



Commencement Class of 2025

JUNE 10, 2025

109th Annual
PARK HIGH SCHOOL
An International Baccalaureate World School

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
Class of 2025



June 10, 2025
7:00 p.m.

3M Mariucci Arena
Minneapolis, MN

2025 Park High School 109th Commencement Exercises

Processional

“Pomp and Circumstance” Edward Elgar, arr. Clare Grundman
Combined Bands, Mr. Thomas Storm, Director

Welcome Mr. Todd Herber, Principal

National Anthem

“Star Spangled Banner” Francis Scott Key
Concert Choir, Mr. Benjamin O'Connor, Director

Welcome and Introduction of Guests Mr. Todd Herber, Principal

Introduction of Honor Staff Mr. Todd Herber, Principal

Musical Selection

“And So It Goes” Billy Joel, arr. Chilcott
arr. Andrea Ramsey
Concert Choir, Mr. Benjamin O'Connor, Director

Summa Cum Laude with Distinction Address

Jordyn Dahling
Gabrielle Fenske
Rex Fish
Nathan Kinney
Emery Lettner
Calissa Newton

Dora Nguyen
Samuel Paulsen
Giancarlo Serrato
James Waletzko
Jaycevion Waller
Justin Waterman

Musical Selection

“Iron and Ice”. Randall Standridge
Combined Bands, Mr. Thomas Storm, Director; Gavin Stauffer, Student Conductor

Student Speakers. Miles Kaiser, Samuel Paulsen and Justin Waterman

Staff Speaker Ms. Katie Block

Presentation of Class. Mr. Todd Herber, Principal

Acceptance of Class. Ms. Julie Nielsen, Superintendent

Presentation of Diplomas

Mr. Ryan Clarke School Board Director
Ms. Katie Schwartz. School Board Chairperson
Kylee Bentson. National Honor Society Vice President
Miles Kaiser Student Council President
Samuel Paulsen. National Honor Society President
Hollen Thompson Student Council Vice President

Recessional

“Hail to the Wolfpack!” Louis Elbel, arr. Paul Yoder
“Tahoka Galop” William Owens
Combined Bands, Mr. Thomas Storm, Director

Class of 2025 Student Leaders

Miles Kaiser, Student Council President

Hollen Thompson, Student Council Vice President

Sam Paulsen, National Honor Society President

Kylee Bentson, National Honor Society Vice President

Class Song

“Night Changes” (*One Direction*)

Class Quote

“You will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory”
(*Dr. Seuss*)

Summa Cum Laude with Distinction

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Rex Fish
Nathan Kinney
Josephine Leonard

Emery Lettner
Calissa Newton
Dora Nguyen
Samuel Paulsen
Giancarlo Serrato

James Waletzko
Jaycevion Waller
Justin Waterman

Summa Cum Laude

Yordanos Abraha
Favour Ajogun
Lily Anderson
Elizabeth Ayala
Layla Bekele
Kylee Bentson
Madison Dahling
Khue Do
Leo Eiden-Giel
Matthew Etten
Jason Fillmore
Cristoff Franche
Maia Gordon
Devin Igl
Ellie Imdieke
Megan Jeseritz
Parker Jeseritz
Autumn Johnson

Miles Kaiser
Colton Kalka
Jenna Katlack
Joanna Lacher
Mya Lauthen
Samantha Lennartson
Sonja Lind
Charley Lochner
Serena Miles
Ethan Miller
Maria Miller
Theis Nelson
Gavin Oberding
Patience Oduro
LeRoy Olson
Clara Opichka
Aunika Otterness
Caden Phillips

Natalie Post
Lily Grace Quebada
Danielle Rainwater
Jayden Rentz
Emma Sachs
Knives Schmotter
Gavin Stauffer
Andrew Theurer
Hollen Thompson
Hunter Tima
Grace Townsend
Keithan Vang
Cheech Wadena
Sarah Weston
Savannah Wolf
Bryan Wright
Kenji Yang
Sarah Zeleke

Honored Staff Speaker

Ms. Katie Block

Student Speakers

Miles Kaiser, Samuel Paulsen, Justin Waterman

High School Honor Staff

Ms. Yonnie Eiden-Giel
Mr. Walter Newcomb
Mr. Paul Pressnall
Ms. Kate Schwartz
Mr. Erik Wang

