed journals and book chapters. He currently serves on the Economic Development Corporation of Utah Board of Trustees, commissioner and vice chair of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, Salt Lake Chamber Board of Governors and member of the Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Utah Community Board, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors and Board of Governors and the Utah Campus Compact.

Redd, prior to his current city manager duties with Blanding City, worked for five years as the city’s finance director. Today he is responsible for the daily operations of Blanding City, including operation of the electric, water and natural gas companies. He advocates local government that is transparent, responsive and focused on community needs.

Redd graduated from San Juan High School in 1994 and earned his associate’s degree from the College of Eastern
Utah San Juan Campus. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Human Resource Management, both from the USU Huntsman School of Business.

Kaye is from Pinion, Ariz., and is the daughter of Roxanne Yazzie and Larry Kaye. Kaye is a student ambassador at USU Eastern and a recipient of the Navajo Nation’s Chief Manuelito Scholarship. She plans to continue her education and earn a master’s degree in social work.

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