Class of 2025
Commencement Ceremony

Paul Laurence Dunbar High School

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 | 8 a.m.

Dickies Arena

FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Campus Vision
Graduate 100% of students with all students being College, Career and Military Ready by the end of Senior Year

Campus Mission
We exist to create learning pathway opportunities leading students to a successful post-secondary educational experience and/or career.

Core Values

Accountability
Instilling a sense of responsibility for both students and staff for their actions and decisions.

Equity
Providing students and staff with a tailored pathway to success, while celebrating diversity.

Perseverance
Demonstrating determination and resilience in the face of challenge and obstacles.

Respect
Encouraging students and staff to treat others with kindness and empathy.

Safety
Prioritizing the well-being and security of both students and staff.

Message from the Superintendent

Dear Fort Worth ISD Graduating Class of 2025,

It is my honor to congratulate each of you for reaching this incredible milestone in your educational journey. On behalf of the entire Fort Worth ISD family, we are proud of all that you have accomplished. You worked hard to reach this momentous occasion. Enjoy your special day because you have earned it!

We worked hard to prepare you for the road ahead. You have the intelligence, strength, and courage to make an incredible impact on our world and we know that you will continue to make us just as proud as we are today.

Your accomplishments will pave the way for others, and your journey is a testament to the power of dreams. As you embark on the next chapter of your journey, remember to embrace challenges, invite change, keep learning and never lose sight of your dreams.

Class of 2025, it has been an honor to be part of your educational journey. Now, it's your turn to step into a future of limitless possibilities.

Sincerely,

Dr. Karen C. Molinar

Superintendent

Commencement Program

Processional . . . . . Dunbar High School Band
"POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE" BY EDWARD ELGAR

Presentation of Colors . . . . . Dunbar High School
JROTC COLOR GUARD

National Anthem . . . . . Makaila Smith
"THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER" BY FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

Black National Anthem. . . . . Dayin Watson & Jaiden Johnson
"LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING"
BY JAMES WELDON JOHNSON AND J. ROSAMOND JOHNSON

Pledge of Allegiance . . . . . Xander Thomas

Welcome and Introduction of Platform Guests . . . . Luis Beltran

Greetings . . . . . Trustee Quinton "Q" Phillips
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 3

Principal's Address . . . . . Justin Edwards

Tribute to Families . . . . . S'Nia Harmon

Tribute to Faculty & Staff . . . . . Logan Caise

Recognitions . . . . . Dr. Artis Royal
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Introduction of Salutatorian . . . . . Dr. Christopher Barksdale
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HIGH SCHOOLS, AREA 3

Salutatorian Address

Introduction of Valedictorian . . . . . Dr. Tamekia Brown
AREA 3 SUPERINTENDENT

Valedictorian Address

Presentation of Candidates for Graduation . . . . . Justin Edwards
ESMERALDA MARTINEZ & ROCIO RENTERIA, ANNOUNCERS

Conferring of Diplomas . . . . . Dr. Karen Molinar
SUPERINTENDENT

Turning of the Tassel. . . . . Dayanara Baeza
SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

Alma Mater

Recessional . . . . . Dunbar High School Band
"POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE" BY EDWARD ELGAR

ALMA MATER

Far and near o'er
land and ocean
Kingdoms rise
and totter;
Sturdy stands our
firm devotion
To our Alma Mater

Thrones may
tumble, scepters
crumble
Hasten to decay
But to Dunbar
We will Stay. True
to the Ending Day.

Scan the QR code below to view the Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Latin Honors graduates.

fwisd.org/HonorGrads

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Maali Williams-Surles

SECRETARY
Mayra Perez

TREASURER
Kalani Lawson

HISTORIAN
Kymoni Moore

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Ja'Marion Garrett

SENIOR CLASS SPONSORS
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National Honor Society

PRESIDENT
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Kevin Garcia Aviles

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Graciela De Leon

Superintendent's Scholars

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Eliza Amosi
Dayanara Baeza
Za'ryah Blaylock
Logan Caise
Jose Corpus
Tanazia Davis
Graciela De Leon
Kevin Garcia Aviles
Leticia Handy
Andrea James
Ja'Naria Justice
Kalani Lawson
Marielle Maldonado
Kymoni Moore
Mayra Perez
Isabel Ramos
Braedyn Snow
Xander Thomas
Mackenzie Turner
Josiane Twizere
Rayna Veal
Chloe Ware
Alton Warren
Raymond Whitney

