

2024 CLASS OF 2024

PSJA THOMAS JEFFERSON T-STEM EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024



VISION

Every PSJA student is prepared to participate, compete, and excel in a global society to foster multi-generational prosperity.

MISSION

As educational leaders, the PSJA team is engaged and empowered to connect all students with innovative instruction, outstanding facilities, technology, skills, and social-emotional support while prioritizing health and safety for all – from early childhood through their chosen career.

As one PSJA family, we build on our legacy of academic excellence, renowned college and career readiness, biliteracy and extracurricular programs, and our multicultural heritage to ensure every student has the experiences and resources necessary to achieve the highest levels of success.



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AGENDA

Welcome

Angelica Gonzales

Master of Ceremonies

Posting of Colors

Dr. Benito Carriaga

PSJA High School JROTC Color Guard

National Anthem

Rolando C. Flores

Ysabella Lopez

Invocation

Barbara C Flores

Student Council President

Introduction of Guests

Angelica Gonzales

Master of Ceremonies

Salutatory Address

Victoria Lydcel Hurtado

Salutatorian

Valedictory Address

Janelly Perez

Valedictorian

Presentation of Class of 2024

Silvia Lizcano

PSJA Thomas Jefferson T-STEM ECHS Principal

Certification of Candidates

Dr. Alejandro Elias

Superintendent of Schools

Benediction

Thania Rodriguez Rosales

Senior Class President

Conclusion

Senior Farewell

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VALEDICTORIAN

Janelly Perez

Janelly Pérez is the daughter of Tomasita Camarillo and Baldemar Pérez García, born as the youngest of five children in McAllen, Texas. She is graduating with a total weighted high school GPA of 4.89 and as a Texas Scholar under the Distinguished Achievement Plan. She graduated from South Texas College this May earning her Associate Degree in Computer Science with a total of 67 college credit hours and a GPA of 3.9.

During her high school years, Janelly Pérez not only excelled academically but also demonstrated a strong commitment to extracurricular activities and community service. Her participation in various clubs and organizations, such as Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica showcases her dedication to both her cultural heritage and her academic excellence. In her years at PSJA Thomas Jefferson T-STEM ECHS, Janelly was also involved in UIL, Gardening Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and TPSA Forensic Science. Janelly also serves as Treasurer of the National Honor Society. Furthermore, she was part of the NASA STEM Enhancement in Earth Science (SEES) Summer Program where she was an intern and part of the Texas Atmospheric & Space Research team.

She has volunteered at Ministerio Casa de Adoración in Los Fresnos, as well as a teacher's helper at Cesar Chavez Elementary, helping in summer cleanouts of the classrooms and other local events. She has also accredited a CompTIA and Microsoft Office Specialist certification for Word 2019 during her years in high school and has prior experience working with C++, JavaScript, C, and Python. Janelly's Senior Capstone project focused on analyzing JavaScript to market a business, where she describes the difference in using JavaScript in comparison to Python. Additionally, Janelly received the UTRGV Presidential scholarship and will be attending the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in the fall of 2024 where she will continue to pursue Computer Science as her major.



SALUTATORIAN

Victoria Lydcel Hurtado

Victoria Hurtado was raised in Pharr, Tx and is the oldest daughter of Lydia Vasquez and Gilberto Hurtado and sibling to her one-year-old brother. As a first generation student, Victoria stands out not only for her academic excellence but also for her unwavering commitment to her future goals and her community. From a young age, Victoria has been driven by her ambition and a deep-seated desire to succeed. However, Victoria's academic and personal achievements are not solely for her own fulfillment but also serve as a beacon for her family. She is dedicated to setting an example for her brother and her family's future generations, demonstrating the value and impact of higher education. Family is the cornerstone of her success and values as her family's support and guidance have motivated her to strive for excellence in all her endeavors.

She participated in National Honor Society, Go Center, Volleyball, HOSA, Student Council, Phi Theta Kappa (honor society of community colleges), and is the President of Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica and The Senior Committee. Victoria has received the prestigious Full Ride Impact Scholarship from The University of Texas at Austin. This scholarship recognizes her exceptional academic achievements, leadership qualities, and commitment to making a positive impact in her community. Inclusively, she has received The Pharr EDC Scholarship, STC President's Honor Roll maintaining a 4.0 grade point average through her sophomore and junior years, and has been recognized as Pharr Rotary Student of the Month. Additionally, Victoria has participated in a six month long legal internship where she has discovered her passion for personal injury law.

Looking ahead, Victoria is excited to embark on the next chapter of her academic journey at the University of Texas at Austin. She plans to pursue a Bachelor's in Public Relations with a minor in Business, following a pre-law track. This path reflects her strategic approach to her career in law, where she aims to merge her communication skills with her legal aspirations to advocate effectively and uphold her commitment to community service.



