

MAY 30, 2025

**PRAY**  
 FOR THE KING'S ACADEMY  
 TUESDAYS AT 8:10 AM  
 PRAYER CHAPEL IN FRONT LOBBY

## Upcoming Events

June 3 & July 8  
Sports Physicals at  
Foundation  
Chiropractic

August 8  
TKA Family Fun  
Night

August 13  
Get Acquainted Day

August 14  
School Begins



## 54th Commencement Exercises

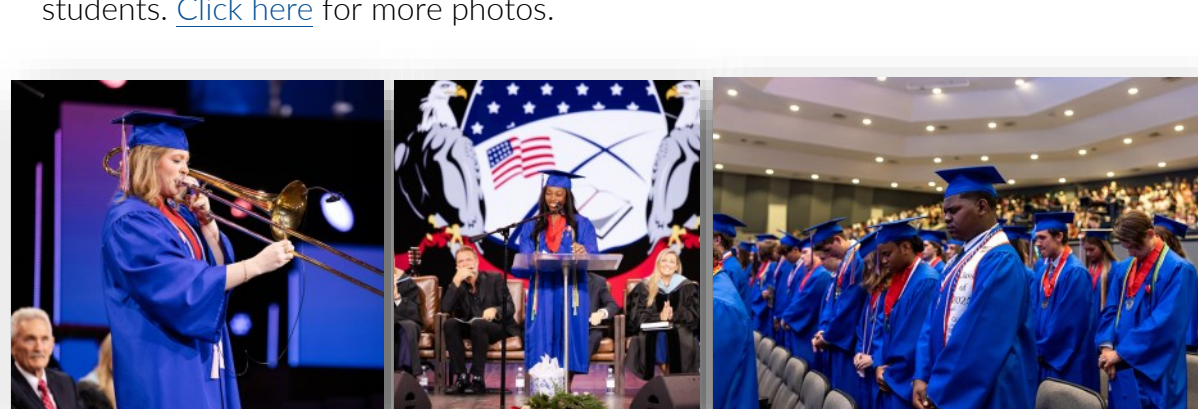
Last night, The King's Academy celebrated its largest graduating class in school history, as 173 students, including six homeschool students and three TKOA students, officially joined the ranks of King's alumni. The school's 54th Commencement Exercises took place at Christ Fellowship in Palm Beach Gardens.

The Graduate Processional was performed by The King's Symphony Orchestra, under Mr. Andrew Jeffrey and Mr. Wes Lowe '12.

The keynote address came from Mr. Mac Powell, a renowned Christian artist and former lead singer of Third Day. Drawing from his personal journey and Acts 2:42, Mr. Powell encouraged graduates to anchor their lives in the Bible, community, and prayer, what he called their "daily medicine." He shared his testimony of surrendering personal ambitions to embrace God's plan for His life and encouraged students to fully follow Jesus. He closed with a powerful worship song that deeply resonated with the guests.

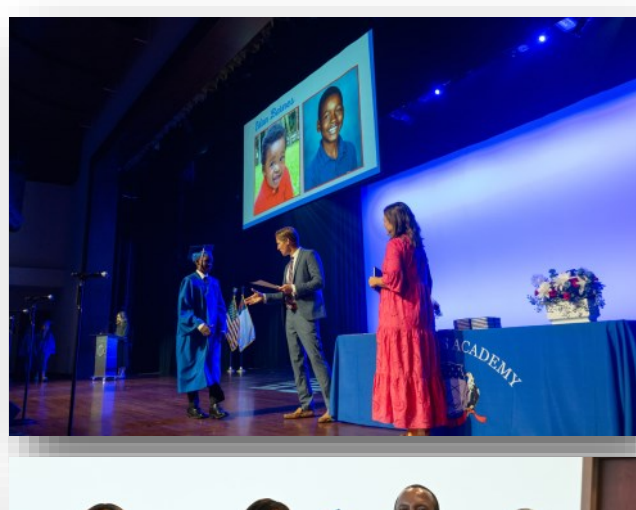
The Class of 2025 was represented with speeches by Valedictorian Stella Wiegert, Salutatorian Ian Bowden, and Senior Testimony speaker D'Zria Davea Bethell. The ceremony also featured a Choral Anthem and an Instrumental Solo with Accompaniment, performed by talented students from The Smith Family Conservatory.

