

# Commencement

Wichita Public Schools' One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Annual Commencement

WICHITA HIGH SCHOOL  
NORTHEAST MAGNET

NINETEENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT



THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-FIRST OF MAY  
TWO THOUSAND AND NINE  
SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

CENTURY II  
CONVENTION HALL

## MISSION OF NORTHEAST MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL

The mission of Northeast Magnet High School is to provide a four-year program of studies for students who want to focus their education in Science, Visual Arts, or Law.

The magnet areas, in conjunction with an academic core, present an interdisciplinary, integrated curriculum utilizing technology and annual projects to produce a focused, well rounded education. Our goal is to empower students to engage the world creatively, critically, and responsibly.



## CLASS OF 2009 MOTTO

“Destiny is not a matter of chance,  
If is a matter of choice;  
It is not a thing to be waited for,  
It is something to be achieved.”

~Williams Jennings Bryan

## PROGRAM

Processional . . . . . "Pomp and Circumstance" by Elgar  
Presentation of Colors . . . . . Marine Corps JROTC  
    C/SGT. Abraham, C/SSgt Poe, C/SSgtGuzman & C/LCpl Rodriquez  
Pledge of Allegiance . . . . . Sameed Syed, Class President  
Call to Order . . . . . Salutatorians  
    Jacqueline Amadi, Samantha Maddy & Joshua Palacios  
Welcome . . . . . Valedictorians  
    Mercedes Anderson, Dominique Duque & Juliana Shaw  
Senior Address . . . . . Abbera Baig  
Musical Selection . . . . . "For Good"  
    Music & Lyrics Stephen Schwartz, Arranged by Mac Huff  
Senior Address . . . . . Farrah Alsoudi  
Message to Graduates . . . . . Joel Hudson, Principal  
Language Arts Award . . . . . Matt Creasman, English Department Chair  
Math Award . . . . . Susan Meyer, Math Department Chair  
Visual Arts Award . . . . . Jenny Long, Visual Arts Magnet Chair  
Law Award . . . . . Tom Kiernan, Law Magnet Chair  
Science Award . . . . . Troy Criss, Science Magnet Chair  
Faculty Award . . . . . Dan Manion, Director of Guidance  
Salutatorian Award . . . . . Jerald Rash, Jr., Assistant Principal  
Valedictorian Award . . . . . Joel Hudson, Principal  
Special Guest . . . . . Martin Libhart, Superintendent, USD 259  
Presentation of Class . . . . . Joel Hudson, Principal  
Acceptance of Class . . . . . Kevass Harding & Betty Arnold  
    Board of Education Members  
Awarding of Diplomas . . . . . Joel Hudson, Principal  
Recessional

## JUNIOR USHERS

Olivia Barnes	Jamie Fuller	Jackie Nguyen
Teresita Chavez	Paco Herrera	Taylor Padgett
Brianna Curry	Paige Mattson	Jenny Phachantry
Ricardo Flores		Nelson Ross

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Lynn W. Rogers, President

Betty Arnold  
Barbara Fuller

Jeff Davis  
Kevass Harding

Connie Dietz  
Lanora Nolan

Martin Libhart, Superintendent of Schools

Denise Wren, Assistant Superintendent of High Schools

## NORTHEAST ADMINISTRATION

Joel Hudson, Principal

Jerald Rash Jr., Assistant Principal

## FACULTY AND STAFF

Roosevelt Battad  
Heidi Becker  
Justin Bell  
Nathan Bengston  
Kelly Blades  
Gary Buck  
Brenda Calkins  
Richard Chandler  
Kevin Christinat  
Clint Collier  
Jackie Collins  
Albert Conrad  
Matt Creasman  
Susan Credille  
Troy Criss  
Elizabeth Deckard  
Cindy Dethloff  
Stan Ens  
Stephanie Evans

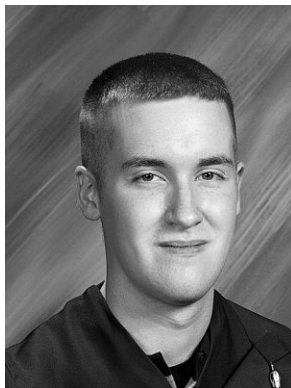
Larry Foster  
Mary Foster  
Dusty Francis  
Doug Gerig  
Tina Henderson  
Donell Howard  
Francis Johanssen  
Leah Kasten  
Eric Kauffman  
Tom Kiernan  
Briana Kilpatrick  
Deborah Landrum  
Cheryl Lindstrom  
Jenny Long  
John Martin  
Dan Manion  
Sharon McCue  
Curt Melzer  
Susan Meyer

