

# South Texas ISD World Scholars

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Graduation Ceremony | Walk of Honor



2022-2023





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## Senior Class Sponsors:

Michelle Garza  
Saire Moreno

**Class Color:** White

**Class Flower:** Tulip

**Class Song:** Pink + White by Frank Ocean

**Class Motto:** "You're going to college soon." - Agnes Ocampo



## Graduation Ceremony | May 21, 2023

I.	Processional.....	Pomp & Circumstance
II.	Pledge of Allegiance.....	Caroline Lopez
III.	Pledge to Texas Flag.....	Caroline Lopez
IV.	National Anthem.....	Carissa Velasquez & Itzel Padron
V.	Invocation.....	Ezequiel Quintero
VI.	Welcome from Superintendent.....	Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.
VII.	Welcome from the STISD Board of Directors.....	Israel G. Quintanilla, Board Secretary
VIII.	Welcome from the Principal & Introduction of Salutatorian.....	Dr. Cynthia Chairez
IX.	Salutatory Address.....	Caroline Lopez
X.	Introduction of Valedictorian.....	Dr. Cynthia Chairez
XI.	Valedictory Address.....	Frida Camila Elizarraraz Moreno
XII.	Certification of Graduates.....	Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.
XIII.	Presentation of Diplomas.....	The STISD Board of Directors
XIV.	Closing Remarks.....	Dr. Cynthia Chairez
XV.	Recessional	



## World Scholars Class of 2023

Frida Camila Elizarraraz Moreno, (McAllen) .....	University of Notre Dame.....	A S ◇ B ❖
Caroline Lopez (McAllen).....	University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)...	B S ◇ B ❖
Dante Alejandro (Edinburg).....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	C ❖
Noe Misael Alonzo (Monte Alto) .....	Workforce.....	❖
Ernesto Angel Alvarez (Mission) .....	University of Houston .....	S ◇ B ❖
Marlene Hanah Alvarez (Harlingen) .....	Our Lady of the Lake University.....	M ❖
Santiago Jesus Alvarez (Pharr).....	South Texas College.....	❖
Romina Amezaga Herrera Blanc (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.....	M ◇ ❖
Analilia Arvizu (Donna) .....	University of North Texas .....	M ❖
Isabella Xochitl Balderas (McAllen) .....	University of Houston .....	M ❖
Ximena Silvia Balli (Brownsville) .....	Cornell University .....	S ◇ B ❖
Marcus Alexander Barron (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.....	M ❖
Lino Ernesto Bautista- Mendoza (Mission) .....	Workforce.....	❖
Benjamin Andrew Beltran (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas at San Antonio .....	M ❖
Jesus Gabriel Borunda (McAllen) .....	South Texas College .....	❖
Alitzah Julen Bryan (Los Fresnos) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.....	S B ❖
Jackson Ryan Burns (McAllen) .....	Texas A&M College Station .....	S B ❖
Gabriela Susana Cadena (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S ◇ ❖
Frida Rhiannon Camero (Weslaco) .....	Arizona State University .....	M ❖
Aymee Cantu (La Joya) .....	South Texas College .....	C ❖
Ezequiel Carrillo (Mission) .....	University of Texas at Austin .....	S B ❖
Gilberto Castro Jr. (McAllen) .....	Our Lady of the Lake University.....	S ◇ B ❖
Jose De Jesus Castro-Romero (Pharr) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S B ❖
Ethan Andrew Cruz (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S B ❖
Francisco Marques Da Cunha (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas at Austin .....	S ◇ B ❖
Ayana Mai Davis (Edinburg) .....	Texas Christian University .....	S B ❖
Orlando Ervey De Leon (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S ❖
Barbara Celeste De Luna (McAllen) .....	South Texas College .....	S ❖
Jeremy Russell Deutsch (McAllen) .....	Texas A&M College Station .....	M ◇ ❖
Myrna Regina Diaz (Pharr) .....	South Texas College .....	C ❖
Nathan Thomas Dolz (McAllen) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S B ❖
Aaylah Kristine Elizondo (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	C ❖
Alexandra Monsserat Elizondo (Pharr) .....	University of Incarnate Word .....	M ◇ ❖
Nicole Ferguson (Mission) .....	University of Texas at San Antonio .....	S B ❖
Isaac Maximiliano Flores (McAllen) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	❖

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 B- Salutatorian  
 ❖- Distinguished