Following a celebration of many accomplishments by the senior class, High School Principal Dr. Debbie Rantin presented the diplomas. Class President Gabriella Sofia Hernandez then led her classmates in the ceremonial turning of the tassels. The evening closed in prayer by Drew Danion, this year's recipient of the Alan Reamsnyder Award. From start to finish, the Commencement was a God-honoring celebration that marked a meaningful milestone in the lives of these graduating students. [Click here](#) for more photos.



## Next Step Middle School

Fifth grade students celebrated the culmination of their elementary years with family and friends during a graduation ceremony at the Page Family Center for Performing Arts on Tuesday. The program opened with the pledges followed by a special performance of *Rise Up*, an original song written and performed by the fifth grade class. Each 5th grade teacher shared a heartfelt message with their homeroom class before introducing them to receive their diplomas and awards from Elementary Principal Adam Miller and Assistant Principal Alex Adams '07. We are proud of these students and look forward to all they will accomplish as they step into middle school next year. [Click here](#) for more photos.



## O'Keeffe Mock Trial Team 5th in State

On Tuesday, twelve students from the O'Keeffe Pre-Law Studies Middle School Mock Trial team traveled to Tampa to compete in the live final round of the statewide competition. They competed in two rounds against Nova Middle School and American Heritage Delray. The Honorable Frances M. Perrone and the Honorable Christopher C. Nash presided over the trials, each featuring a panel of three jurors, a mix of practicing lawyers and former mock trial students. Judge Nash praised our students' impressive performance at this high level and described them as an "an elite team." Out of 100 middle school teams from across Florida, our team earned 5<sup>th</sup> place in the state!



*"Performing a live trial against the top schools in the state provided an unprecedented opportunity for our students to argue advanced evidentiary issues, deliver fully memorized speeches before a jury, and make objections while actively listening to their opponents. Our students performed exceptionally well in this environment and were complimented on their case presentation and professionalism."* – Mrs. Rachel Fahey, O'Keeffe Pre-Law Studies Teacher and Coach

*"Congratulations to our Middle School Mock Trial team on earning 5<sup>th</sup> place in the State of Florida! We are so proud to witness their growth from learning about what a lawyer does to putting it into practice by advocating for a client, advancing legal arguments, and navigating a courtroom with confidence and poise. Well done!"* – Mrs. Londono, Director of O'Keeffe Pre-Law Studies

## 2025-2026 Prefect Retreat

The 2025-2026 Prefect Council began preparations for the upcoming year at a special retreat on Hutchinson Island last weekend. The group worked hard and played hard while bonding as a team. The students were challenged with meaningful leadership phrases designed to encourage them in their leadership journey and position them to lead from the feet of Jesus. *"The retreat gave us the opportunity to solidify as a leadership team. We had a special time of sharing as we got to know each other better, and a fruitful time planning and brainstorming together for the new school year."*

– Michelle Kolar, Director of Student Life.

The Prefect Mission Statement -

**"As Prefects we vow to devote ourselves to Prayer, show Respect to all, practice Excellence in everything, share our Faith unashamedly, Encourage one another constantly, live Compassionately, be united through our Teamwork, and humble ourselves in Service."** Romans 15:5-6

[Click here](#) for more photos.



## Baby Bottle Boomerang Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in TKA's Elementary Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser benefitting First Care Women's Clinic. We are excited to announce that a total of \$6,852.74 was raised to support this vital ministry. *"First Care is deeply appreciative of our partnership with them. TKA is helping to save babies and give hope to women in Palm Beach County facing a crisis pregnancy!"* – Alyson Crews, Director of Elementary Student Ministries



## Elementary Morning News Bloopers

[Click here](#) to watch the Elementary Morning News crew's final video of the year. This episode opens with a guided tour through the WPTV news channel studio and offices, hosted by news anchor Shannon Cake, and includes bloopers and more.



## Schools Out for the Summer!

TKA's fleet of more than 40 buses left campus on Wednesday with horns honking and a spirited send-off party to mark the last day of the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you to our amazing bus drivers for another wonderful year, logging more than 400,000 miles!

*"Have a great summer TKA!" Many thanks to Mrs. Adkins, Mrs. Goode, and TKA's terrific bus drivers for keeping the largest private school bus fleet in South Florida rolling throughout Palm Beach County and beyond this year. And kudos to this outstanding group for its extensive horn testing in anticipation of summer break! Let's go and have a wonderful summer!"* - Randy Martin, President

[Click here](#) to watch the video.



Our spirited 2nd grade teachers