Rosa Nees  
Jason Nichols  
Fahimeh Ortiz  
Travis Prothro  
Veronica Remaly  
Sybil Sanusi  
Alan Schmidt  
Sue Shah  
Rebecca Standifer  
Priscilla Stanley  
Shawn Stewart  
Rose Tyler  
Bruce VanOsdel  
David Walsh  
Steve White  
Ineze Williams  
Cheryl Witt  
Elex Wright  
Richard Young





LAW



*Andrew Abbey*

ART



*Esteban Aguilar*

SCIENCE



*Farrah Alsoudi*



SCIENCE



*Seham Ahyan*

SCIENCE



*Jacqueline Amadi*

LAW



*Mercedes Anderson*



SCIENCE



*Terry Anderson II*

SCIENCE



*Brooke Anukam*

ART



*Sheena Arzola*

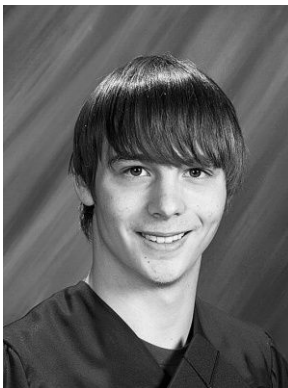


SCIENCE



*Abbera Baig*

LAW



*Kyle Barney*

SCIENCE



*Nakita Blair*



*Kaitlin Brazil*

SCIENCE



*Alissa Britton*

ART



*Christa Brodigan*

LAW



*Katelynn Carr*

ART



*Caitlin Cassity*

ART



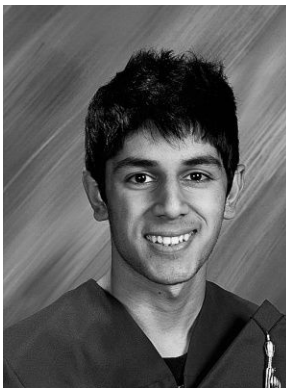
*Jana Cawthorn*



LAW

*Vilalack Chanthalangsy*

SCIENCE



*Harris Choudhry*

ART



*Christopher Christmann*



ART



*Kegan Clark*

ART



*Hannah Clayton*

SCIENCE



*Chaska Clemons*



ART

*Mazey Combs*

ART



*Quinisha Conway*

SCIENCE



*James Criss*



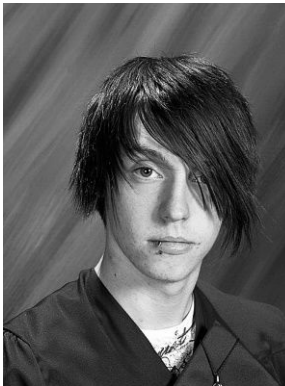




LAW

*Lashelle Curry*

ART



*Zachary Cypert*

LAW



*Jasmine De Armon*

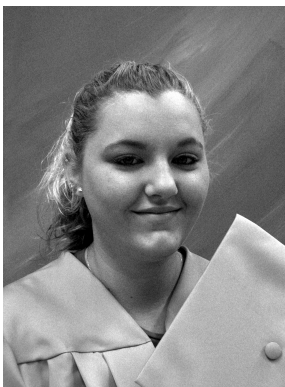


ART



*Julie DeCarlo*

LAW



*Maranda Delaney*

SCIENCE



*Danielle Dishon*

ART



*Caitlin Doolittle*

SCIENCE



*Isabella Dumont*

LAW



*Dominique Duque*





LAW



*Rasheda Eaton*

ART



*Nicolllette Engels*

SCEINCE



*Tia Fields*



LAW



*Kaitlyn Fitzgerald*

LAW



*Jayden Fleming*

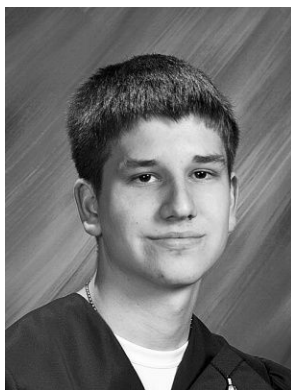
ART



*Miles Forshey*



LAW



*Clinton France*

LAW



*Whitney Frye*

LAW



*Adilene Garcia*





LAW



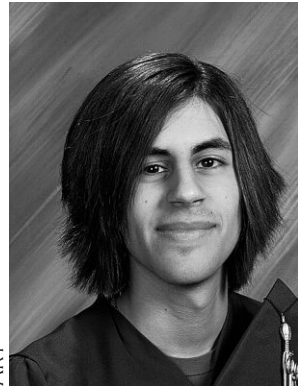
*Alexander Garcia*

