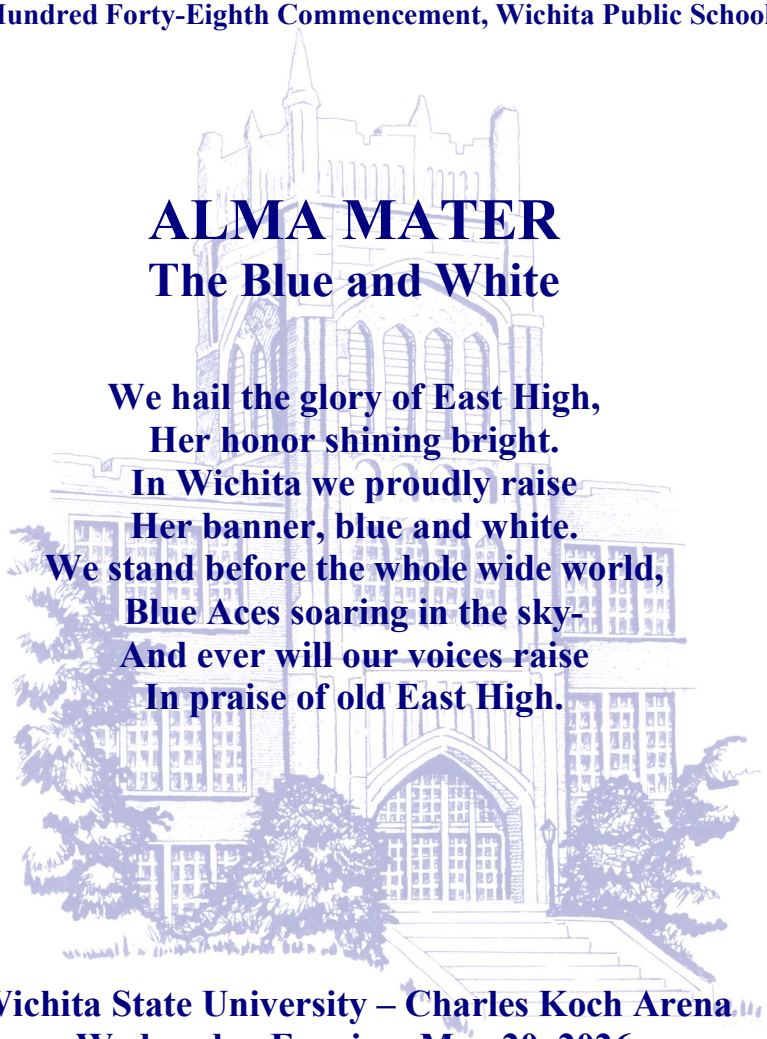
148th Annual

Commencement

One Hundred Forty-Eighth Commencement, Wichita Public Schools



ALMA MATER
The Blue and White

We hail the glory of East High,
Her honor shining bright.
In Wichita we proudly raise
Her banner, blue and white.
We stand before the whole wide world,
Blue Aces soaring in the sky-
And ever will our voices raise
In praise of old East High.

Wichita State University – Charles Koch Arena
Wednesday Evening, May 20, 2026
Seven O'clock

Wichita High School East

Sara Richardson
Principal, Wichita High School East, Presiding

PROCESSIONAL

"Pomp and Circumstance" ..... Sir Edward Elgar
East High School Philharmonia
Eric Crawford, Director

GREETING ..... Sara Richardson
Principal, Wichita High School East

WELCOME ..... Deogratias Ngassa
Student Body President

FLAG SALUTE ..... Louie Ochieng
(Please stand for the flag salute and remain standing for the national anthem and alma mater.)