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 M- Magna Cum Laude  
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Keren Joanna Fuentes (Brownsville) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	MI ❖
Alexandro D'Angelo Garcia (McAllen) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	C ❖
Amaiah Lysette Garcia (La Villa) .....	University of Cosmetology Arts & Sciences.....	C ❖
Ana Paola Garcia (San Juan) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	MI MI ❖
Araceli Anaise Garcia (Alamo) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S ❖
Eleni Garcia (Pharr) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S ◇ MI ❖
Gibran Jose Garcia (McAllen) .....	South Texas College .....	❖
Stephanie Arlyn Garcia (Harlingen) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S ❖
Santiago Garcilazo (Mission) .....	Texas A&M College Station .....	MI ◇ ❖
Karina Daniela Garza (Monte Alto) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S MI ❖
Rodrigo Garza (McAllen) .....	Southern Methodist University.....	MI ❖
Genesis Mizpa Gomez (Mission) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	MI MI ❖
Jonathan Dannel Gomez (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas at San Antonio .....	❖
Celeste Guerra (Monte Alto) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S MI ❖
Jose Luis Guerra III (Mission) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	C ◇ ❖
Fatima Yarithza Guerrero (McAllen) .....	South Texas College .....	C ❖
Ysamar Gutierrez (McAllen) .....	New York University .....	S ◇ MI ❖
Sara Michelle Helm (McAllen) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S ❖
Hilary Hernandez (Raymondville) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	❖
Sofia Carolina Hernandez (McAllen) .....	South Texas College .....	C ❖
Caleb Herwing (Donna) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S MI ❖
Dustin Artemio Jameson (Pharr) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	C ❖
Jorge Antonio Kamel (McAllen) .....	Southern Methodist University.....	C ❖
Samira Khaledi (Mission) .....	South Texas College .....	❖
Ian Edward Lacher (McAllen) .....	Embry Riddle Daytona.....	S ◇ ❖
Berenice Yazmin Leon (Mission) .....	South Texas College .....	C ❖
Xamara Johannah Longoria (Penitas) .....	University of Texas at Austin .....	S ◇ MI ❖
Andrew Luna (Donna) .....	South Texas College .....	❖
Eduardo Maldonado (McAllen) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S MI ❖
Aaron Agassim Malki (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	MI ❖
Luis Enrique Martinez (Edinburg) .....	Texas A&M University .....	S MI ❖
Pamela Maday Martinez (Edinburg) .....	Rio Grande Valley College .....	MI MI ❖
Victor Martinez (Hidalgo) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	❖
Anna Sofia Martinez Aguirre (Mission) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	C ◇ ❖
Andrea Michelle McCain (Edinburg) .....	Texas State University .....	MI ❖
Leonardo Pedro Medrano (McAllen) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	MI ❖
Paz Maribel Medrano (Harlingen) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	MI ❖
Camilo Mejia (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S MI ❖
Marcus Edward Menchaca (McAllen) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S MI ❖
Jacob Connor Mercado (Edinburg) .....	Massachusetts Institute of Technology .....	S ◇ MI ❖

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Allison Christel Ocanas (Pharr) .....	Our Lady of the Lake University .....	S	❖	❖
Ethan Ochoa (Weslaco) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	C	❖	❖
Cedrik Ernesto Olivares-Aceves (Hidalgo) .....	Texas State University .....	MI	❖	
Tyler Nicolai Olvera (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	❖		
Paola Abigail Ortega (Weslaco) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S	❖	IB
Mariana Yoltsin Pacheco Montelongo (San Juan) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S	IB	❖
Itzel Padron (Edinburg) .....	South Texas College .....	MI	❖	
Florentino Patino IV (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S	❖	IB
Joaquin Aleczander Pena (McAllen) .....	University of Texas at Austin .....	S	❖	IB
Edly Edmari Perez (Mission) .....	Texas State Technical College .....	MI	❖	❖
Faith Annelise Perkins (Raymondville) .....	University of North Texas .....	S	IB	❖
Camila Quintero (McAllen) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	MI	❖	
Ezequiel Quintero-Martinez Jr. (McAllen) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S	❖	
Adrian Ariel Rada (Donna) .....	United States Marines .....	MI	❖	
Tiffany Rose Ramirez (Los Fresnos) .....	Workforce .....	❖		
Azael Reyes (Mission) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	C	❖	
Juliana Victoria Rios (McAllen) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	MI	❖	❖
Kimberly Rios (Edcouch) .....	Southern Careers Institute .....	MI	❖	
Denise Rodriguez (Hidalgo) .....	Savannah College of Art & Design .....	MI	❖	
Joseluis Rodriguez (Monte Alto) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S	❖	❖
Soraida Jacqueline Rodriguez (Mission) .....	Tecnológico de Monterrey .....	S	❖	IB
Roman Rojas (Harlingen) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	MI	❖	
Kayla Rosa (Mission) .....	Texas A&M University .....	S	IB	❖
Krista Ruiz (Edinburg) .....	South Texas College .....	S	❖	
Hilarishah Jasmine Saint-Pierre (McAllen) .....	South Texas College .....	C	❖	
Alann Salgado Bollas (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S	❖	
Ghya Karolynn Salinas (Edinburg) .....	Texas A&M University- College Station .....	S	❖	IB
Devin Osvaldo Sanchez (Penitas) .....	South Texas Vo-Tech .....	❖		
Samara Saycocie (Mission) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S	IB	❖
Anibal Serna Jr. (Edinburg) .....	South Texas College .....	C	❖	
Jasmine Michelle Silva (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S	IB	❖
Zachary Aaron Snelling (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	MI	❖	
Ethan James Suarez (McAllen) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	MI	❖	
Amy Sofia Terrazas (McAllen) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	S	IB	❖
Gabrielle Arabella Torres-Coley (McAllen) .....	Texas A&M University- College Station .....	S	❖	❖
Dante Damian Tovar (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas at Austin .....	S	❖	IB
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Stephen Ian Vela (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	§ 📖 ❖
Carissa Annabel Velasquez (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	ℳ ❖
Hugo Cesar Villa-Rodriguez (Edinburg) .....	South Texas College .....	❖
Leilani Villa-Rodriguez (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	℄ ◊ ❖
A'hngelle Gloria-Deneice Walker (McAllen) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	§ ❖
Sebastian Zamarripa (McAllen) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	℄ ❖
Joseph Alexander Zambrano (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	§ 📖 ❖
Maher Zayed (McAllen) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	℄ ❖
Andrea Zepeda (Edinburg) .....	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley .....	ℳ 📖 ❖
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