LAW



*Kristine Glenn*

ART



*Stephen Gosh*



SCIENCE



*Aleasha Graham*

LAW



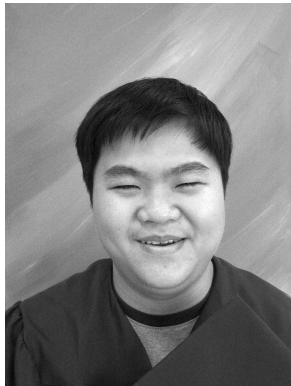
*Deontae Hayden*

ART



*Thomas Hunter*

SCIENCE



*Long Huynh*

SCIENCE



*Aaron Johnson*

SCIENCE



*Brittany Jones*







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*Abbyrose Kelley*

SCIENCE



*Nozania Khawar*

ART



*Shelby Kfauismeyer*

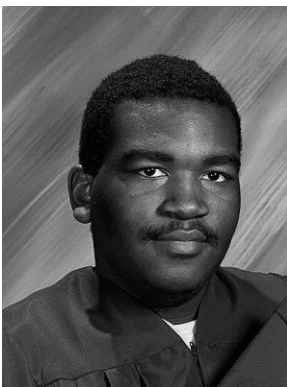


ART



*Dini Kusumaningrum*

ART



*Graylin Lang*

LAW



*Anabel Larumbe*



LAW



*Breaunna Lee*

SCIENCE



*Andrew Longhofer*

SCIENCE



*Jazmin Luna*





LAW



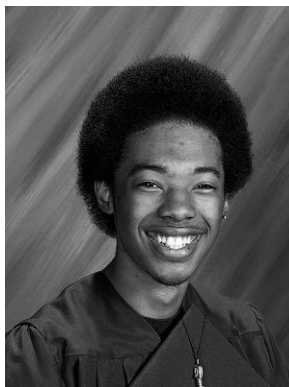
*Samantha Maddfy*

ART



*Monique Maldonado*

SCIENCE



*Adon Martin*



ART



*Izala Martinez*

LAW



*Amanda McCall*

SCIENCE



*Barbara McCulley*

SCIENCE



*Cory McDermet*

ART



*Crista McKee*

ART



*Katasna McWilliams*





SCIENCE



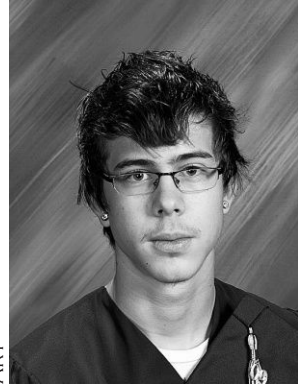
*Luana Meadows*

LAW



*Genesis Mercado*

ART



*Kaleb Meyer*

SCIENCE



*Samuel Mock*

SCIENCE



*Kandee Money*

ART



*Natalya Nasyrova*

SCIENCE



*Danny Nguyen*

SCIENCE



*Peter Nguyen*

ART



*Chelsie Nicholson*



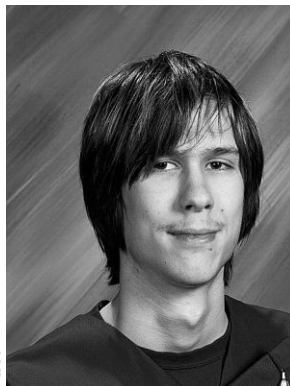
LAW

*Brittany Norris*



SCIENCE

*Korina O'Connor*



ART

*Jake Oakley*



LAW

*Jasmine Onianwa*



LAW

*Daniel Orlando*



ART

*Kevin Page*



SCIENCE

*Joshua Palacios*



ART

*Stephanie Palmer*



ART

*Kayci Parks*





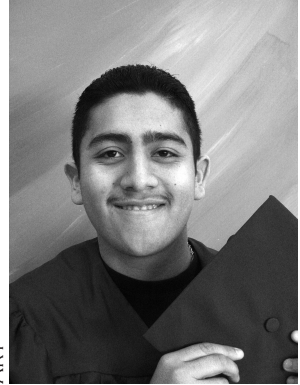
LAW

*Lakeshia Pearson*



LAW

*Tashiana Phillips*



ART

*Jorge Plantillas*

SCIENCE



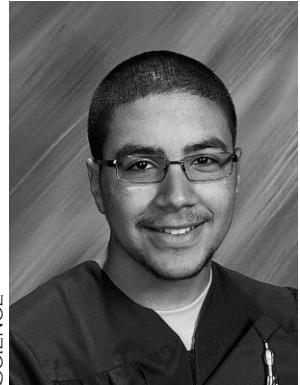
*Ashley Ransom*

ART



*Marissa Robinson*

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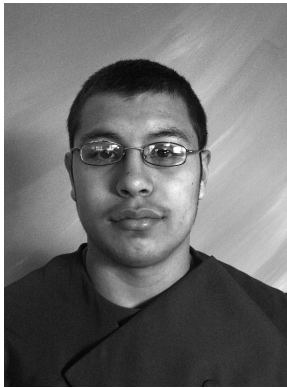
*Thurgood Rogers*

SCIENCE



*Joseph Ryan*