"Star Spangled Banner" ..... Arr. James McKelvy
East High Mixed Chorus
Jenny Potochnik, Director

"Alma Mater" ..... Class of 2026
East High Mixed Chorus
Jenny Potochnik, Director

SENIOR SPEAKER ..... Savannah Brown

PRESENTATION OF VALEDICTORIANS ..... Sara Richardson

Comer, Brooklynne Helgenberger, Dwayne Muehling, Samuel Nghiem, Rachel
Nunez Gonzalez, Yankiel Rogers, Cortni Shannon, Annabella
Snell, Mackenzie Walter, Jayna Zaman, Rayan Zdrojewski, Alexander

"Count on Me" ..... Bruno Mars, Lawrence & Levine
East High Mixed Chorus
Jenny Potochnik, Director

PRESENTATION OF CLASS ..... Sara Richardson

ACCEPTANCE ..... Ngoc Vuong
Unified School District No. 259 Board Member

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS ..... Administrators

Heidi Dreiling	Derrick Heckman	Iain McHugh
Kerri Miles	Kevin Steiner	Emily Tanner

RECESSIONAL ..... Sara Richardson

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Sabrina Andress
Savannah Brown
Avani Payne
Litzy Suarez-Sosa

STUDENT BODY OFFICERS

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Aaliyah Yith, Vice President
Alina Le-Huynh, Treasurer
Savannah Hess, Secretary

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION, CLASS OF 2025

Abasolo, Michael Jr.
Abbott, Ethan
Abwe, Eshter
Ackers, Jordan
Adame Martinez, Brian
Adams, Pharrell
Aguilar Lima, Daniel
§ π Aguillon, Nehemias
Ahmadzai, Jawad
Alferez, Alexa
Ω Allen, Benjamin
Alrashid, Souad
Ω § π Alseoudi, Abdulrahman
π § Altergott, Christopher
Alvarado Sosa, Jaime
Alvarez, Justice
Ψ Amar Khil, Maryam
Amaya-Gomez, Samuel
Amiri, Almas
Ψ Amiri, Asma
Amiri, Nawshad
Amiri, Sohil
§ π Andress, Sabrina
Ω § Angel, Nathaniel
Antuna, Rodrigo
Aparicio Acosta, Karen
Ω § Arney, Hannalise
Arnold, Amaya
Ψ Arnold, Dorothy
Asifiwe, Dorcas
Atkinson, Traonna
Ψ π Awtrey, Alyssa
Ayala, Reymundo
§ π Azmi, Eba H.
Baker, Leeah
Baker, Ma'Liyah
Ψ § Bakhtiar, Iqtiar
Barnes, Ashton
Barton, Jaylen
Ω Baruhani, Mwavita
Basurto-Menera, Shirley
Baxter, Teryonnia
π § Bayne, Caroline
Bechler, Matthew
Beisner, Aiden
Beltran Gatica, Anthony
Ω Bennett, Alexia
Bennett, Korea
Blackwell, Acie
Ω Bloomer, Peter
Bodney, Ka'marion
Bohannon, Aaron Jr
Bohannon, A'Maree
Ω § Boldsaikhan, Ochirjav
Bond, Clementine
Ψ § Borders, Jericho
Boykins, Micah
Bradley, Alyvia
Ω Bravo, Yusuf
Briden, Aydin
Brier, Hazel
Brown, Savannah
§ Bruce-Mushi, Joann