CLASS OF 2024 TOP TEN GRADUATES

PSJA Thomas Jefferson T-STEM ECHS



VALEDICTORIAN

Janelly Perez

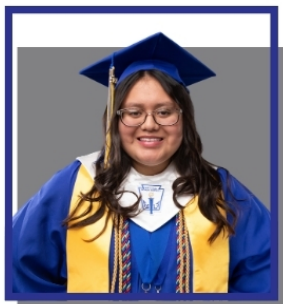
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Victoria Lydcel Hurtado

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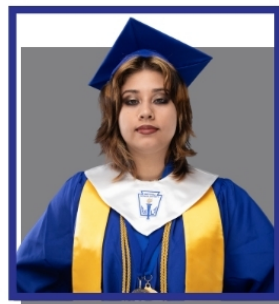
Barbara C. Flores

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Luis Adrian Cazares Alejandro

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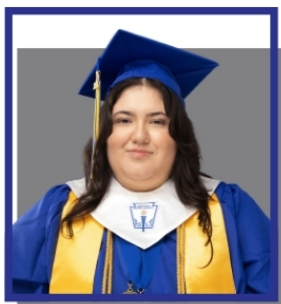
Eva Elsa García Soto

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Samuel Alejandro Palacios

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Sophia Renee Lopez

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Trey Pedroza

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Silvestre Espinoza JR

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CLASS OF 2024 TOP TEN PERCENT

Perez, Janelly ★ Θ ▲ ► Λ

Hurtado, Victoria Lydcel ★ ▲ ► Λ

Rodriguez Rosales, Thania ★ Θ ▲ > Λ

Flores, Barbara C. ★ ▲ ► Λ

Cazares Alejandro, Luis Adrian ★ Θ ▲ ► Λ

Garcia Soto, Eva Elsa ★ ▲ > Λ

Palacios, Samuel Alejandro ★ Θ ▲ > Λ

Lopez, Sophia Renee ★ ▲ Λ

Pedroza, Trey ★ ▲ Λ

Espinoza, Silvestre JR ★ ▲ Λ

Escalante-Martinez, Briggite ★ Θ Λ

Olivares, Anna Maria ★ Θ ▲ Λ

Chavarria, Hector Alfredo JR ★ ▲ Λ



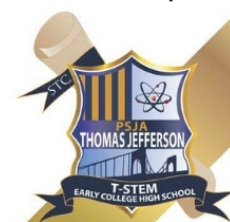
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CORE COMPLETE CANDIDATES

Aguilera-Flores, Alexis Marie.....	Associate of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies
Barrera, Karla Leonela.....	Associate of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies
Becerra, Carlos Alberto.....	Associate of Applied Science Welding Technology
Bella, Angel Gabriel.....	Core Complete
Camarillo, Jaasai Alexia.....	Associate of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies
Cantu, Edward Oziel.....	Associate of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies
Carmona-Esparza, Estefani	Associate of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies
Cavazos, Beatriz Ilenia.....	Associate of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies
Cavazos, Jonathan.....	Core Complete
Cazares Alejandro, Luis Adrian.....	Associate of Arts Business Administration
Cepeda, Damian.....	Associate of Science Interdisciplinary Studies
Chavarria, Hector Alfredo JR.....	Associate of Science Interdisciplinary Studies
Cortina, Gabriel.....	Associate of Science Interdisciplinary Studies
Cruz, Vladimir.....	Associate of Science Computer Science
Elizondo-Sanchez, Elia Sofia.....	Associate of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies
Escalante-Martinez, Brigitte.....	Core Complete
Espinosa, Emanuel.....	Core Complete
Espinosa, Ricardo.....	Core Complete
Espinoza, Silvestre JR.....	Associate of Science Computer Science
Flores, Barbara.....	Associate of Science Biology
Garcia Soto, Eva Elsa.....	Associate of Science Interdisciplinary Studies
Garcia, Samique Elysue.....	Associate of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies
Garcia, Victoria Jose.....	Associate of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies
Garza, America Alexandra.....	Core Complete
Gonzalez, Dibanhi.....	Associate of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies
Guzman, Arturo JR.....	Associate of Science Interdisciplinary Studies
Hubbs, Amorelle Renae.....	Core Complete
Hurtado, Victoria Lydcel.....	Associate of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies
Ito, Taichi Josiah.....	Associate of Arts Business Administration
Limas, Diego.....	Core Complete