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*Gary Sanchez*

LAW



*Juliana Shaw*





SCIENCE



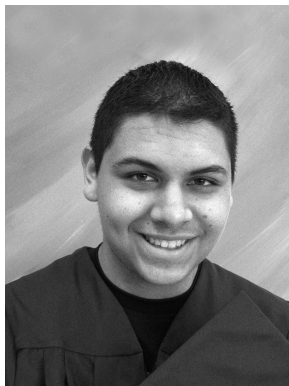
*Ammara Siddiqi*

ART



*Katie Siebler*

ART



*Gustavo Solis*

SCIENCE



*Amaris Sullivan*

SCIENCE



*Sameed Syed*

ART



*Amber Tilson*

ART



*Joshua Tripoli*

LAW



*Josias Urbina*

SCIENCE



*Mackenna VanScyoc*



ART

*Sunny Walker*



ART

*Angela Ward*



LAW

*Kristi Weigle*



ART

*Cole Wellshear*



SCIENCE

*Nathan Wheritt*



SCIENCE

*Brittany Williams*



SCIENCE

*Karina Williams*



SCIENCE

*Raven Williams*



ART

*Jamie Wilner*





SCIENCE



*Kiearra Wilson*

LAW



*Patrena Witherspoon*

SCIENCE



*Kimberly Wong*

SCIENCE



*Rana Zayed*

SCIENCE



*Benjamin Zickuhr*



## MAGNET CERTIFICATES

Magnet Certificates are awarded to graduates who have demonstrated exemplary magnet success as evidenced by grades, courses, projects, and other criteria as established by each department.

Award recipients are noted during the awarding of diplomas..



## SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Sameed Syed, President  
Nathan Wherrit, Vice President  
Samantha Maddy, Secretary/Treasurer  
Ashley Ransom, Student Council Representative  
A.J. Johnson, Student Council Representative

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SENIOR MEMBERS

Rana Zayed, President  
Abbera Baig, Vice President  
Samantha Maddy, Secretary/Treasurer

Seham Alyan  
Jacqueline Amadi  
Nikki Blair  
Caitlin Cassity

Harris Choudhry  
Quinisha Conway  
Rasheda Eaton  
Andrew Longhofer

Amanda McCall  
Genesis Mercado  
Joshua Palacios  
Juliana Shaw

## HONOR CORDS

National Honor Society .....Gold  
International Thespian Society..... Blue and Gold  
Student Council .....Silver