		Ω	Buell, Lucia
			Bungo, Olivier
			Burris, Luke
		§	Bush, Adriana
			Busick, Rylie
			Buss, Claire
			Bustos, Yareli
			Byiringiro, Shadrack
			Bynum, Takeyah
			Calderon, Jocelyn
			Calderon-Portillo, Misael
			Camacho Romero, Christopher
			Camino, Juan
			Campbell, Calista
			Carcamo Vasquez, Allison
			Carranza, Isabella
			Carrillo-Silva, Joana
	π	Ψ	Carrington, Mirage
			Castanon-Botello, Haylie
			Castillo Melgar
			Chase, Joslynn
			Cherry, Nicholas jr
			Chetwood, Xavier
			Christena, James
		§	Christians, Sophia
			Chuca Rivas, Amy
		Ω	Collette, Abbygail
			Collins, Markale
			Collins, Timetra
		Ψ	Comer, Alanna
	π	Ω	Comer, Brooklynne
			Corona-Mendoza, Kevin
			Corrales-Leyva, Ximena
			Cortez, Kalia
	Ψ	§	Cox, Scarlett
			Crider, Damaria
			Cruz, Brandy
			Cruz, Louie
Ψ	§	π	Curtis, Amy
			Daniels, Arianna
			Davis, Aniyah
			Davis, Kaiden
			Davis, Khamari
		Φ	De Capitani, Aurora
			Dede, Clairie
			Del Rio Trejo, Gabriel
		Ψ	Delgado-Alvarado, Leonardo
			Denton, Kaden
	Ω	π	Dinh, Phung
	π	Ψ	Do, Janella
Ω	§	π	Docking, Charlotte
		Ω	Dominguez Nava, Ingrid
			Dotson, Galeil
			Dozal-Ibarra, Yvette
			Duran Rangel, Esly
			Eason, A'Mira
			Edwards, Kadin
			Emecheta, Kimiyah
			Escalera, Sebastian
		Ψ	Esparza, Zaul
		Ψ	Esparza-Gonzalez, Jenifer
			Evans, Avery
			Faqiri, Mohammad
			Farha, Genevieve
			Fazli, Shukria
			Fernandez, Stephanie
		Ψ	Fernandez Castro, Julia
		Ω	Figueroa, Jose
	Ψ	π	Flemming, Aaliyah
			Fletcher, Alexis
	Ω	§	Flores, Andrew
			Flores, Ian
			Flores, Kimberlie
			Flores, Mia
			Fomby, Anthony
			Freeman, Jayla
			Galbert, Quinacy
			Galbraith, Sy'kiya
			Gamez Rosales, Gabriela
			Garcia, Jensine
		Ψ	Garcia, Juan Carlos
		π	Garcia, Kimberly
			Garcia, Melany
			Garcia, Natalya
			Garcia Ayala, Maylin
			Garcia-Cardona, Dafne
			Garnes, Jamauryon
		§	Ghaoui-Huynh, Lia

Ψ	§	π	Giang, Kayden
			Gibson, Jalaya
			Gilchrist, Kael
			Gomez, Miah
			Gomez, Serrena
			Gonzales, Izaac
			Gonzales, Juanita
		Ψ	Gonzales-Rangel, Olivia
			Gonzalez, Dalia
			Gonzalez, Izrael
	π	Ω	Gonzalez, Mariana
		§	Gonzalez, Yanelli
			Gower, Kaylin
			Grande Sanchez, Alexander
		Ψ	Gray, Braysen
			Green, Jacquavis
			Greenhaw, Jennifer
			Grimaldo-Granillo, Yaciel
			Grimaldo-Palacios, Edith
			Grimes, Kaiya
Ω	§	π	Grohe, Henry
	Ψ	§	Gu, Meining
			Guebara, Rowan
			Guerrero, Eduardo
			Guillen-Valdez, Emmanuel
			Gurrola Carrera, Zuly
			Gutierrez, Andrea
			Gutierrez Rivera, Cesar
			Gwyn, Carelle
			Hach, Kaiden
	Ω	§	Hadley, Aaliyah
			Hall, Brianna
			Hall, Taylin
			Han, Ricky
			Haqe, Leya
			Harmon, Maximus
			Harris, Martinus Jr.
	Ω	§	Heine, Cassandra
	Ω	π	Helgenberger, Dwayne
			Henderson, Keeshaun
			Henderson, Keuntis
			Henderson, Silas
			Henderson, Te'vion
			Henderson, Zoey
	Ω	π	Hernandez, Andre
			Hernandez, Andrea
			Hernandez, Dariel
			Hernandez, Lillian
			Hernandez Escobedo, Alma Guadalupe
			Hernandez Martinez, Hugo
			Herrera Valdivia, Maximo
	Ω	π	Hess, Savannah
Ω	§	π	Hibarger, Samuel
			Higareda-Orona, Jasmin
			Holley, Eireona
			Holley, Taleiah R.
			Hollingsworth, Satchel
			Hopson, Terance Jr
			Howard, Jamarius
			Huerta-Hernandez, Cristian
			Hutton, Khamora
		Ω	Huynh, Trinh
			Ibarra, Fernando
			Ibarra-Villa, Marielena
		Ψ	Iqbal, Md Zudaan
			Jackson, Akeelah
			Jackson, Makenna
			Jacobo-Lara, Daniel
			James, Patrick
	π	Ψ	Jensen, Ava
			Jimenez, Rony
			Jimenez-Basurto, Marely
			Jimenez-Luna, Mariana
			Johnson, Jha'vin
			Johnson, Troy
			Jones, Amiah
			Jones, Deanthony
			Jones, Jami
			Jones, Qwantae
			Jones, Tyrone
			Jones, Zarrious
	Ω	π	Jowdy, Greyson
			Judie, Giovanni
			Kafi, Manasek
			Keck, Maggie
			Kelly, Hayden
	π	Ψ	Kleeman, Jordan