Candidates for Graduation

Abner, Kyndall
Acosta Escobar, Abrahan
Aguilar, Angel
Aguilar Ayala, Arizbeth
Alcala, Vanessa
Altamirano Prado, Jeslyn
Alvarez, Emili
Amosi, Eliza
Anderson, Hombre
Baeza, Dayanara
Baker, Charles
Basham, Alarik
Begay, Whitney
Beltran, Luis
Benton, Aaryonna
Blaylock, Za'ryah
Bradley, Sha'Kira
Brookins, Chase
Brooks, Kavion
Brown, Spirit
Brown, Zekiya
Caise, Logan
Campbell, La'Nisha
Carheel, James
Carlos, Cesar
Carr, Ja'Mayra
Carter, Robbie
Casio, Judith
Chacon Martinez, Jocelyne
Chavez, Melany
Clark, Kingston
Coleman, Aijayla
Coleman, Zyria
Cooley, Treshaun
Cordova, Arthur
Corpus, Jose
Corral Santillan, Laura
Craddock, Kingston
Cruz, Fabian
Daniel, Happy
Davila, Jose
Davis, Qu'Mound
Davis, Tanazia
Dee, Tiarra
De Leon, Graciela
Donison, Bre'Shanna
Edwards, Andre
Esparza, Julissa
Estrada Gonzalez, Kimberly
Evans, Krishawn
Faggett, Kaitlyn
Floyd, Derrick
Garcia, Nataly
Garcia, Roy
Garcia, Uriel
Garcia Aviles, Kevin
Garrett, Ja'Marion
Gatewood, Symphony
Geiger, La'Tee
Gipson, Theodore
Gomez, Cesar
Gonzalez, Kenia
Gonzalez Najera, Jocelyn
Gowans, Jordan
Green, Tony
Griffin, Jamarion
Guevara Siciliano, Christopher
Hall, Aaron
Hall, Josiah
Hambrick, Christie
Handy, Leticia
Hanford, Ta'Nazia
Harmon, S'nia
Harper, Melanie
Harris, Zavieon
Hawkins, Rayveen
Hayes, Silas
Hayes, Trevion
Henry, Za'Riyah
Hernandez Martinez, Johana
Hicks, Zion
Hill, Taniyah
Hodge, Brenesha
Hursey, DaMoni
Jamerson, La'Myia
James, Andrea
Johnson, Cameron
Johnson, Jacoryn
Johnson, Jaiden
Johnson, Ja'Leel
Johnson, Marianna
Johnson, Robert
Johnson-Miles, La'Randa
Johnson-Williams, Keshond
Jones, Grace
Jones, Jamie
Jones, Kendrea
Joyner, Xyamora
Justice, Ja'Naria
Kawaya, Francisca
Kelly, Shakiara
King, Keylon

Candidates for Graduation

Kyanza, Lukabe Mwika
Lacy, Kendra
Lampkin, Derrick
Lancaster, Jerrell
Lawson, Kalani
Lee, Camaury
Lee, Kamel
Lemons-Allen, Zatavious
Leon Esparza, Zharich
Lewis, Laniya
Lince Moreno, Montserrat
Lliguicota, Lesly
Lloyd, Terry
Lopez Estrada, Jocelynne
Lopez-Olmos, Maira
Luna, Jesus
Lyons, Santiago
Maldonado, Angelina
Maldonado, Marielle
March, Jade
Martinez-Arciniega, Brian
Mayfield, Aa'nyiah
McGee, Antayvious
McQueen, Kenya
Medina, Roberta
Mendoza, Nallely
Mills, Jozavier
Mitchell, Michael
Mohammed, Ibrahim
Molina, Isabel
Moore, Kymoni
Morales, Kaylan
Moreno, Fernando
Moreno, Lizbeth
Nanez, Dayanara
Nichols, Aaliyah
Niyibitanga, Ntama
Omolade, Olamide
Palacios, Jesus
Patlan, Alberto
Perez, Kimberly
Perez, Mayra
Pozos, Jose
Ragland, Kaliyah
Ramos, Isabel
Rangel, Bryan
Rascon, Sean
Reyes Avila, Mheicy
Reyna, Ruben
Rivera Portillo, Cessya
Robinson, Quinton
Rocha Perez, Estafani
Rodriguez, Crystal
Rodriguez, Jayla
Rodriguez, Jennifer
Salley, Mckenzie
Sanchez, Amber
Sanders, Jaslynn
Santillan, Monserrat
Serillie, Dwayne
Sherman, Aaleiyah
Sifford, Stephen
Small, Jonathan
Smith, Camriyon
Smith, Makaila
Smith, Sonja
Snow, Braedyn
Soders, Makayla
Steadman, Tichina
Stein, Nickolas
Taylor, Joshua
Thomas, Xander
Timmons, Ja'Nyia
Turner, Mackenzie
Twizere, Josiane
Umutoni, Esperance
Uwiringimana, Dinah
Vasquez Mata, Devani
Vazquez, Juan
Veal, Rayna
Villa, Yandel
Ware, Chloe
Warren, Alton
Washington, Alania
Watson, Dayin
Weathersby, Brianna
West, Alonso
Whitney, Raymond
Wiley, Cameran
Williams, Cayden
Williams, Jaida
Williams, Jocelin
Williams, Richard
Williams-Surles, Maali
Wilson, Jaiden
Wilson, Kaylon
Wilson, Quinnshon
Wofford, Jeremiah
Zuniga, Isai

Cords & Stoles

Summa Cum Laude . . . . . Gold
Magna Cum Laude. . . . . Silver
Cum Laude . . . . . White
Cosmetology . . . . . Pink/Black
Choir . . . . . Red
AVID . . . . . Blue/White
Distinguished Gentlemen . . . . . Black/Gold
ECHS. . . . . Stoles
Entrepreneurship . . . . . Green/Gold
GSPOC . . . . . Yellow
JROTC . . . . . Black/Gold
My Brother's Keeper. . . . . Stoles
My Sister's Keeper. . . . . Stoles
National Honor Society . . . . . Royal Blue/Gold
Prancing Kittens . . . . . Gray/White
Student Council. . . . . Royal Blue/White/Black
Sophisticated Ladies . . . . . Pink
TCC Dual Credit . . . . . Red/White/Royal Blue
Texas Association of Future Educators. . . Red/Blue
Theater . . . . . Royal Blue/White/Black
UIL Academics . . . . . Red/Blue
UV4C. . . . . Orange/Black

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