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Abbey, Andrew	\$4,500: Wichita State University
Aguilar, Esteban	\$5,000: Art & Soccer Scholarships; Friends University
Alyan, Seham	Tuition: Dean's Scholarship, \$10,000 DSI, \$2,000 Project Lead the Way; WSU
Anderson, Mercedes	Presidential Scholarship & Books
Anukam, Brooke	Tuition & Books: 2 yrs Highland Community College
Baig, Abbera	Newman Board of Trustees's 4 yr \$32,000; ACS Community Leader 4 yr Scholars \$12,000
Blair, Nakita	Tuition: Philander Smith College
Carr, Katelynn	Cheer Scholarships: Coffeyville Community College
Cassity, Caitlin	Fine arts and Davis Scholarships
Choudhry, Harris	\$20,000: UMKC 6 yr BA/MD Medical Program
Clayton, Hannah	\$2,000: Medallian Scholarship; Kansas State University
Combs, Mazey	\$8,000: Art Portfolio & ACT Scholarships; Friends University
Criss, James	\$2,000 Sedgwick County Scholarship; \$1,000 WISE Scholarship
De Armon, Jasmine	Tuition & Books: Team Manager Scholarship; Independence Community College
Duque, Dominique	\$8,000: Multicultural and Engineering Scholarships; Kansas University
Engels, Nicollette	\$2,000 Sedgwick County Scholarship; WSU
Fleming, Jayden	\$19,300 Beautillion Scholarships
France, Clinton	\$500: JROTC Scholarship
Gosh, Stephen	\$7,200: Fine Arts & ACT Scholarships; Friends University
Graham, Aleasha	\$5,560: Cowley County Community College
Hayden, Deontae	\$6,000: Beautillion Scholarships: Clark Atlanta University
Longhofer, Andrew	\$10,000 per year: Distinguished Scholarship Invitational; WSU
Kelley, Abbyrose	\$6,000 Trio Scholarship: WSU
Khawar, Nozaina	Engineering Scholarship: WSU
Maddy, Samantha	\$80,000: Deans Scholar Award; Drew University
Martin, Adon	\$1,000: Yes We Can! Scholarship
Martinez, Izala	Rising Star Scholarship: WSU
McCall, Amanda	\$1,500: Early Application & Hornet Scholarships; Emporia State University
McWilliams, Katasna	Fashionetta Scholarship
Meadows, Luana	Full Basketball Scholarship & \$5,000 NU Grant: Newman University
Money, Kandece	\$8,000 KU; \$3,500 University Houston; \$8,000 OSU; Newman Presidential Scholarship
Nguyen, Danny	\$12,000 Project Lead the Way Scholarship; WSU
Nguyen, Peter	\$1,000 Sedgwick County Scholarship
O'Connor, Korina	\$8,000: Board of Trustees Scholarship; Newman University
Onianwa, Jasmine	\$1,000 Freshman Achievement Scholarship: KU
Pearson, Lakeshia	Sigma Gamma Rho Scholarship
Ransom, Ashley	Vocational Rehabilitation (SRS) Scholarship
Ryan, Joseph	Board of Regents Scholarship; Kansas State
Sanchez, Gary	\$20,000: Neman Grant Scholarship; Newman University
Shaw, Juliana	\$150,000: 4 year NROTC Marine Corps Option Scholarship
Siebler, Katie	\$1,000 Sedgwick County Scholarship
Syed, Sameed	Kansas Junior Academy of Science; Business Scholar; Project Lead the Way
Tilson, Amber	Creative Writing & Poetry Scholarship: Cowley County Community College
Tripoli, Joshua	\$3,000 Art Dept. Scholarship, WSU; Scholastic Art & Writing Scholarship \$1,000
Walker, Sunny	\$13,000: Presidential, Fine Arts & Church Match Scholarships; Friends University
Wherritt, Nathan	\$17,500: Dean's & Engineering Dept. Scholarships: WSU
Williams, Karina	Dean's Scholarship
Wilson, Kiearra	Barton County Community College Scholarship
Witherspoon, Patrena	Sigma Gamma Rho Scholarship & 2009 Youth Visionaries Essay Competition
Zayed, Rana	\$3,000 Sedgwick County Scholarship; \$4,000 WISE for Engineering Scholarship