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Lopez, Sophia Renee.....	Associate of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies
Lugo-Reyes, Fatima Alexa.....	Associate of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies
Martinez, Daneri.....	Associate of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies
Martinez, Roman.....	Core Complete
Martinez, Ryan Anthony.....	Associate of Applied Science Welding
Mendez, Carmen Celeste.....	Associate of Science Interdisciplinary Studies
Mireles, Noe.....	Associate of Science Interdisciplinary Studies
Mora, Jady Ray.....	Core Complete
Moreno, Sofia.....	Core Complete
Munoz, Angela Jazmine.....	Core Complete
Olivares, Anna Maria.....	Associate of Arts Psychology
Pablo-Correa, Alia Brithania.....	Associate of Science Interdisciplinary Studies
Palacios, Samuel Alejandro.....	Associate of Science Mathematics
Pecina, Eric.....	Core Complete
Pedroza, Trey.....	Associate of Science Computer Science
Pedroza, Troy.....	Associate of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies
Pena Gomez, Marcelo.....	Associate of Science Computer Science
Perez, Jana Renee.....	Associate of Science Interdisciplinary Studies
Perez, Janelly	Associate of Science Computer Science
Polendo, Yethzel Yareli.....	Associate of Science Interdisciplinary Studies
Rivera, Adrian Alejandro.....	Associate of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies
Rodriguez, Samuel Abner.....	Associate of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies
Rodriguez, Thania.....	Associate of Science Interdisciplinary Studies
Rojas Flores, Adrian Eduardo.....	Associate of Arts Criminal Justice
Ruiz, Andrew.....	Associate of Science Interdisciplinary Studies
Ruiz, Luisa Alexandra.....	Core Complete
Saenz, Gilbert.....	Associate of Science Interdisciplinary Studies
Salinas, Tatum.....	Associate of Science Interdisciplinary Studies
Sanchez-Balderas, Julie Mariely.....	Associate of Science Interdisciplinary Studies
Solis, Josue.....	Core Complete



SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES

Barrera, Jose Antonio.....Certificate of Completion - Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning
Becerra, Carlos Alberto.....Certificate of Completion - Structure Welding Technology
Lara, Juan Alexander.....Certificate of Completion - Structure Welding Technology
Lozano Villarreal, Sindulfo.....Certificate of Completion - Combination Welding Technology
Martinez, Ryan Anthony.....Certificate of Completion - Structure Welding Technology
Medina, Christopher Izek.....Certificate of Completion - Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair
Salazar, Angel Daniel.....Certificate of Completion - Electrician Assistance Technology
Serrano, Braulio.....Certificate of Completion - Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning
Silva, Daniel.....Certificate of Completion - Combination Welding Technology
Villarreal, Sergio.....Certificate of Completion - Electrician Assistance Technology



COMMENCEMENT DESIGNATIONS



**Distinguished Level of Achievement
with Collegiate Honors**



Dual Language Graduate



Associate Degree Graduate



Summa Cum Laude (4.0 GPA)



Magna Cum Laude (3.8-3.99 GPA)



Cum Laude (3.5-3.79 GPA)



30+ College Hours



29 or less College Hours



**South Texas College Certificate
Graduate**



United States Military

White/Silver Gowns

Distinguished Level of Achievement with
Collegiate Honors

Gold Honor Stole

DLACH Scholars

Light Blue & White Stoles

National Honor Society Members

Gold Cord

National Honor Society 1-year member

Gold/Blue Cord

National Honor Society 2-year member

Red/Gold Cord

Hispanic National Honor Society Member

Light Gold Cord

Mu Alpha Theta

Gold Medallion with Royal Blue Ribbon

Performance Acknowledgement

Multi-Color Cord

Dual Language Graduate

Silver Cord

STC Dual Enrollment Academy

White Sash with PSJA logo & STC logo

Associate or Certificate

United States Military

Military Branch Stole

Old Gold Cord

Industry-Based Certification

Gold Cord

STC Honors



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Aguilera-Flores, Alexis Marie ★ ▲ Λ
 Atilano II, Ignacio Alejandro Λ
 Balboa, Isaiah α
 Barrera III, Jose Antonio Λ ◇
 Barrera, Karla Leonela ★ Θ ▲ Λ
 Bazaldua, Alejandra α
 Becerra, Carlos Alberto ★ ▲ Λ
 Bella, Angel Gabriel ★ Λ
 Blanco Cabrera, Candelaria
 Camara, Ian Adoni ★ ▲ Λ
 Camarillo, Jaasai Alexia ★ ▲ Λ
 Cantu, Aylin Stephanie Λ
 Cantu, Edward Oziel ★ ▲ Λ
 Cantu, Pedro Yahir I
 Carmona-Esparza, Estefani ★ Θ ▲ Λ ¥
 Caro, Ashley Θ Λ
 Castrellon, Fernando α
 Cavazos, Beatriz Ilenia ★ Θ ▲ Λ
 Cavazos, Jonathan ★ Λ
 Caviness, Mathieu Shane Λ
 Ceja, Antonio Adrian Λ
 Cepeda, Damian ★ Θ ▲ Λ
 Chavez, Ilse Annette Θ
 Cortina, Gabriel ★ ▲ Λ
 Cruz, Vladimir ★ ▲ > Λ
 Cuellar, Aylin Λ
 Cuellar, Benito
 De Jesus, Maria Selena
 De La Cruz, Alexa Anahi Θ Λ