Ω	§	π	Koralegedara, Oshada
	Ψ	π	Krichati, Muntiah
			Labozzetta, Vincent
	Ω	π	Landeros-Ballin, Marlen
			Landrum, Shamiah
			Landrum, Shaniah
		§	Larson, Layla
			Larson, Tyler
			Lawson, Tahja'
		§	Le, Anh
		Ψ	Le, Nguyen
		Ω	Leal, Erika
			Lee, Chun en
			Lessman, Chloe
			Limones, Daniel
	§	π	Lin, Sophia
			Lira, Angel
			Lockhart, Kai
		Ψ	Lockwood, Emma
			Lopez, Anahy
			Lopez, Bianca
			Lopez, Evelynne
			Lopez, Francisco
			Lopez, Gabriella
			Lopez Galvan, Hector
		Ω	Love, Makayla
			Love, Makell
			Loyd, Franklin
			Luna-Silva, Briana
			Ly, Allyson
			Macias-Parga, Marlet
			Madrid Bardales, Jenseth
			Mai, Harmony
			Mamond, Usman
			Mapenzi, Tumaini
			Marcy, Jukobe
			Marsh, Kieonna
			Martin, Hunner
			Martin, Juriah
	Ω	π	Martinez, Dex
			Martinez, Jose
			Martinez, Shyla
			Martinez Nunez, Juan
			Martinez-Garcia, Hector
			Mason-Halstied, Sean-Michael
			Massingham, Lily
	Ψ	§	Mayes, Deliza
			McClish, Donavon
			McCoy, Elijah
			McCullough, Kaylen
			McDow, Adain
			McKenzie, Micheal
			Medina, Eloy
			Medina-Rios, Bryan
	Ψ	π	Mendez, Diana
			Mendez, Karina
		Ψ	Mendez, Vanessa
			Mendoza, Abigail
Ψ	§	π	Miller, Alexandra
	Ω	π	Miller, Melian
			Miller, Taylor
			Milligan, Brenna
			Milne, Layne
			Miranda, Oscar
	π	Ψ	Mitchell, Jhourne
			Mitchell, Jorden
			Mitchell, Ronnie
			Mitchell, Samantha
			Momand, Saima
			Mondragon, Chrisdanelli
			Montejano Torres, Angel
	Ω	§	Montoya, Ayrasipas
			Moore, Donte
			Moreno, Cruz
			Moreno-Avila, Fatima
			Morgan-Lopez, Antonio
			Morones, Angel
			Morris, Zion
			Morrison, Kayden
	Ω	§	Muehling, Samuel
			Munengela, Wa Munengela
			Munoz Salamanca, Enedy
Ω	§	π	Murphy, Aubrey
			Mweberi, Sophia
Ψ	§	π	Mysur-Gokhale, Omkar
	Ψ	§	Nasone, Chittakon
			Nava, Jasmine
			Navarette, Lucille

