

South Texas ISD Science Academy

Graduation Ceremony | Walk of Honor



2023-2024





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Class Color: Green
Class Song: "24K Magic" (Bruno Mars)
Class Motto: "I Am Kenough"

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- I. Processional.....Pomp & Circumstance
- II. Pledge of Allegiance.....Sumita Maya Dantu
- III. Pledge to Texas Flag.....Pablo Reynoso
- IV. National Anthem.....Nikssa Najeth Cuellar, Selmah Bella Morales, and Roberto Vega, Jr.
- V. Invocation Lily Werley
- VI. Welcome from the Principal..... Eric Gutierrez
- VII. Welcome from the Superintendent and Introduction of Board Members..... Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.
- VIII. Welcome from the STISD Board of Directors Henry LeVrier, Board President
- IX. Introduction of Salutatorian Eric Gutierrez
- X. Salutatorian Address.....Mateo Clark Boyer-Paulet
- XI. Introduction of Valedictorian Eric Gutierrez
- XII. Valedictorian Address David Sebastian Hovey
- XIII. Certification of Graduates Superintendent and Principal
- XIV. Presentation of Diplomas The STISD Board of Directors
- XV. Closing Remarks by the Principal Eric Gutierrez
- XVI. Recessional



Science Academy Class of 2024

Valedictorian

David Sebastian Hovey (Edinburg).....Princeton University   * 

Salutatorian

Mateo Clark Boyer-Paulet (Weslaco).....Texas A&M University at College Station   * 

Rosa Maria Aburto (Edinburg).....University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley  *

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Cadee Belen Aguilar (Donna).....University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley  *

Talia Algranatti (McAllen).....University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley  *

Robert Aranda II (Hidalgo).....Saint Mary's University   * 

Nicolette Aundrea Aranjón (La Feria) University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley  *

Faith Diana Archila (McAllen).....University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley   *

Guillermo Barrera (Mission).....University of Texas at Austin   * 

Liliana Leonor Barroso (Weslaco).....South Texas College  *

Robert Wayne Bevier (Pharr).....University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley *

Jack Ryan Bunker (Laguna Vista) Texas State Technical College *

Jenna Leigh Bunton (Weslaco).....Austin College   *

Avery Blake Burke (Harlingen).....University of Texas at San Antonio *

Juan Manuel Cadena Jr. (Mission).....South Texas College  *

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Swayam Chakraborty (Edinburg).....	University of Texas at Austin	Σ ☺ * AP
David Anthony Champion (Weslaco).....	South Texas College	*
Alejandro Jose Chapa (Edinburg).....	University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley	☺ *
Ethan Cheng (McAllen).....	Pennsylvania State University	Σ * AP
Alan Samuel Conde (Mercedes).....	Texas A&M University at College Station	Π * AP
Sergio Contreras III (Mission).....	Texas State Technical College	
Alejandro Cortez Jr. (Weslaco).....	South Texas College	Π *
Sean Alexander Cortez (McAllen).....	University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley	☺ *
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Sumita Maya Dantu (Edinburg).....	Rice University	Σ ☺ * AP
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Francisco Emiliano Delgado (McAllen).....	University of Texas at San Antonio	Σ * AP
Miranda Michelle Ellena Delgado (Harlingen).....	University of Houston	*
Gabriel Alejandro Diaz (Edinburg).....	University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley	*
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