Diaz, Diego
 Diaz, Natalie Marie Θ α
 Elizondo-Sanchez, Elia Sofia ★ Θ ▲ Λ
 Esmeralda, Nicolas Θ α
 Espinosa, Carlos Abiel α
 Espinosa, Emanuel ★ Θ Λ
 Espinosa, Ricardo ★ Λ ¥
 Estrada, Carlos Alejandro α
 Flores, Selene Sylvia Λ
 Fuentes JR, Marc Anthony α
 Garcia, Samique Elysue ★ ▲ Λ
 Garcia, Victoria Jose ★ Θ ▲ > Λ
 Garza, America Alexandra ★ ▲ Λ
 Garza, Jade Sharlene α
 Garza, Kimberly Θ Λ
 Gomez JR, Nicholas α
 Gonzalez, Dibanhi ★ ▲ Λ
 Gonzalez Cid, Dario Θ α
 Guzman JR, Arturo ★ ▲ Λ
 Hernandez, Jaelyn α
 Hubbs, Amorelle Renae ★ Λ
 Ito, Taichi Josiah ★ ▲ Λ
 Jauregui, Francisco Λ
 Lara, Juan Alexander ▲ Λ ◇ ¥
 Limas, Diego ★ Λ
 Lopez, Ysabella Elise α
 Lozano Avalos, Heidy Adriana Θ
 Lozano Villarreal, Sindulfo Θ ▲ Λ ◇
 Lugo-Reyes, Fatima Alexa ★ ▲ Λ



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Martinez, Daneri ★▲Λ
Martinez, Derek Matthew
Martinez II, Pierre Alexander α
Martinez, Roman Alberto ★Λ
Martinez, Ryan Anthony ★▲Λ
Medina, Christopher Izek Λ◇
Medina, Kayla Denice Θα
Mendez, Carmen Celeste ★▲Λ
Mendez, Esperanza Θα
Mireles, Noe ★▲Λ
Mora, Jady Ray ★Λ
Morales, Dayanara Λ
Moreno, Sofia ★ΘΛ
Muñoz, Angela Jazmine ★Λ
Ocañas-Moncada, Bryan Θ
Ortiz, America Yarely α
Pablo-Correa, Alia Brithania ★Θ▲Λ
Pecina, Eric ★ΘΛ
Pedroza, Troy ★▲Λ
Peña Gomez, Marcelo ★Θ▲Λ
Perez JR, Horacio α
Perez, Jana Renee ★▲Λ
Polendo, Yethzel Yareli ★▲Λ
Ramos, Paola ΘΛ
Rivera, Adrian Alejandro ★▲Λ
Rodriguez, Carolina Hope Λ
Rodriguez, Jylenny Joemy Θα
Rodriguez, Samuel Abner ★▲Λ

Rodriguez, Stephanie Lizeth
Rojas Flores, Adrian Eduardo ★▲>Λ¥
Ruiz, Andrew ★▲Λ
Ruiz, Luisa Alexandra ★Λ
Ruiz, Monserrath α
Saenz JR, Gilbert ★▲Λ
Salazar, Angel Daniel ΘΛ◇
Salazar Silva, Arnoldo Θα
Salinas JR, Arturo α
Salinas, Tatum Alyn ★▲Λ
Salinas-Gonzalez JR, Edden α
Sanchez, Bryan Θ
Sanchez Vela, Jorge Luis Λ
Sanchez-Balderas, Julie Mariely ★Θ▲Λ
Sanchez-Cantu, Ivan Javier
Serrano, Braulio Θα◇
Silva, Daniel Λ◇
Solis, Josue ★Λ
Sosa, Mayra Ximena Θ
Torres JR, Carlos Alberto Θα
Urdiales-Castillo, Joab Ricardo
Vargas, Karen Ivette
Vela JR, Addin ΘΛ
Venegas Avila, Marco Antonio
Villarreal, Sergio Λ◇
Ysaguirre, Avril Love
Zuniga, Tyler Andrew Λ



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ALMA MATER

Hail to thee our Alma Mater
victorious we shall be.
Joining hands we stand united
glory bound for thee.
We shall build a legacy
that compares to none.
We proclaim our Alma Mater
Thomas Jefferson!

