Adult school wraps up another year

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WATSONVILLE — One hundred and eleven graduates of Watsonville/Aptos Adult Education crossed the Mello Center stage Thursday evening to receive diplomas. The mood was upbeat with bundles of balloons and armloads of flowers spotted about the auditorium for the event, dubbed a Celebration of Achievement.

“Every class is so exciting and we’re just so happy that we are able to help these students move on to other schooling or careers. They are what keep us going,” said Director Dr. Nancy Biltzich.

“I feel proud today,” said GED graduate Antonio Inagur. “Now I hope to move on to Cabrillo College and study architecture.”

Graduate Daisy Gonzalez said she hopes that her graduation will set a good example for her children, ages 9, 11 and 15.

“It’s a major accomplishment for me and today is a special day for me and my family,” Gonzalez said, adding that she now plans to move over to Cabrillo College to get into their medical program. Jennifer Reese graduated in the medical assist-

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Aaron Daniel Morales (second from right) and fellow students of Watsonville/Aptos Adult Education line up for their commencement ceremony Thursday at the Mello Center.

Graduates Joselyn Melendez and Francisco Hernandez Jr. pose with instructor Ann Veronica Coyle.

“Getting back in school was like having to teach myself what school was like all over again,” she said. “Fortunately I found some people at this school that guided me with my needs. I very much enjoy the staff here. They were awesome.”

Both Melendez and Hernandez Jr. offered great praise for instructor Ann Veronica Coyle in her ability to believe in them and guide them.