			Nawrozi, Jawid
			Negrete, Daniella
			Newman-Guerrero, Yamadie
	π	§	Ngassa, Deogratias
	Ω	§	Nghiem, Rachel
Ω	§	π	Nguyen, Ava
	Ω	§	Nguyen, Henry
	Ω	§	Nguyen, Kelly
		Ψ	Nguyen, Nhi
			Nguyen, Tran
	Ω	§	Nguyen, Victoria
			Noble, Anthony
			Noble, Jordan
			Nolasco, Alejandro
			Norita, Camille
			Norlin, Lydia
			Novotny, Taylin
		Ω	Nunez Gonzalez, Yankiel
			Nunez-Penaloza, Roxana
			Nunez-Valdovinos, Kevin
		§	Ochieng, Louie
		Ω	Olague, Gerardo
			Olenick, Stephen
		Ψ	Olsen, Madeline
			Orgaz Rivera, Erick
			Orona Soria, Stephanie
			Orozco-Gonzalez, Ximena
			Ortega, Ellianna
		Ψ	Ortega Ramos, Jesus
			Ortiz, Abigail
			Ortiz, Fabian
			Ortiz-Hernandez, Jacquelin
		Ψ	Oyler, Natalie
			Padilla, Romeo
			Padilla Aguilar, Abraham
			Palatzin, Keven
			Pameticky, Leia
			Parada Morales, Ubaldo
			Parker, Skye
			Parrish, Isabella
			Patrick, Bradley
			Payne, Avani
		Ω	Perales, Owen
			Peralta, Brandon
			Peralta-Orellana, Georgina
			Perez, Randy
			Phillips-Blex, Zackariah
		Ψ	Pickett, Skylar
			Pompa, Violeta
			Ponce, Nidya
		Ω	Porter, Charles III
			Portillo, Jairo
			Portillo, Xiojohn
			Posada-Segovia, Ashley
			Pospisil-Freiwald, Lucas
			Poulter, Skylar
			Preston, Brennan
			Profit, Joseph
π	Ω	§	Rahman, Al-Yasa
			Ramirez, Alicia
			Ramos, Ricky
			Rau, Hayden
			Recinos, Marvin
π	Ψ	§	Redic, Briana
π	Ω	§	Reida, Kara
	Ψ	§	Relph, Eva
		Ψ	Resma, Aghnes
			Reynolds, Rochelle
			Reynolds, Romello
			Rivas Araujo, Axel
			Rivas Nunez, Kevin
		Ψ	Rivera, Tatiana
			Rivera-Uribe, Christopher
			Robinson, Mercellis
			Rodriguez, David
			Rodriguez, Izary
			Rodriguez, Julian
	π	§	Rodriguez Contreras, Danna
			Rodriguez-Hernandez, America
			Rodriguez-Hernandez, Ivette
		Ω	Rogers, Cortni
			Rogers, Lavelle
			Rogers, Shanice
			Roman, Yaritza
			Romero, Yareccy
			Rosas Cisneros, Luis
			Ross, Isabella
			Roth, Allison

		π	Roundtree-Hollins, Jo'Hanna
			Ruiz, Diego
			Ruiz-Martinez, Aldo
	§	π	Rusco, Clara
			Russell, Maria
			Safstrom, Sean
			Sanchez, Gustavo
			Sanchez-Rodriguez, Nevaeh
			Sanders, Amia
			Sandoval, Elias
			Santiago, Ivan Jr
			Sapien, Alexis
			Sayles, Edward
			Scanlon-Featherby, Sloane
Ψ	§	π	Schmidt, June
			Schnur, Tyler
	Ω	π	Selmon, Sylvia
			Serrano-Molina, Natalie
			Serrato-Santos, Michelle
			Shack, Anthony
			Shamoon, Zoey
Ω	§	π	Shannon, Annabella
			Shirzad, Farhad
			Shonkwiler, Hannah
			Sifontes-Moreno, Fatima
		Ω	Silva-Ibarra, Yasmin
	Ω	§	Singh, Zinnia
			Sizemore, Lillynn
		Ω	Sladek, Natalie
			Smalley, Harmony
Ω	§	π	Smartt, Calder
		Ω	Smith, A'Lontez
	π	Ψ	Smith, Anahree
			Smith, Byron Jr
			Smith, Drelon
			Smith, Siena
			Smith, Ta'kyah
			Snell, China
	Ω	π	Snell, McKenzie
			Soern, Mia
			Solis, Anthony
Ψ	§	π	Solomey, Cameo
			Solomon, Maurice
			Sosa-Peralta, Jovanny
Ω	§	π	Sridhar, Gaurish
			Stanford, Ariyanna
		Ψ	Stauble, Isabelle
	Ψ	π	Suarez-Sosa, Litzy
	Ω	§	Ta, Jasmine
			Ta, Quan
	π	Ω	Tajik, Niloufar
		§	Tasnia, Nuzhat
			Teakell, Makayla
			Thomas, Donello
		Ψ	Thompson, Harmony
			Torres Gandara, Alan
			Torres Gandara, Ashley
			Torres-Salas, Brittany
			Torrez, Zander
			Touch, Amelia
	Ω	§	Tran, Branson
		Ω	Tran, Jacqueline
	§	π	Tran, Randy
			Tran, Tu
		Ψ	Trigg, Corey
			Uriarte, Elsye
			Uwase, Amen
			Valdovinos, Gabriel
			Valenzuela, Alejandro
		Ω	Vaquera, Maria
			Vargas, Eddie
			Vargas Morales, Angel
			Vazquez, Damian
			Venturella, Emilee
			Vervoort, Mila
			Vick, Jakoby
			Villagomez, Stephanie
			Villarreal, Aisha
			Villarreal, Katia
	π	Ω	Vinson, Vegeta
			Walker, LC
Ω	§	π	Walter, Jayna
			Ward, Caedrian
			Warnke, Adalynn
		Ψ	Wasser, Alexis
			Watson, Elijah
		Ω	Weare, Charles