Middle School Honor Staff

Mr. Craig Bauman
Mr. Samuel Dummer
Mr. Christopher Foss
Ms. Andrea Kleoppel
Ms. Amy Lucas

Elementary Honor Staff

Ms. Michelle Harrison
Ms. Lynn McGuire
Mr. Chad Palmquist
Mr. Reid Tschumperlin
Mr. Justin Wakem

PARK HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Todd Herber, Principal
Mr. Nick Falde, Principal, SoWashCo Online School
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Ms. Gretchen Romain, Assistant Principal

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Keely Chehala Aguirre
Skye Laural Aguirre
Favour Afejesu Ajogun
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Brock Steven Anderson
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Yamilet Bautista Gutierrez
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Aubrie Rose Coomer
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Owen Jefferey Corkish
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Michael Cortez
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Hunter John Crotty
Cyrus Taite Cruz
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Jacob Warren Czarnota
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Madison Jo Dahling

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Avasa Bel Finstrom
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Abigail Louise Folsom
Quajavion Sharif Ford
Cristoff Jorel Sismundo Franche
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Kaden Drew Funari
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Evan Sinclair Sortor
Metztli Sorza Torres
James Tyler South
Deyvon Sovandy
Gavin Edward Stauffer
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Thomas Harrison Ziegelmann
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Summa Cum Laude with Distinction (4.3 or higher);
Blue Ribbon Medallion and Gold Stole
Summa Cum Laude (4.0-4.2999);
White Ribbon Medallion and Gold Stole
Magna Cum Laude (3.6667 -3.999); Silver Stole
Cum Laude (3.5-3.666); White Stole
National Honor Society; Gold Tassel; Gold and Blue Cord
International Baccalaureate, Full Diploma; Black Stole

* Other adornments indicate a student's activity or cultural recognition

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The rich history of academic costumes and the regulations governing their design and wear dates back to 11th and 12th Century Europe. This was an era in which the revival of interest in learning led to the establishment of universities.

In England, the *university* was a guild of craftsmen or artisans and a *degree* was conferred on an individual who attained full membership in the guild. The use of academic degrees was modeled after the guild system of apprenticeship and mastery. The term bachelor generally denoted an *apprentice* as opposed to the *master* workman. The title of *doctor* was later established as a degree superior to that of master.

During that particular period, men and women were commonly attired in long, full-flowing, hooded robes. The apparel varied in elegance according to the rank and wealth of the owner and according to the rules of decorum established by the king. By the 16th Century, the hood was generally worn only by persons in the legal, official, clerical and academic professions.

The shape of the *mortarboard* cap that is associated with the ceremonial dress worn at academic commencement is thought to be derived from the master workman's square board on which mortar was carried.

The English love of tradition and ceremony created the elaborately distinctive academic dress and the rules and regulation regarding them that we use today. As you observe the procession of administrators, you will note the following:

Holders of a bachelor's degree will be attired in black gowns with long, pointed sleeves and a three foot hood.

Those who have earned a master's degree will wear gowns with oblong sleeves and a three and one half foot hood.

The doctor's gown has bell shaped velvet striped sleeves and a four foot hood.

The hood is the most important feature of the ceremonial dress. Hoods are lined with silk in the official academic color of the institution conferring the degree. The binding or trim of the hood is of velvet —two inches for bachelors, three inches for masters and five inches for doctors. The color of the velvet trim indicates the department or faculty to which the degree pertains. For example, white is for liberal arts, light blue is for education and brown is for fine arts.

In the early 1900s a group of American educators designed and introduced the official high school cap and gown in an effort to lend a certain dignity to their commencement exercises. The sleeves of the gown were made round and full. The cap is the traditional Oxford or mortarboard design with a silk tassel draped over the front left quarter, By donning this regalia so steeped in tradition, our graduates share in the pride of academic accomplishment that has marked commencement for more than eight centuries.



Wolfpack School Song

Hail to the Wolfpack valiant
Hail to the conquering heroes
Hail, Hail to the green and white
The leaders of the pack.
(Fight! Fight! Fight!)

Hail to the Wolfpack valiant
Hail to the conquering heroes
Hail, Hail to Park High School
The champions and the best!
W-O-L-F-P-A-C-K
Park High Wolfpack!



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