	§	Werner, Korbyn
		Wherry, Lance
		White, Carrie
		White, La Toria
		Williams, Mileena
		Williams, Tamaya
		Williams-Ailes, Nevaeh
		Wilson, Aveiyeah
		Wilson, Ceazor
	Ψ	Wilson, Krista
		Winn, Nevaeh
Ω	π	Woodard, Kamia
	Ω	§ Woodburn, Loki
		Woods-Hobbs, Keiona
	π	Ω Yagaoub, Fatima
		Ψ Yagoub, Remah
		Ω Yermonsky, Michael
		§ Yith, Aaliyah
	Ω	§ Zaman, Rayan
		Zapata, Ashley
Ω	§	π Zdrojewski, Alexander
		Zimmerman, Jeremiah

Legend of Symbols

Φ Foreign Exchange Students
π National Honor Society Students
§ International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidates
Ψ Students with grade point average of 3.50 and above
Ω Students with grade point average of 3.75 and above

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WICHITA HIGH SCHOOL EAST FACULTY

Abasolo, Crystal
Abuzeineh, Alisa
Archibold, Crystal
Awtrey, Diana
Bayne, Cliff
Beck, Sandra
Beckman, Kelsey
Bell, Jaculin
Bensch, Ryan
Biggs, Douglas
Boling, Blake
Brawner, Elizabeth
Broadfoot, Kyle
Brooks, Mark
Brown, Laura
Buranday, Carmela
Carpenter, Elsa
Caudillo, Erica
Chestnut, Stacy
Christofferson, Casey
Clopton, Stephanie
Cole, James
Collette, Joshua
Compton, Robert
Conely, Daniel
Conely, Kayla
Congdon, Melissa
Coslett, Jennifer
Covington, Mary
Crawford, Eric
Crighton, Tyler
Crow, Kaytreuna
Dannar, Katelyn
Driskill, Kenneth
Duarte, Stephen
Duncan, Jennifer
Dunkelberger, Julie
Dunkelberger, Kelly
Erdman, Hannah
Esparza, Claudia
Ferguson, Robyn
Finkeldei, Elleana
Frisch, Sophia
Gales, Coree
Garcia Anaya, Amsi
Gates, Isaiah
Gerdes, Andrea
Glanville, Austin
Godown, Randi
Gonzales, Kimberly
Green, Kori
Gronewold, Derrick
Gutierrez, April
Haas, Mackenzie
Hamel, Daniel
Harcus, Steven
Hardwick, Heather
Hartshorne, Amanda
Haselwood, Aaron
Hatter, Alexandra
Hendricks, Allison
Hindia, Noha
Holcomb, Vicky
Hoopes, Janelle
Hudson, Jennifer
Hurley, Justin
Hutchinson, Brooke
Hutchinson, Joseph
Hutson, Courtney
Isaac, Christianna
Issinghoff, Kristal
Jeffery, Holly
Johns, Vickie
Johnson, Brooke
Johnson, Tenia
Karrer, Jo
Kelley, Kristin
Kennedy, Cammie
Kope, Kimberly
Laddimore, Zauvionna
Lewis, Josh
Lo Nigro, Laurie
Loudermilk, Bill
Luna, Liz
Maier, Emily
Maier, John
McDowell, Trevor
McHenry, Laurie
McKown, Kristina
McWhorter, Lynn
Means, Bradford
Messenger, Ashley
Mlotkiewicz, Elizabeth
Moore, Rita
Morris, William
Murphy, Katie
Nguyen, Vinh
Nichols, Jonathan
O'Brien, Cody
Oltean, Ethan
Ortiz, Molly
Overholt, Sunny
Pameticky, April
Pearcy, Jerrod
Peintner, Georgia
Pendergraft, Kaleena
Perkins, John
Perkins, Melinda
Perret, Chani
Pham, Chelsea
Phillips, Sarah
Potochnik, Jennifer
Prevost, Sandra
Ragain, Diette
Reimer-Kouame, Rachel
Reimers, Peter
Reith, Brandon
Renich, Briana
Rincon, Victor
Rincones, Joseph
Robinson, Jennifer
Rogers, Darham
Rood, Hannah
Sabas, Mallela
Salley, Shelly
Sanabria, Christopher
Scheffler, Shanna
Scroggin, Tyson
Sebastian, Czar
Sherman, Mary
Smartt, Jamie
Sommers, Robert
Spainhour, Ben
Spangler, Jenna
Suarez-Sosa, Kiara
Swartz, Cody
Swayne, Shelly
Tariq, Sarah
Thornberry, Sam
Tipton, Mitchell
Tolbert, Keely
Tolbert, Mark
VanDerMolen, Jena
Wakefield, Jolynne
White, Brian
Williams, Ryan
Wilson, Maranda
Wise, Rachael
Witmer, Arianna
Wolf, Josh
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Young, Collin
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Zluticky, Janelle

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FACULTY ACADEMIC DRESS

The following information is to help our visitors identify the academic dress seen in the commencement procession:

Academic dress originated at universities in the Middle Ages when a warm gown and hood were necessary in unheated buildings. For centuries these gowns distinguished students from their fellow citizens; sometimes this distinction in dress symbolized unfortunate controversies between "town and gown." The European habit of using academic robes came to this country in the eighteenth century with the founding of what is now Columbia University. In 1895, American universities and colleges standardized their styles of academic costumes, and this system, with occasional modifications, is still in force. Today, the various colors, trimmings, and patterns of gown, hood, and cap are all traditional and symbolize both the degree and field of learning.

GOWNS: American academic gowns are usually of black material, and their pattern varies with the degree held. The bachelor gowns are relatively simple in design with a closed front and long, pointed, open sleeves. Master's gowns have an open front with long, closed sleeves, the arms extending through a slit at the elbow, giving the appearance of short sleeves. Doctoral gowns are the most elaborate with velvet panels down the open front and three velvet bars on the bell-shaped sleeves.

HOODS: The hoods, differing in length for the three degrees (bachelor's, master's, and doctor's), are lined with the colors of the institution that granted the degree. Hoods are also trimmed with the color that heralds the major field of learning.

CAPS: A square mortarboard is the approved headgear. The tassel, fastened to the middle point of the top of the cap, is black or the color appropriate to the subject; it may be gold if the holder has a doctor's degree.

In the last few years, many universities have decided to return to a distinctive gown design. The doctoral gown, with facing of black velvet, now has sleeve bands in the color of the wearer's discipline. Some have replaced the mortarboard with a soft velvet tam with a gold tassel.

Following is a list of the hood and tassel colors that represent several categories of learning:

Arts, Letters, Humanities ..... White
Audiology & Speech Pathology ..... Dark Blue
Business ..... Drab
City & Regional Planning ..... Scarlet Red
Commerce, Accountancy, Business ..... Sapphire Blue
Communication Arts ..... Silver Gray
Education ..... Light Blue
Engineering ..... Orange
Family and Consumer Sciences ..... Copper
Fine Arts ..... Brown
Health Administration ..... Peach
Family and Consumer Sciences ..... Maroon
Journalism ..... Crimson
Law ..... Purple
Music ..... Pink
Nursing ..... Apricot
Philosophy ..... Dark Blue
Physical Education ..... Sage Green
Public Administration ..... Peacock Blue
Science ..... Golden Yellow
Social Work ..... Citron

All hoods are *edged* with the above colors. These same colors may be used for the facing and sleeve bars of doctoral gowns and tassels on bachelors' and masters' caps. The *lining* of the hood indicates the university granting the degree.